

**Minutes of the Tillside Parish Council Meeting  
On Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2008 in Chatton Parish Hall Chatton  
Commencing at 19.30**

**Present:** Neil Douglas (Chairman), Jim Railton, Duncan Ord, Alison Cutter, Bob Scott, Eddie Brown Joan Renner  
Bob Perris & PC Ian Millar

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**

Parish Councillor Margaret Waldie, & Mrs S Dodds

**DECLARATION OF INTEREST:**

Parish Councillor Alison Cutter declared a personal & prejudicial Interest on the school.

**MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> November 2007 previously circulated were duly agreed and signed by the Chairman.

**Min 209 (Min 197) - Neighbourhood Watch-** The Chairman welcomed PC Ian Millar to the meeting for an update on the neighbourhood watch. PC Ian Millar advised the meeting that John Fletcher was the only person to answer the advert in the Chatton News for volunteers. PC Ian Millar said that a committee needed to be set up and suggested the Parish Council become the committee, a Treasurer & Secretary are required. When people are identified for the roles checks need to be carried out and the Police will help to move the committee forward. The meeting was advised that this was to cover the entire Parish including farm watch. It was agreed that a request for farm e-mail addresses would be included in the next Chatton News. PC Ian Millar's e-mail address is [ian.millar.4@northumbriapcn.police.uk](mailto:ian.millar.4@northumbriapcn.police.uk). PC Ian Millar is to hold a surgery in the hall before the Parish meeting. Members agreed that the Chairman contact Mr Fletcher in connection with the job.

**Matters Arising-**

**Min 210 (Min 207) - Fishnets-** Parish Councillor Mr B Scott advised the meeting that the funding of £300- £400 for 2 sets of carpet bowls had been approved. The equipment is to arrive in February. Members advised Parish Councillor Mr B Scott that ladies were interested in Tai Chi classes; Parish Councillor Mr B Scott agreed to contact Parish Councillor Mrs M Waldie.

**Min 211- Financial Statement**

Bank Balance	£ 7853.86	
Including	£ 744.00	Donations for Fountain
	£ 500.00	Victorian Lamp
	£ 26.46	Interest
	£ 1642.35	Village on Line (Include Chq £48.00)

	£ 58.00	Christmas Lights
	£ 30.00	Website adverts
	£ 4927.51	Parish Council Balance
Halifax Account	£1120.58	

**Min 212 – Accounts for Payment-**

a) Mrs E I Hunter	£ 100.00	Clerk’s Salary
b) Mrs E I Hunter	£ 30.00	Petty Cash
c) M Douglas	£ 290.00	Grass Cutting

Parish Councillor Mr J Railton joined the meeting

**Min 213- Planning Applications- Observations**

07/B/1043- Full Planning Application- Erect single storey extension- 8 Mill Hill Chatton NE66 5PR. *One Councillor stated- A pity that these units, designed and built not that long ago, that were meant to be small low cost and affordable are becoming “enhanced” by such extensions.*

*The new-build will extend the row of cottages towards the barn conversions to the east of the plot (that currently have planning permission) and reduce the pleasant green gap that previously existed between the houses, to a strip. A conservation village needs these spaces left free.*

07/B/1099- Full Planning Application- Erection of decking and car port1 Hetton Hall Farm Cottages Chatton Alnwick NE66 5SD.

- 1. That by the pictures which were included within the application the work had already been carried out before the application had been submitted and the Parish Council agreed that no work should have been carried out until that permission had been allowed.*
- 2. Is the application in keeping with local development*
- 3. What is the impact on the neighbours outlook as the decking appears to be overlooking the neighbour’s property.*

**Min 214- Planning Applications- No Observations**

07/B/1075- Full Planning Application- Erection of covered ride- South Hazelrigg Steading Chatton Alnwick

**Min 215- Correspondence:**

- **D Cleworth-** Receipt
- **Glendale Gateway Trust-** Annual Report
- **Chatton 1<sup>st</sup> School-** Copy of Mins
- **Chatton 1<sup>st</sup> School-** Information on closure

- **Alan Beith-** Reply re School
- **NCC-** Reply about the bridge
- **BBC-** Annual Accounts
- **E-mail-** Re Right of Way
- **E-Mail-** Comments on 8 Mill Hill Planning Application
- **Community Action Northumberland-** Newsletter
- **Northumberland Estates-** Re- clarification of car parking
- **Dr & Mrs Rogers-** E-mail request about ownership of land 2 Church Hill.  
*Members agreed that this is not owned by the Parish Council but to advise the Rogers to contact Northumberland Estates.*
- **Chris Humble-** Letter Re Planning Application No 07/B/1099

#### **ANY OTHER BUSINESS.**

**Min 216- E-Mail Right of Way-** The Chairman raised concerns with Parish Councillor Mr J Railton for revealing the content & discussing the e-mail with the resident whom the complaint had been made against before the Parish Council and discussed it. The Chairman advised Parish Councillor Mr J Railton that he had acted without the Parish Council consent and had upset residents. He also advised Parish Councillor Mr J Railton that this could be classed as a breach of the Code of Conduct.

**Min 217 (Min 206)- Chatton Bridge-** The Chairman raised concerns that no progress had been made and that bin lorries, gritters, oil tankers etc are unable to access the village. It was agreed that the Clerk ask what consultation was carried out as there is nothing registered in the 1990 minutes.

**Min 218- Proposed Lease Chatton Football/Cricket Pitch-** The Chairman tabled a letter asking the Parish Council to clarify the area to be utilised for car parking, this was marked on the supplied map (off the road at the bend before the cricket pitch). It was also agreed that the constitution would be within Berwick Borough Council and the two nominated Parish Councillors would be The Chairman & Parish Councillor Mr B Scott.

**Min 219- Chatton News-** Bob Perris advised the meeting that he had carried out the job producing the Chatton News for 3 years and would like to step down, but he was willing to help somebody learn the ropes. He also advised the meeting that Richard Roberts would continue to print the newsletter and that he could get help in the short term but he was looking for the long term.

**Min 220- Village on Line-** Parish Councillor Mrs A Cutter advised the meeting that the computers were aging, the printer needs replacing and she suggested a yearly maintenance. She also advised the meeting that she had volunteers Jane Ord Caroline Roberts & herself and it was thought to carry out other activities e.g. youth club. Also there has been no further interest in the website so it was suggested changing the name & creating links; Parish Councillor Mrs A Cutter agreed to speak to Doreen Cleworth.

**Min 221- Fountain-** Parish Councillor Mrs A Cutter advised the meeting that there was no progress. The meeting asked Parish Councillor Mrs A Cutter to make contact with Mr Rumble.

Parish Councillor Alison Cutter declared a personal & prejudicial Interest on the school and left the meeting.

**Min 222 (Min208)- Closure of Chatton 1<sup>st</sup> School-** Parish Councillor Mr B Scott asked if Bob Perris could partake in the meeting, this was agreed. Parish Councillor Mr B Scott advised the meeting that 59 people attended the public meeting on 11/12/07. There was a presentation on the process, pupil No's, finance and forward looking with the possible vocational education of 14 – 19 years. The people were encouraged to write letters, the feed back from County Council is all comments will be taken into account and the consultation will run from 3<sup>rd</sup> December to 29<sup>th</sup> January. There is to be a further public meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> January at 7pm, The Head Teacher will not be attending and it was agreed to listen 1<sup>st</sup> then ask questions. There is still a dispute on the fall in numbers; the key points should be challenged, and what are the alternatives. It was agreed that County Council should carry out the work as they are duty bound and how will the transition from a school to a village hall be approached?. Will there be funding? A visit had taken place to Lesbury Village Hall as it is a good example of a working community hall it supports itself through use & charging. It was agreed County Council should be forced to look at alternatives and there will be no decision before March with a possible further 6 week consultation. Parish Councillor Mr B Scott advised the meeting that to date there had been no reply from Northumberland Estates the meeting agreed that he write again, he also agreed to draft a letter from County Council and forward it to the Clerk. Flyers to be produced & distributed for the meeting on 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Min 223- Belonging Communities-** Parish Councillor MR E Brown suggested that the Parish Council should be included in the Glendale Belonging Community.

**Date of next meeting:** 27<sup>th</sup> March 2008 at 7.30 p.m.

Meeting Closed 10.00 p.m.