

**Minutes of the Tillside Parish Council Annual General Meeting
On Thursday 13th May 2010 in Chatton Parish Hut Chatton
Commencing at 19.30**

Present: Duncan Ord (Chairman) Eddie Brown (Vice-Chairman), Bob Scott, Mrs S Dodds, Mrs M Waldie Mrs.J Renner Neil Douglas & Mrs Mandy Govett
Clerk I Hunter
1 Member of the public

Public Question time:-

Mr I Brown asked the Parish Council about the letter of support for Parish Councillor Jim Railton which they submitted to the court on his recent court appearance. The Chairman replied that the letter he sent was not from the Parish Council but from himself as the Chairman. The Vice-Chairman then asked if Jim Railton was still allowed to be a Parish Councillor, the Clerk replied that she had taken advice and as the offence was not committed in his position as a Parish Councillor and as he was not sentenced this did not effect his role as a Parish Councillor.

Apologies for Absence: Parish Councillors John Jeffreys, Jim Railton & Mrs D Pardoe,
County Councillor A Murray

Declaration of Interest: Parish Councillor Neil Douglas declared a Personal & prejudicial Interest in Planning Application No 10/B/0134

Min 417- Election of Chairman 2010/11 – Parish Councillor Eddie Brown proposed & Parish Councillor Mrs.S Dodds seconded Parish Councillor Duncan Ord as Chairman for the forth coming year.

Min 418- Election of Vice-Chairman 2010/11 – Parish Councillor Neil Douglas proposed & Parish Councillor Mrs. M. Waldie seconded Parish Councillor Eddie Brown as Vice-Chairman for the forth coming year.

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 9th March 2010 previously circulated were duly agreed and signed by the Chairman.

Matters Arising

Min 419 (Min 398) - Fountain-The meeting was informed that David Rumble came back and carried out a little work, but did not return and complete the job. The meeting agreed that Parish Councillor Bob Scott should speak to Sir Humphrey Wakefield and enlist his support to get the work completed, as Sir Humphrey Wakefield has offered his assistance in the past on this project.

Min 420 (Min 411)- Road Repairs- The meeting asked when the scheduled resurfacing work in Chatton village is to be undertaken Parish Councillor Bob Scott and Clerk both agreed to contact the Highways Department of Northumberland County Council to ask for a starting date. The meeting did

agree that a major patch had been completed in February at Chatton Bridge heading up the bank.

Min 421 (Min 410) Tree Perseveration Orders for Lime Trees at Mill Hill-The meeting asked the Clerk to chase up the matter of the replanting of the lime trees.

Min 422 (Min 413)- Forestry Building at Amersidelaw Forest- No progress members asked the Clerk to contact the Planning Department at Northumberland County Council again.

Min 423 (Min 416)- Berwick Borough Housing- Parish Councillor Margaret Waldie advised the meeting that the rubbish at the West End has been cleared and the fence is back up, however the wall has not been completed and the area has not been reseeded yet. The Clerk agreed to write to Bob Dunn at Berwick Borough Housing.

Min 424 (Min 399) Grass Cutting- The meeting agreed that a walk about Chatton needs to be undertaken before the start of the July meeting, so members can ascertain what grass areas are currently being cut and paid for by the Parish Council. The meeting also confirmed that M Douglas cuts the churchyard.

Min 425-Annual Audit- The Clerk tabled copies of the Balance Sheets for all Parish Councillors and then the Annual Governance Statement was completed. The Chairman signed that Annual Audit Return form which completed the Annual Audit for Year Ending 31st March 2010.

Min 426- Financial Statement

• Bank Balance	£ 8800.97	
• Including	£ 744.00	Donations for Fountain
	£ 500.00	Victorian Lamp
	£ 175.00	Tia Chi
	£ 31.27	Xmas Lights
	£ 7350.70	Parish Council Balance
• Halifax Account	£1162.60	

Min 427– Accounts for Payment-

• Mrs E I Hunter	£ 200.00	Clerk's Salary
• Northumberland Estates	£ 40.00	Annual Rent
• Northumbrian Water	£ 32.26	Water Rates (Paid)
• NALC	£ 94.82	Subscription
• E Rathbone	£ 40.00	Internal Audit
• Chatton Village Hall Trust	£ 175.00	Tia Chi Funding

Min 428- Planning Applications. *No Observations*

10/B/0092- Full Planning Application- Formation of rear first floor storage area- 7-8 The Berems New Road Chatton Northumberland.

10/B/0109- Consultation- Power supply line- erection of additional single wood pole – Chatton Berwick-upon-Tweed.

01/B/0120- Full Planning Application- Extension of time limit of previous application 04/B/0452 (Conversion of farm buildings into residential accommodation and renovation of existing cottage) Shielhope Chatton Alnwick NE66 5RE

Parish Councillor Neil Douglas left the meeting at this point

10/B/0134- Full Planning Application- Erection of 1 no steel portal framed building with associated cladding & building works – Chillingham Home Farm Chillingham Alnwick Northumberland NE68 5NH

Parish Councillor Neil Douglas returned to the meeting at this point

Min 429- Planning Applications. *Observations*

10/B/0102- Full Planning Application- Demolish existing bathroom and construct a one and a half storey extension with a fully accessible master bedroom and en-suite shower room downstairs and a family bathroom and storage area located in the room in roof – 8 Church Hill Chatton Alnwick NE66 5PY *One Parish Councillor raised concerns about the size and stated matching materials should be used on the new building works.*

Min 430- Planning Approvals.

09/B/0410- Full Planning Application- Erection of farm worker's dwelling Amerside Law Farm Chatton Alnwick NE66 5RF

09/B/0552- Full Planning Application- Retention of anemometry mast for a further 2 years- Moorland approximately 2.9km South East of Chillingham

10/B/0071- Full Planning Application- Alterations and extension to existing dwelling house- 4 West Lyham Cottages Chatton Northumberland NE66 5QB

10/B/0092- Full Planning Application- Formation of rear first floor storage area- 7-8 The Berems New Road Chatton Northumberland

Min 431- Correspondence:

- **Clerks & Councils Direct-** Newsletter

- **CPRE-** Newsletter
- **The Boundary Committee-** Electoral Review
- **NCC-** Rate Account for Parish Hut
- **NTC-**Request for donation
- **NCC-** People & Places Monthly Newsletter
- **CAN-** Newsletter
- **Community First-** Insurance Renewal Notice
- **NCC -** Remittance Advice £1750
- **N Power-** Electric Account £125.56 Cr

Any Other Business.

Min 432- Future Utility Accounts for the Parish Hut. - Parish Councillor Bob Scott suggested that the Parish Hut should now be mothballed. The Vice-Chairman asked if the Parish Hut could be demolished, Parish Councillor Bob Scott replied that the Parish Council would have to pick up the costs. Parish Councillor Mrs. M Govett suggested that the scouts could use the building for storage. Parish Councillor Bob Scott suggested that the Parish Council should move out and that will reduce the liability. The meeting agreed that the Clerk contact N Power and Northumbrian Water and have the supplies transferred to the community building, with S Moss as the contact for the Village Hall Trust. Parish Councillor Bob Scott suggested that the Insurance Policy should have the standard cover and street furniture only as the buildings etc. will be covered with the Insurance for the Village Hall, the meeting agreed that the Clerk should get a new quote and e-mail members, the meeting gave the Chairman delegated power to sign the cheque for the revised Insurance premium for Tillside Parish Council. The Village Hall Trust Committee has proposed that the Parish Council can have a secure cupboard for £50.00 per annum and will charge the Parish Council £100 per year for 6 meetings, the payment will be per financial year i.e. 31st March the meeting agreed to the rental costs. The meeting agreed that the computers would be stored in the community building, and that Parish Councillor Bob Scott would speak to Caroline Roberts about the future use of the computers. The meeting agreed that the Clerk could purchase box files to store the documentation that is currently in the Parish Hut. Parish Councillor Bob Scott informed the meeting that a smart electric meter will not work in the building as there has to be a mobile signal and there is no signal. Parish Councillor Bob Scott confirmed that the Village hall Trust is now recognised as a Registered Charity by HMRC, they have received £500 from Northumberland County Council's Community Chest, and awaiting the outcome of other grants. There will be an opening event in July to raise funds this will be advertised in the Chatton News. Parish Councillor Mrs. J Renner asked if there were any bookings to date, Parish Councillor Bob Scott confirmed that the carpet bowls, children's group, church, Christian aid are all going to use the building and there will be a wedding reception in the building in July. Parish Councillor Bob Scott also advised the meeting that the roof may need some attention but it is not immediate. Finally the meeting was asked for a Parish Council nominee to sit on the Village Hall Trust Committee the Vice-Chairman proposed and

Parish Councillor Mrs. M Waldie seconded that Parish Councillor Jim Railton will be the representative.

Min 433 (Min 409)- School Field- Parish Councillor Bob Scott advised the meeting that Northumberland Estates are looking for a one year tenancy and a rent for the area., however the planning committee agreed that the area should be gifted as part of the 106 agreement to the Parish Council. The meeting agreed that Northumberland Estates should cut the grass at the minute, and asked the Chairman to speak to Julia Robson at Northumberland Estates about this matter. The meeting agreed not to sign the lease as long as the Parish Council have to also pay rent for the area.

Min 434- Association Houses in Chatton- Parish Councillor Mrs. M Waldie informed the meeting that after the alterations to the houses the first electric account was £500 for a quarter, the residents were promised economy 10 pricing but it is ordinary pricing, the residents along with County Councillor Anthony Murray are having meetings with Berwick Borough Housing. Also County Councillor Anthony Murray had renegotiated the decoration fund up to £200; however residents are still only getting £100 per house, and finally the standards of the work is not of high quality. The meeting agreed to write to Berwick Borough Housing supporting the residents and to ask for additional compensation, and it was agreed to copy the letter to Alan Beith as MP.

Date of next meeting: 8th July 2010 at 7.00 p.m.