

**Minutes of the Tillside Parish Council Meeting
On Thursday 2nd July 2009 in Chatton Parish Hut Chatton
Commencing at 19.30**

Present: Duncan Ord (Chairman) Eddie Brown (Vice-Chairman) Mrs S Dodds,
Bob Scott, Margaret Waldie & Jim Railton
Clerk I Hunter

Apologies for Absence:

Parish Councillors Mrs D Pardoe, Neil Douglas & Mandy Nesbit
County Councillor Mr A Murray

Declaration of Interest: None

The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 7th May 2009 previously
circulated were duly agreed and signed by the Chairman.

The Minutes of the Special Planning Meeting held on 20th May 2009 previously
circulated were duly agreed and signed by the Chairman.

The Minutes of the Special Planning Meeting held on 1st June 2009 previously
circulated were duly agreed and signed by the Chairman.

The Minutes of the Special Planning Meeting held on 9th June 2009 previously
circulated were duly agreed and signed by the Chairman

Matters Arising- The Clerk tabled a letter and a redesigned site plan which had been received from Northumberland Estates. Parish Councillor Bob Scott commented that he was pleased to see that Northumberland Estates had taken on board the Parish Council's concern about the variety of the houses. The meeting agreed that the tabled house design plan of the proposed houses were now looking more like the original Mill Hill houses. Parish Councillor Bob Scott advised the meeting that he had spoken to Colin Barnes and he was willing to meet with a small group of Parish Council representatives. The meeting agreed that the Clerk should reply to the letter stating that the Parish Council noted that Northumberland Estates had made changes and that the Parish Council would like to take up the opportunity to meet and understand the detail. The Parish Council noted the last paragraph of Northumberland Estates letter which read as follows: - *I confirm that I have requested deferment of a decision from Northumberland County Council to allow formal revision of the application, and further consultation which will include County Highways and the Parish Council.*

Min 337- Annual Audit- The Clerk tabled copies of the Balance Sheets for all Parish Councillors and then the Statement of Governance was completed. The Chairman signed that Annual Audit Return form which completed the Annual Audit for Year Ending 31st March 2009.

Min 338- Financial Statement

• Bank Balance	£ 8075.19	
Including	£ 744.00	Donations for Fountain
	£ 500.00	Victorian Lamp
	£ 175.00	Tia Chi
	£ 212.70	Village on Line
	£ 58.00	Xmas Lights
	£ 1.59	Interest
	£ 6365.49	Parish Council Balance
• Halifax Account	£1161.67	

Min 339- Accounts for Payment-

a) B T	£ 87.92	Final Phone Account
b) Mrs E I Hunter	£ 200.00	Clerk's Salary
c) Mrs E I Hunter	£ 40.00	Petty Cash
d) E Rathbone	£ 80.00	Internal Audit

Min 340- Planning Applications *No Observations*

09/B/0284- Agricultural Notification- Proposed agricultural building- Hetton
North Farm Lowick Berwick-upon-Tweed TD15 2UL

Min 341- Planning Approval

09/B/0184- Listed Building Consent Application- Rebuilding like for like
repairs & associated structural works Cart Shed & Smithy Tower
Martin Farm Wooler Northumberland NE71 6QW

Min 342- Correspondence:

1. NALC- Receipt
2. **Berwick Borough Housing-** Reply to letter
3. **CAN** – Letter Re meet the Funders
4. **NCC-** Rate Relief Form
5. **Community First-** Insurance Policy
6. **BT-** Final Account £ 87.92
7. **Northumbrian Water-** Reply to letter
8. **NCC-** Reply to comments on Draft Statement of Community Involvement
9. **Allianz-** Letter Re Insurance Renewal
10. **CAN-** Newsletter
11. **NHS-** Consultation about Day Care for Older People
12. **BDO Stoy Hayward** – Letter advising Accounts to be approved by 30th June
13. **Clerks & Councils Direct-** Newsletter
14. **Northumberland Estates-** Reply Re Current Application for 17 houses in Chatton
15. **Robert Jeffreys -** Letter RE Vacancy at Chillingham ward

Any Other Business.

Min 343- Fountain- The meeting agreed that the Clerk should e-mail Parish Councillor Mandy Nesbit and ask her if she had been able to make any progress on this matter as Alison's Cutter family are querying the situation, and to also ask if she needed any help to progress the situation.

Min 344- Grass Cutting- This item is deferred until the September meeting

Min 345- Jonny Hull's Field- Parish Councillor Bob Scott tabled a draft letter he had prepared which is to be sent to Northumberland County Council. The meeting confirmed that Northumberland Estates had offered that Parish Council the field but the Parish Council did not finalise the offer at the time, the meeting agreed the draft letter which Parish Councillor Bob Scott agreed to polish up the wording and the Clerk agreed to send it to the Planning Department of Northumberland County Council.

Min 346- Vote of Thanks- Parish Councillor Jim Railton gave Parish Councillor Bob Scott a vote of thanks for the work he had undertaken for the School, the current planning application and obtaining a better deal for the Insurance.

Min 347- Tubs in Chatton- Parish Councillor Jim Railton raised concerns about the state of the tubs at the bottom end of the village near the Millennium Statue. The meeting agreed that the Clerk contact M Douglas and ask him to remove the rotten tubs in Chatton.

Min 348 (Min 336)- Future of School- Parish Councillor Bob Scott distributed copies of a letter from Northumberland Estates dated 10th June and he advised the meeting that he had met with David Francis to discuss the contents of the letter. David was able to advise him that in his view that an assignment is workable. Parish Councillor Bob Scott suggested that he write back on behalf of the Parish Council accepting the proposal as Northumberland Estates had taken on some of the Parish Council's points, the meeting agreed this. Parish Councillor Bob Scott also advised the meeting that Community Action Northumberland has a Model B Lease which the Parish Council could use as a starting point for the lease. The meeting agreed that they should appoint a solicitor, it was agreed to contact Community Action Northumberland 1st to see if they could provide the service, the meeting also agreed to delegate to the Chairman, Vice-Chairman & Parish Councillor Bob Scott to obtain the services of a local solicitor if Community Action Northumberland are unable to provide the necessary help. Parish Councillor Bob Scott advised the meeting that he felt Northumberland Estates would now come back to the Parish Council with a lease and then the assignment would need to be prepared.

Min 349- Chestnut Tree- Parish Councillor Jim Railton raised concerns about the chestnut tree at the property that was Mrs Wright's, the Chairman agreed to have a look at the tree.

Min 350- Chatton Village Day- Parish Councillor Bob Scott informed the meeting that the Annual Chatton Village Day was taking place on 25th July, which will be the same format as previous 2 years and this is to raise funds for the grass cutting of the football/cricket pitch area.

Min 351- Co-opting Parish Councillor- The meeting considered the letter received from Robert Jeffreys requesting to be a Parish Councillor and the meeting agreed to accept the request. It was agreed that the Clerk contact Northumberland County Council and Robert Jeffreys.

Date of next meeting: 3rd September 2009 at 7.30 p.m.