

**Minutes of the Tillside Parish Council Meeting
On Thursday 5th July 2007 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
County Councillor Mr C Hallam-Baker
Borough Councillor Mr R Pearson
Steven Young Community Development Officer Northumberland Care Trust
2 Representatives form Chatton 1st School
2 Representatives from PCC
Audrey

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Parish Councillor Margaret Waldie, Daphne Pardoe & Mandy Nesbit

DECLARATION OF INTEREST:

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

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:

The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 23rd May 2007 previously circulated were corrected to include apologies from Mandy Nesbit & Joan Renner then were duly agreed and signed by the Chairman.

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

Min 168- Closure of Chatton 1st School- The Chairman raised concerns about the school closure and asked the representatives if the Parish Council could help The representatives were asked if the school could stay as it was but they replied no as the numbers were dropping. Parish Councillor Mr J Railton asked if they had approached people in the local school's area about using the school and ask why the others that live in the parish but do not attend the school. The representatives did not feel it was appropriate to contact people out with the parish and also reminded the meeting that by 2010 there would be between 2 and 4 children attending the school. It was agreed that the lack of affordable housing & local jobs in the Parish was effecting the school. The representatives were asked about the governors working with the Parish Council to keep the school open, they agreed to take this back to the next governors meeting but reminded the meeting that parents were concerned at the low numbers. Members felt that the new housing could encourage families; however the representatives agreed this may happen but it was not definite. The school in scheduled to close July 2008, but it was agreed that Parish Councillors J Railton & Bob Scott would liaise with the school on its future if this was accepted by the governors.

Parish Councillor Alison Cutter returned to the meeting

Min 169- Steven Young Community Development Officer Northumberland Care Trust- The Chairman welcomed Steven Young and Steven explained that he worked for fishnets and he had a Community Chest budget to provide free training & a Physical budget to provide free classes, the criteria is that 50% must be 50+ an attendance register must be kept and it is hoped that it will continue after the funding finishes. Steven agreed to give tester sessions if there is an interest. The Parish Council agreed to consider the idea.

Min 170- Chatton & Chillingham PCC- The Chairman welcomed the Vicar to speak to the meeting. The vicar advised the meeting that the regular congregation is now 12 of which many are elderly & the building is cold etc. The PCC were thinking about creating a hall within the church which would be for community use and they would like the support of the Parish Council. The Parish Council agreed to support the idea as they may need a new hall in the future. To date there has only been conversations with the architects. Members were also reminded that the villagers raised the money for the school hall.

Matters Arising

Min 171 (Min155) - Bollards- The Chairman raised concerns that to date there is still no progress. It was agreed the Clerk would contact County Council again.

Min 172- Financial Statement

Bank Balance	£ 7972.72	
Including	£ 744.00	Donations for Fountain
	£ 11.05	Interest
	£ 1828.60	Village on Line
	£ 58.00	Christmas Lights
	£ 500.00	Victorian Lamp
	£ 4842.12	Parish Council
	(Includes £898.13 for grass cutting)	
Halifax Account	£1120.58	

Min 173 – Accounts for Payment-

a) Mrs E I Hunter	£ 100.00	Clerk's Salary
b) Mr E Rathbone	£ 40.00	Internal Audit
c) M Douglas	£ 735.00	Grass Cutting

Min 174 VOL- The Chairman advised the meeting that he had received a letter from Caroline Roberts stating that the numbers using the computers are up and she would like to continue. It was agreed to continue at present & the Clerk write to Caroline.

Min 175- Annual Audit- The Clerk advised the meeting that the only point raised by the Internal Auditor was the cash from VOL as there were no receipts. At this point the Statement of Assurance was completed and the Chairman signed the Annual Return concluding the Accounts for Year Ending March 2007.

Min 176- Correspondence:

- **BBC-** Remittance advice (hire of Hall elections)
- **BBC-** E-Mail reply on Planning Application No 07/B/0350
- **NCC-** E-mail reply about roads
- **BBC-** Letter stating 06/B/1083 Outline Planning Application Erection of a dwelling following demolition of existing house Roddam Rigg House, Roddam, Alnwick to go to planning committee 3/7
- **BBC-** E-mail reply about Bewick
- **CAB-** Letter advising Outreach session re-instated
- **Alan Beith-** Reply about Chatton School
- **NCC-** E-mail reply on resurfaced roads
- **NALC-** Request fro Nominees for Standards Board
- **Allianze Cornhill-** Rely to letter on play area
- **Chatton 1st School-** Reply about School closure
- **Berwick Voluntary Forum-** Invite to AGM 10th July
- **BBC-06/B/1083** Outline Planning Application Erection of a dwelling following demolition of existing house Roddam Rigg House, Roddam, Alnwick at Planning Committee 3/7
- **NALC-** Receipt
- **BBC-** Poster Green Festival
- **Community Action Northumberland-** Newsletter
- **Northern Rock Foundation-** Newsletter
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ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

Min 177- Roads- Members raised concerns about the parts of the roads that were resurfaced.

Min 178- Berwick Borough Council- The Chairman advised the meeting that the Planning Department were in turmoil however they have now employed a Smoke Officer for the new legislation. County Councillor Mr C Hallam-Baker replied this position was grant funded.

Min 179- Attendance to meetings as Parish Council Representatives- Parish Councillor Mrs A Cutter suggested that there should be a rota to allow all members to attend various meetings and feed back to the Parish Council.

Min 180- Local Transport Plan 2008/09- Members to get all suggestions to the Parish Clerk by end July.

Date of next meeting: 13th September 2007 at 7.30 p.m.
Meeting Closed 10.00 p.m.