

**Minutes of the Tillside Parish Council Meeting
On Thursday 27th September 2007 in Chatton Parish Hall Chatton
Commencing at 19.30**

Present: Neil Douglas (Chairman), Jim Railton, Mandy Nesbit, Alison Cutter, Bob Scott, Eddie Brown Joan Renner Sheila Dodds & Margaret Waldie
Bob Perris

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Parish Councillor, Daphne Pardoe & Duncan Ord

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 5th July 2007 previously circulated were duly agreed and signed by the Chairman.

Matters Arising

Min 181 (Min171) - Bollards-They have been moved.

Min 182- Trees-The Chairman advised the meeting that the oak tree in the churchyard is down,

Min 183- Financial Statement

Bank Balance	£ 7054.99	
Including	£ 744.00	Donations for Fountain
	£ 1640.76	Village on Line
	£ 58.00	Christmas Lights
	£ 500.00	Victorian Lamp
	£ 4112.23	Parish Council
	Includes £ 136.18	Vat Refund
	£ 35.40	Interest
Halifax Account	£1120.58	

Min 184 – Accounts for Payment-

a) Mrs E I Hunter	£ 100.00	Clerk's Salary
b) Mrs E I Hunter	£ 10.00	Petty Cash
c) N Power	£ 82.39	Electric A./C Pd
d) Northumbria Water	£ 23.48	Water Rates Pd
e) B T	£ 108.44	Phone Bill Pd
f) M Douglas	£ 540.00	Grass Cutting
g) C J Roberts	£ 100.00	Donation Re School- Adverts

Min 185- Planning Applications. Observations

07/B/0611- Full Planning Application Alteration of existing extension to farmhouse Mill Hill Farm Chatton Alnwick NE66 5PR.
Observations

One Parish Councillor commented

- 1. The access appears to have changed as formerly it was to the west of the farmhouse*
- 2. A pity the proposed extension didn't replicate the existing farmhouse roof height i.e. go tighter. The extension could then have a similar dormer to the eaves to match the farmhouse, instead of the modern glass roof facing the road.*
- 3. Windows in the proposed extension should be more in proportion to the old farmhouse windows – vertical shaped sash windows following the same horizontal line.*
- 4. Side elevation (facing east) has modern casement windows – should be sash.*

One Parish Councillor commented

Area of patent glazing on front of house not in keeping with the original roof.

07/B/0668- Listed Building Consent Building Application- Prospective Custodian of 2 no Urns- Village of, Chillingham Castle Chillingham Alnwick. *Observations - Urns should never have left the castle as they appear to have originated from the Castle Gardens and the sooner they are returned from Christies the better. They belong in Chillingham where they will be cared for*

Min 186 -Planning Approvals

06/B/1083- Outline Planning – Erection of a dwelling following demolition of existing house- Roddam Rigg House Roddam Alnwick

07/B/0011- Conversion of agricultural buildings to form stabling and associated facilities- South Hazelrigg Farm Chatton Alnwick NE66 5RZ

07/B/0611- Full Planning Application Alteration of existing extension to farmhouse Mill Hill Farm Chatton Alnwick NE66 5PR

Min 187- Correspondence:

- **N Power-** Electric Account £82.39
- **Northumbria Water-** Water Account £23.48
- **BT Account-** £108.44
- **Chatton 1st School-** Copy of Letter to Chairman
- **H M Customs & Excise-** VAT Form
- **NALC-** Receipt
- **Caroline Roberts-** Reply to letter

- **NCC-** Northumberland Rural Services Survey
- **NCC-** Letter about the decision on single unitary council
- **H M Customs & Excise-** Acknowledgement of refund
- **BBC-**Business Spending Survey
- **Community Action Northumberland-** Newsletter
- **Tait Walker-** Information on Public Sector Services
- **BBC-** Remittance Advice (Precept)
- **Vaughtons-** Information on mayoral chains etc
- **Calverley Clinic-** Invite to Complementary Therapy Clinic 6/10
- **CPRE-** Invite to become a member
- **BBC-** Reply & Report on Grass Cutting

+ Berwick Borough Council Minutes & Agendas

ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

Min 188- Wind farms - Parish Councillor Mr J Railton informed the meeting that he had been approached by R Thorp about the Middle Moor application; there is to be a public enquiry on 13th November and he felt that the Parish should stand up and be counted as other Parish Councils have commented. It was suggested this was prior to Berwick Borough Council considering Wandy Law, the Clerk advised the meeting that Wandy Law was to be determined on 23rd October. This was debated with members raising concerns about other wind farms in the locality and some members felt that information should be heard from both sides. The Chairman proposed & Parish Councillor Mr J Railton seconded to take a vote on wind farms – 6 Against & 3 Abstentions, It was agreed the letter should raise concerns about the countryside, the visual impact & tourism. Bob Perris was asked to place an article in the Chatton News.

Min 189- Johnny Hull's Field- Parish Councillor Mr J Railton asked about the owner of the field and was informed this was Northumberland Estates. It was agreed that the field required cutting and the Parish Council could fund 2 cuts per year. Parish Councillor Mr R Scott proposed the Parish Council fund Ian Cutter to cut the field 2 twice a year for the next 12 months up to £50 per cut, this was seconded by Parish Councillor Mr E Brown.

Min 190- Lay-bys - Parish Councillor Mr J Railton raised concerns about the state of the lay-bys at the stone bridge and the metal bridge. It was agreed that the Clerk write to Northumberland County Council and ask for them to be cleared to the surplus scrapings etc and tidied up.

Parish Councillor Alison Cutter left the meeting

Min 191(Min168)- Closure of Chatton 1st School- Parish Councillors J Railton & Bob Scott met with the school governors. The governors have now advertised for a new Head Teacher, Northumberland County Council have paid for the main advert but donations are being made to fund local adverts in the Northumberland Gazette and the Morpeth Herald which will cost £217. Parish

Councillor Mr R Scott proposed the Parish Council make a donation of £100 this was seconded by the Chairman and agreed by the meeting. Packs for prospective candidates are being made up however they include the birth numbers as the estimated pupil numbers and do not include any of the new developments. Candidates must have a balanced approach and it was agreed that Summer 09 will be critical as the low numbers will affect the budget. It was agreed in the longer term that Parish Councillors Mr R Scott & Mr J Railton along with Bob Perris will engage with stake holders. It was also agreed the Parish Councillor Mr R Scott would draft letters to be sent to Alnwick Castle Northumberland Council & Berwick Borough Council. If the school closes it will affect Chatton village.

Parish Councillor Alison Cutter returned to the meeting

Min 192- Speeding- Parish Councillor Mr R Scott raised concerns that the 30MPH signs should include the bridge, it was also suggested that spot checks were required. The chairman advised the meeting that there were checks in the village about 2 weeks ago. Parish Councillor Mr R Scott also stated that sharing of mobile cameras was discussed at the Tripartite. It was agreed the Clerk write to Highways at Northumberland County Council.

Min 193- Fountain- Parish Councillor Mrs A Cutter advised the meeting that there was a hold up with the work as Mr Rumble was sick. It was agreed the Clerk write to Mr Rumble.

Min 194- Website- Parish Councillor Mrs A Cutter advised the meeting that letters had been sent out to business to advertise and that the website would include the Minutes & Agendas for the meetings along with the Chatton News.

Min 195- Mineral & Waste- Parish Councillor Mr J Railton informed the meeting that the quarry application had arisen again and asked the meeting for comments. It was agreed to make no objections as long as the routes of access that were defined in the document were adhered to

Date of next meeting: Wednesday 14th November 2007 at 7.30 p.m. (this may have to be changed at short notice due to Local Gov' Reorganisation)

Meeting Closed 9.30 p.m.