

**Minutes of the Tillside Parish Council Meeting
On Wednesday 9th July 2008 in Chatton Parish Hall Chatton
Commencing at 19.30**

Present: Neil Douglas (Chairman), Duncan Ord (Vice-Chairman) Jim Railton,
Alison Cutter, Bob Scott, Eddie Brown & Mandy Nesbit
County Councillor Mr A Murray

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Parish Councillors Margaret Waldie, Mrs D Pardoe Mrs S Dodds.
Clerk Mrs I Hunter

DECLARATION OF INTEREST:

Parish Councillor Alison Cutter declared a personal & prejudicial Interest on the school & Neil Douglas re the new shed plans for Chillingham Home Farm

The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 8th May 2008 previously circulated were duly agreed and signed by the Chairman.

Min 256- Annual Audit- The Chairman completed the Statement of Assurance and signed the Audit Return which completed the Annual Audit for Year Ending March 2008.

Min 257- Financial Statement

• Bank Balance	£ 8819.99	
Including	£ 744.00	Donations for Fountain
	£ 500.00	Victorian Lamp
	£ 999.57	Village on Line
	£ 58.00	Xmas Lights
	£ 50.00	Website adverts
	£ 190.00	Fishnets
	£ 270.00	Tia Chi
Includes	£ 9.08	Interest
	£ 5999.34	Parish Council Balance
• Halifax Account	£1120.58	

Min 258 – Accounts for Payment-

a) Northumbria Water	£ 27.32	Water Rates
b) NCC	£ 150.00	Hire of School Hall
c) Mrs E I Hunter	£ 100.00	Clerk's Salary
d) Mrs. C Roberts	£ 35.25	VOL Computer Maintenance
e) Mrs. D. Cleworth	£ 90.50	Domain Name & Web maintenance
f) Mr. B. Scott (Fishnets)	£ 180.00	Tia Chi Instructor

Min 259- Planning Applications- No Observations

Chairman N. Douglas left the room.

08/B/0389- Agricultural Notification- Erection of agricultural shed-
Chillingham Home Farm Chillingham Alnwick NE66 5NH

Chairman N Douglas returned

Min 260- Planning Applications- Observations

08/B/0445- Full Planning Application- Erection of extension and installation of roof windows School Hill Cottage School Hill Old Road Chatton NE66 5PX – *members raised concerns about the 850mm left between Orchard House and the extension and wondered if there was a specified distance between houses.*

Min 261- Planning Approvals-

07/B/1162 – Full Planning Application- Erect extension and detached garage- 7 Mill Hill Chatton – *Councillor Railton attended the hearing at Berwick Borough Council – Mrs. Salmon said the extension was for a craft studio and that Councillors didn't know anything about the importance of the lime trees. It was agreed to write to Northumberland Estates to tell them what is happening and ask about the covenants placed on the houses.*

07/B/1099- Full Planning Application- Erection of decking and car port1 Hetton Hall Farm Cottages Chatton Alnwick NE66 5SD
It was agreed to write to the Chillingham Wild Cattle Association asking them about the coupling stone that have been removed from the wall on the road up to Ros Castle.

08/B/0197- Listed Building Consent Application- Internal alterations and repairs to windows and walls No's 9, 10 & 12 The Square Chillingham NE66 5NH

07/B/0092- Full Planning Application- Proposed racehorse gallop on land west of the Chatton Road & South Hazelrigg – South Hazelrigg Farm Chatton Alnwick NE66 5RZ

08/B/0256- Full Planning Application- Proposed egg laying unit – Chatton Park Farm Chatton Alnwick NE66 5RA

Min 262- Correspondence:

- **BBC-** Housing newsletter
- **Northumberland Estates-** Reply Re Village Plan. *Letter not to hand*
- **BBC-** Letter Re Payphones *Letter not to hand*
- **NCC-** Reply Re School *Letter not to hand*
- **NCC-** Letter Re Temporary Closure Wooler Waste Centre

- **NCC-** Invite to open meeting Re Post Office Closures 11/7 *Letter not to hand. Councillor A. Murray would be attending. Mandy Nesbit asked for a letter for support to be written to the Post Office in support of Lowick closure since the Hetton Ward residents use that Office*
- **BBC-** Mins Tripartite Meeting 5/6
- **CAN-** Newsletter
- **Chatton School** -Invoice for £150.00 receipt for £90.00
- **Northumbria Water-** Water Rates £27.32

ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

Min 263 (Min 252)- Speeding through Chatton- Chatton Speeding Measures It was agreed to write to NCC asking for a wire to be put across the road in the village. The results should be asked for and then if there is a problem the police be asked to intervene

Min 264- Website- It was agreed that the Chatton Development Forum link would be deleted from the Tillside Website. It was asked to write to the Forum to ask them to take their website off the web so that people are not confused as to what is happening in the village.

Parish Councillor Alison Cutter left the meeting

Min 265 (Min 254)- School- On 9th June Northumberland County Council scrutiny committee made recommendation for the closure of Chatton School. The Executive committee recommended closure of the school after their meeting on 26th June. Chatton School will close on 31st August 2008. agreed that the Northumberland County Council would work closely with the community of Chatton to mitigate the effects of the closure of the school on the community.

Bob Scott had attended the meeting and afterwards spoke to Councillor Rickerby who indicated that a letter would be sent to Parish Councillors outlining what assistance the County Council can provide to support a community centre/village hall following the closure of the school on August 31st. To date we have not received a letter and it was agreed that Bob Scott would write to Councillor Rickerby as a reminder of their discussion. Bob Scott presented minutes from a meeting with Alan Hedley held to discuss the options for taking on a lease of the Chatton School Building (Enclosed)

We are still awaiting a reply to our letter which was sent to Northumberland Estates requesting them to consider granting a lease to the community for the school building.

It was felt that the Parish Council should be considering setting up a management committee so as to be able to act promptly in the event of a successful response.

Parish Councillor Alison Cutter returned to the meeting

Min 266- Glendale Belonging Forum Community & Glendale Trust - As service provider - Bob Scott gave a précis of the minutes distributed. Councillor

A. Murray said that the Gateway Trust would like to be a partner as a service provider and be front of house for the district.

Min 267- Councillor Murray said that he has 8 parishes in his patch and would have £1000 per parish after a donation to Glendale School. It was agreed to ask for the money to install the Victorian Lamp and for physical maintenance for the School. A letter of confirmation would be sent to Councillor Murray

Date of next meeting: 16th September 2008 at 7.30 p.m.

Meeting closed 9.45pm