

**Minutes of the Tillside Parish Council Annual General Meeting
On Wednesday 23rd May 2007 in Chatton Parish Hall Chatton
Commencing at 19.30**

Present: Neil Douglas (Chairman), Jim Railton, Duncan Ord, Daphne Pardoe, Alison Cutter, Bob Scott, Margaret Waldie, Eddie Brown
Bob Perris

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Parish Councillor Sheila Dodds

DECLARATION OF INTEREST:

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

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN FOR 2007/08

Parish Councillor Eddie Brown proposed & Parish Councillor Alison Cutter seconded Neil Douglas as Chairman for 2007/08

ELECTION OF VICE- CHAIRMAN FOR 2007/08

Parish Councillor Eddie Brown proposed & Parish Councillor Jim Railton seconded Duncan Ord as Vice- Chairman for 2007/08

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:

The Minutes of the last meeting held on 29th March 2007 previously circulated were duly agreed and signed by the Chairman.

Matters Arising

Min 149(Min 141) - Website- Parish Councillor Mrs A Cutter advised the meeting that Doreen & herself are still working on this. Parish Councillor Jim Railton suggested an official launch. Parish Councillor Bob Scott asked about accessing the site using names such as Chatton, Chillingham etc. Parish Councillor Alison Cutter replied that this would be part of the Google search. Also Parish Councillor Alison Cutter said she would be completing the letters for potential advertisers shortly.

Min 150- Financial Statement

Bank Balance	£ 6486.32	
Including	£ 244.00	Donations for Fountain
	£ 19.52	Interest
	£ 1828.60	Village on Line
	£ 58.00	Christmas Lights
	£ 500.00	Victorian Lamp
	£ 3855.72	Parish Council
	(Includes £898.13 for grass cutting)	

Halifax Account	£1120.58	Includes Interest £16.48
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Min 151 – Accounts for Payment-

a) Mrs E I Hunter	£ 100.00	Clerk's Salary
b) Allianze Cornhill	£ 690.07	Insurance Premium
c) Northumbrian Water	£ 23.05	Water Rates
d) B.T.	£ 113.97	Phone A/c
e) N Power	£ 37.13	Electric A/c
f) NALC	£ 87.45	Subscription

Min 152- Planning Applications. Observations (See agenda for details)

07/B/0350- Trees in Conservation Areas- Proposed felling of 6 no trees- 6 Church Hill Chatton Alnwick NE66 5PY. *It was agreed that even though comment were too late that the Clerk raise concerns that healthy cherry and apples trees are being allowed to be felled when they are in a conservation area.*

Min 153- Planning Approvals.

06/B/0536- Full Planning Application- Conversion of Coach House into 8 no units for guest accommodation, change of use Chillingham Castle Chillingham Alnwick NE66 5NJ

07/B/0028- Full Planning Application- Erection of sunroom- Stonemartin Wooler NE71 6QL

Min 154- Correspondence:

- **Allianze Cornhill-** Insurance Renewal
- **BDO Stoy Hayward-** Audit Form
- **D Cleworth-** Letter of Thanks
- **Northumbrian Water-** Account £23.05
- **Community Action Northumberland-** Invite to Conference of The Consortium.
- **BBC-** 06/B/0536- Chillingham Castle at Planning Committee 10/4
- **BBC-** 06/B/0535- Chillingham Castle at Planning Committee 10/4
- **BBC-** List of Parish Councillors
- **Belford Interiors (GME Drury)-** Donation for Fountain
- **Communities & Local Government-** revised Mode Code of Conduct
- **CPRE-** Asking for Members
- **BBC-** Unitary Structures- comments required
- **BT-** Account £113.97
- **N Power-** Electric Account £37.13
- **NALC-** Annual Subscription £87.45
- **NCC-** Letter about Unitary Councils
- **Community Action Northumberland-** Newsletter

- **BBC-** Remittance Advice (Precept)
- **PCC-** An e-mail asking for a meeting.

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ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

Min 155- Bollards- The Chairman raised concerns that to date there is still no progress. It was agreed the Clerk would contact County Council again.

Min 156- Hunting Lodge- Parish Councillor Jim Railton advised the meeting that the appeal had been turned down. However it is felt there may be a new application to come.

Min 157- Village on Line- Parish Councillor Alison Cutter raised concerns about the cost of the BT Account now that there is no funding for this project. It was agreed to keep an eye on the situation and to also promote the use of the computers in the Chatton News. Parish Councillor Bob Scott also suggested a survey be carried out to ascertain the use of the computers..

Min 158- Unitary Councils- Members considered the 2 options for unitary council and agreed to support the 2 unitary option.

Min 159- PCC- The Clerk read the e-mail from the PCC and it was agreed to invite them to the next Parish Council meeting.

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

Min 160- School- The Chairman advised the meeting that the school is celebrating 150 years there will be a garden party on 16th June at 2pm and the Bishop Martin will be at Church on 13th June. Parish Councillor Bob Scott commented that the closure of the school will affect the church & shop etc. The Chairman asked what Parish Council could do as it may be signed and sealed. Parish Councillor Jim Railton suggested writing to the Housing Department with concerns about locals being able to access houses and this affecting the school also affordable housing in the area is required. It was also agreed to write to Ann Murray as Chairman of Governors on the projections as the Parish Council feel they may not be correct and copy the letter to Alan Beith.

Parish Councillor Alison Cutter returned to the meeting.

Min 161- Roads- Parish Councillors raised concerns that the Shielhope road is being resurfaced when the B6348 and Chillingham are in need of resurfacing. The Clerk is to write to County Council.

Min 162- Speeding- Parish Councillors raised concerns about the speed of traffic through Chatton and the fact that there is no speed limit on the bridge. It was agreed that the Clerk contact the police.

Min 163- Trees- The Chairman advised the meeting that he had been offered a chestnut tree for the village. It was agreed that the Chairman would accept the offer on behalf of the Parish Council

Min 164- Tripartite- The Clerk advised the meeting that the next Tripartite will be at Cheviot centre Wooler on 7th June and will be open to all members as Berwick Borough Planning Department will be in attendance.

Min 165- Bewick area- Parish Councillor Alison Cutter suggested that this area should be included within the Parish. It was agreed that the Clerk contact Berwick Borough Council.

Min 166- Co-opt Parish Councillors- As there are 3 vacancies it was agreed to co-opt new councillors at the July meeting. It was agreed to put a notice in the Chatton News looking for candidates. At present the following may be interested: - Ken Foulis, Richard Marsh, Jenny Jefferies, & Isabel Murray.

Min 167- Vote of Thanks- Members agreed to write and thank Anne Macaulay for her service and hard work on the Parish Council.

Date of next meeting: 5th July 2007 at 7.30 p.m.

Meeting Closed 9.19 p.m.