

Minutes of the Tillside Parish Council Meeting
On Tuesday 9th March 2010 in Chatton Parish Hut Chatton
Commencing at 19.30

Present: Duncan Ord (Chairman) Bob Scott, Jim Railton Mrs S Dodds, Mrs M Waldie
Neil Douglas & John Jeffreys
County Councillor A Murray
Clerk I Hunter
1 Member of the public

Apologies for Absence: Eddie Brown (Vice-Chairman), Mrs J Renner &
Mrs D Pardoe.

Declaration of Interest: Parish Councillor Jim Railton declared a Personal Interest in
Planning Application No 10/B/0033

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 27th January 2010 previously circulated were
duly agreed and signed by the Chairman.

Matters Arising

Min 398 (Min 390) - Fountain-The meeting was informed that David Rumble is currently
working for Sir Humphrey Wakefield and the meeting agreed that Parish Councillors
Neil Douglas or Jim Railton were to speak to David Rumble when they see him
working at Chillingham Castle as the Fountain needs to be completed as soon as
possible because David Rumble has now had more than enough time to complete this
project.

Min 399 (Min 389) Grass Cutting- The Clerk tabled a copy of the grass cutting plan
for Chatton which Northumberland County Council use as a guideline for
accessing the payment to Tillside Parish Council who undertake the grass
cutting in Chatton on behalf of Northumberland County Council. Parish
Councillor Margaret Waldie asked the Clerk to find out who owned the land
behind West End in Chatton it is thought it may be Northumberland County
Council. The meeting also agreed that Parish Councillor Neil Douglas should
contact M Douglas Re: - the grass cutting plan and report back to the next
meeting as M Douglas is the contractor that Tillside Parish Council use to
undertake the grass cutting for the Parish Council. County Councillor Anthony
Murray advised the meeting that he was unsure that Northumberland County
Council would continue funding Tillside Parish Council for the grass cutting
in future years, the meeting agreed that the Clerk should write to the PCC to
make them aware that there may be funding changes in the future which may
affect the grass cutting of the Churchyard.

Min 400 (Min 391)- Village Hall Lease Parish Councillor Bob Scott advised the
meeting that the Lease would be for 10 years at a cost of £1000 per year
payable in half year instalments of £500 with the first payment due in
September 2010, the Lease is a full repair Lease, the plans within the Lease
include the Parish Hut and there is no secure of tenure after the 10 years, but
the Parish Council do have a 12 month Break Clause in the Lease. Members

asked about the length of the Lease in such as could it not have been longer, Parish Councillor Bob Scott confirmed that the original Lease offer was for 5 years even though the Parish Council had asked for 25 years so we have negotiated and got the Lease up to 10 years and it is up to us i.e. the Community to prove the value of the building for the Community within the next 10 years. Parish Councillor Bob Scott also informed the meeting that the Chairman had been to a solicitors and completed the oath for the Lease, therefore as long as the Parish Council agree the Lease documents tonight and the documents are signed tonight the Lease for the Village School will commence on 25th March 2010. Members asked about the School field and Play Area etc.. Parish Councillor Bob Scott confirmed that the hard standing area and the Play Area are included within the current Lease. however the School Field is separate as this is part of the 106 Agreement of the recent Mill Hill Planning Application and this needs to be negotiated by Northumberland County Council Planning Department and Northumberland Estates. County Councillor Anthony Murray informed the meeting that this needs to be a longer Lease possibly 25 years with a peppercorn rent, Parish Councillor Bob Scott said at planning this was to be gifted to the village under the 106 Agreement. County Councillor Antony Murray confirmed this would be negotiated which may end up with a 25 year tenancy, the meeting agreed that a 25 year Lease for the School field would add value for Northumberland Estates to renewing the Lease for the School with the Parish Council at the end of 10 years. Parish Councillor Bob Scott informed the meeting that a new Lease would be negotiated at the end of the 10 years for the continued use of the School building; he also reminded the meeting that it is now 15 months since the initial Heads of Terms arrived. At this point Parish Councillor Bob Scott advised the meeting that the Parish Council can declare itself a Trustee of a Charity, and that the Village Hall would be run by a Management Committee who would pay the Parish Council the £1000 per year for the Lease which the Parish Council have with Northumberland Estates. Also there will be a Trust Deed set up and the Village Hall Committee will be responsible for all bills etc. for the School building. At this point the meeting agreed the following: - ***A resolution was passed unanimously authorising Chair Duncan Ord and Councillor Jim Railton to sign on behalf of Parish Council and execute the lease on Chatton First School commencing 25th March 2010. (Jim Railton signed in the absence of Vice-Chair)***

Min 401- Trust Deed- Parish Councillor Bob Scott informed the meeting that the Parish Council could declare itself a Trustee of the Village Hall Trust, the meeting agreed this. Parish Councillor Bob Scott also advised the meeting that the Trust had been accepted by the Charity Commission. At this point the meeting agreed the following: - ***A resolution was passed unanimously authorising Chair Duncan Ord and Councillor Jim Railton to sign and execute the Trust Deed dated 25.03.2010 and so declare the Parish Council a trustee of the Chatton Village Hall Trust and to hold the Chatton First School lease for the Trust.*** The meeting finally agreed that a Management Committee representative of the Parish Council will be appointed at the May AGM meeting. Parish Councillor Jim Railton gave Parish Councillor Bob Scott a Vote of Thanks on behalf of the Parish Council for all the work he has done on securing the Lease for the School building

Min 402- Financial Statement

• Bank Balance	£ 7249.79	
Including	£ 744.00	Donations for Fountain
	£ 500.00	Victorian Lamp
	£ 175.00	Tia Chi
	£ 31.27	Xmas Lights
Includes	£ 0.52	Interest
	£ 5799.52	Parish Council Balance
• Halifax Account	£1161.67	

Min 403– Accounts for Payment-

• Mrs E I Hunter	£ 200.00	Clerk's Salary
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Min 404- Planning Applications. *No Observations*

10/B/0071- Full Planning Application- Alterations and extension to existing dwelling house- 4 West Lyham Cottages Chatton Northumberland NE66 5QB

Min 405- Planning Applications. *Observations*

10/B/0033- Agricultural Notification- To repair a farm/forestry track with recycled aggregate and create a hard stand – Church Wood Chillingham Northumberland.

- Members requested that Planning Officers must have a site visit before any determination of this application can be made
- Members have concerns how this application will effect current businesses in this area
- There is a permissive way across the area

Min 406- Planning Approvals.

09/B/0524- Full Planning Application- Extension to existing agricultural building- Mather & Son Haugh Head Farm, Wooler NE71 6QS

Min 407- Planning Withdrawal

07/B/0668- Listed Building Consent Application- Prospective custodian of 2 no urns- Village at Chillingham Castle Chillingham Alnwick

Min 408- Correspondence:

- **North Northumberland Hospice-** Request for a Donation
- **N Power-** Electric Account (in credit)
- **Northumberland Estates-** Letter requesting the return of the Tenancy Agreement for playing field????
- **NCC** Approval of re Preservation Order Mill Hill Area
- **NCC-** Remittance Advice £987.94 for Grass Cutting
- **Northumberland Estates-** Reply to letter
- **NCC-09/B/0410-** Full Planning Application- Erection of farm worker's dwelling Amerside Law Farm Chatton Alnwick NE66 5RF Planning Committee 4/3 (This has now been agreed)
- **NCC-**Leaflets RE Garden Waste

Any Other Business.

Min 409- School Field- Parish Councillor Bob Scott suggested that the Clerk should write to Peter Rutherford at the Planning Department of Northumberland County Council asking for the School Field to be gifted to the Parish Council as this was agreed unanimously at the North Area Planning Committee, due to lack of provision for play/ recreational area on the first phase of the Mill Hill development. Also the Parish Council would like to be involved within this process as this is quoted in the Statement of Community Involvement, a planning document used by Northumberland County Council; the meeting agreed the Clerk write to Peter Rutherford at Northumberland County Council.

Min 410 Tree Perseveration Orders for Lime Trees at Mill Hill-The meeting asked the Clerk again to find out why a Preservation Order could not be for all trees and ask Northumberland County Council what their current Policy is for Tree Preservation Order's.

Min 411 (Min 392)- Road Repairs- Parish Councillor Bob Scott informed the meeting that he had spoken to Michael Armstrong at the Highways Department of Northumberland County Council and he was informed that Northumberland County Council would be carrying out work from the Chatton Bridge to Chatton Park in early April and that Northumberland County Council would be resurfacing the road through Chatton at the same time which will include improving the gullies. Parish Councillor Sheila Dodds raised concerns about the state of the Fowberry Mains Road. The meeting asked the Clerk if they could have a map of all the Roads in the Parish for the next meeting

Min 412- General Election- Parish Councillor Bob Scott suggested that the Clerk write to Northumberland County Council and ask for the School- Village Hall to used as a Polling Station for the forthcoming General Election, this was agreed. County Councillor Anthony Murray informed the meeting that Northumberland County Council would like the residents of Chillingham to use Chatton as their Polling Station in the forthcoming General Election;

Parish Councillor Neil Douglas agreed to consult the residents of Chillingham on this matter and report back to County Councillor Anthony Murray.

Min 413- Forestry Building at Amersidelaw Forest- Members raised concerns at what this building was going to be used for and asked the Clerk to contact the Planning Department at Northumberland County Council.

Min 414-Victorian Lamp- Parish Councillor Neil Douglas is still awaiting quotes, and said that Parish Councillor Bob Scott will be the contact for the lamp in future.

Min 415- School Bus Routes- Parish Councillors raised concerns that M Douglas has lost all his contracts for the School Bus runs in the local area and that Northumberland County Council have awarded the contract to an operator who is out with the local area. Members were concerned that this is affecting the local economy as it is taking work away from a local business, who knows the area and the people. County Councillor Anthony Murray suggested that the Parish Council write to Alan Teer at Northumberland County Council raising their concerns, the meeting agreed to this suggestion and asked the Clerk to write to Alan Teer.

Min 416- Berwick Borough Housing- Parish Councillor Margaret Waldie raised concerns about the lack of progress that Berwick Borough Housing has made on the refurbishment work of the Association houses in Chatton, but stated that are supposed to complete the work this week. Parish Councillor Margaret Waldie also raised concerns also about the wall behind the houses at the West End in Chatton, County Councillor Anthony Murray agreed to look into this matter.

Date of next meeting: AGM 13th May 2010 at 7.30 p.m.

Meeting Closed 9.25 p.m.