

**Minutes of the Tillside Parish Council Meeting
On Thursday 10th November 2011 in the Community Building Chatton
Commencing at 19.30**

Present: Duncan Ord (Chairman), Vice- Chairman Neil Douglas
Parish Councillors, Bob Scott Gavin Douglas, Jim Railton, Mrs. D Pardoe Mrs. S Dodds
John Jeffreys Mrs M Waldie & Mrs M. Govett
County Councillor A Murray
Clerk I Hunter
1 Member of the public

The Clerk informed the meeting that as Parish Councillor John Jeffreys had not attended a Parish Council meeting within the last 6 months he was excluded from the Parish Council, but went on to say that Mr Jeffreys would like to remain on the Parish Council. The Parish Councillors present agreed that they would like Mr. Jeffreys to remain as a Parish Councillor. The Clerk advised the meeting that Mr. Jeffreys could fill one of the current vacancies the Parish Council has and that his former position on the Parish Council will be advertised as a Parish Council vacancy. The members agreed.

Public Question time: - None

Apologies for Absence: None

Declaration of Interest: None

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 8th September 2011 previously circulated were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

Matters Arising-

Min 580 (Min 578)- Closed Churchyard- Parish Councillor Bob Scott asked the Clerk if a reply had been received from Terry Garnick on how other Parish Councils have resolved dog fouling problems within closed Churchyards. The Clerk advised the meeting that no reply had been received to date but that she would chase this matter up again.

Min 581 (Min 572)- Hetton Steads Planning Application- Parish Councillors asked the Clerk to contact the Planning Department at Northumberland County Council Re an update on the affordable housing element of the approval.

Min 582 (Min 574)- Rights of Way- Parish Councillor Mrs M Govett said that she has received a letter on this matter as one of the landowners affected and advised the meeting that it can take up to 2 years. Parish Councillors agreed that the Clerk should reply to the letter the Parish Council has received from Alex Bell of Northumberland County Council stating that where it states in the letter a statement from one land owner has been received the Parish Council actually submitted 2 letters from 2 previous landowners.

Min 583- Conclusion of Annual Audit- The Clerk reported that there were no issues raised by the external auditor for the Year ending March 2011, which means the Annual Audit has now been completed.

Min 584- Financial Statement

• Bank Balance	£ 10945.53	
Including	£ 339.82	Future Projects Fund
	£ 31.27	Xmas Lights
	£ 500.00	Ex Football Club
	£ 1163.83	Balance from Halifax A/c
	£ 8910.61	Parish Council Balance

Min 585– Accounts for Payment-

• Mrs E I Hunter	£ 200.00	Clerk's Salary
• BDO Stoy Hayward	£ 174.00	Audit Fees
• Mrs E I Hunter	£ 20.00	Petty Cash
• E Rathbone	£ 40.00	Internal Audit
• M Douglas	£2080.00	Grass Cutting

Min 586- Planning Applications. *Observations*

11/02128/LBC Alterations to First Floor bedroom(Barrack Room) including installation of staircase- Fowberry Tower Chatton Alnwick Northumberland NE71 6ER. *See Min 589*

11/02521LBC Alterations to central room (Blake) and eastern (Black en-suite) first floor, south side - Fowberry Tower Chatton Alnwick Northumberland NE71 6ER *See Min 589*

11/02615/LBC- Internally injected chemical damp proof course t the ground floor walls- West House Chillingham Alnwick Northumberland NE66 5NN. *Parish Councillors raised concerns that works have already been completed and asked for clarification from the Northumberland County Council Planning Department on what damp proofing can be carried out under Listed Building Consent.*

11/02849/NONMAT- Revised footpath crossover near entrance to phase 2 development – Land South of Mill Hill Farm Chatton- Mill Hill Chatton Alnwick Northumberland NE66 5PR *Parish Councillors raised concerns about the trees without TPO's and confirmed they do not want any lime trees removed. The Parish Councillors also stated that the trees within this area were planted by the village children therefore they must be re-planted within the development site.*

Min 587- Correspondence:

- NCC- Letter Relocation of Berwick Planning Office
- **Boundary Commission for England-** Consultation Re Parliamentary Boundary changes
- **Conservatives-** Letter Re Broadband.

- **The Queens Diamond Jubilee Beacons-** Guide to taking part. *Parish Councillors suggested possibility of holding a fund raising event.*
- **NCC-** Transfer of Local Services
- **NALC-** AGM Agenda
- **CAN-** AGM Agenda
- **CAB-** Annual Report
- **Trinity Manor-** Reply to letter.
- **M Strother-** Letter Re Parish Council vacancy

Min 588- Precept 2012/13- Parish Councillors considered the current Precept and Parish Councillor B Scott proposed and Parish Councillor J Railton seconded that the Precept for 2012/13 should remain at £4500, this was agreed

Any Other Business.

Min 589 – Fowberry Tower Planning Applications- County Councillor Mr. A Murray advised the meeting that about one year ago he had spoken to the Planning Department of Northumberland County Council about the work being undertaken by the developer at Fowberry Towers and since then there has been a number of Planning Applications submitted, he went on to read an e-mail he had received from Peter Rutherford of Northumberland County Council’s Planning Department, which states they have concerns and are keeping an eye on the situation. Parish Councillors agreed that they have not submitted any observations because all the Applications are for retrospective work and they were of the understanding that Northumberland County Council’s Planning Department were in control of the situation by ensuring the developer obtains the correct permissions for all the Listed Building works. Parish Councillors did raise concerns that all the Applications are retrospective and agreed to write to the Planning Department of Northumberland County Council stating they are against retrospective Planning Applications and support English Heritage’s efforts to apply Listed Building Consent standards on this property. The meeting agreed that the Clerk write to English Heritage asking them for their views on this matter and asking for any advice they can give the Parish Council on this matter. The meeting also asked the Clerk to write to the Planning Department of Northumberland County Council and asking for an update on the current situation as the Parish Council is very concerned about the works being carried out on this building.

Min 590 (Min 584) - School Field- Parish Councillor Bob Scott informed the meeting that the Village Hall Committee feel the grass cutting is the responsibility of the Parish Council but are willing to pay £75.00 which is 50% of this year’s invoice for grass cutting. The Parish Councillors thanked the Village Hal Committee for their donation to the grass cutting and the members agreed to consider an annual fund raising event to cover the costs of the grass cutting.

Min 591- Future Circulation of Planning Applications- Parish Councillors raised concerns about the circulation of plans in the future to ensure observations are submitted within the 21 day deadline. The meeting agreed that in future plans will be circulated to members in the following order:-

D Ord (Chairman)

N Douglas (Vice-Chairman)

J Railton

Mrs. M Waldie

G Douglas

M Strother (after January meeting)

J Jefferys

Mrs. S Dodds

Mrs. D Pardoe

B Scott & Mrs. M Govett will view the plans on line

Min 592 (Min 568)- Local Transport Plan 2012/13- The Clerk advised the meeting that the following priorities have been submitted as the Parish Council's top priorities for the Local Transport Plan for 2012/13,

1. The Chillingham Bank needs resurfacing
2. The road from Chatton o the A697 via Lilburn and in the East Lilburn area needs resurfacing
3. The Bewick Folly Road at the bridge needs resurfacing
4. The Fowberry Mains Road needs resurfacing
5. The Amerside Law Road needs resurfacing

Min 593- Christmas Tree- The Vice-Chairman suggested that the Christmas Tree should be positioned outside the Percy Arms Public House, the meeting agreed that the Chairman contact Chillingham Wild Cattle Association to see if they will donate a tree and that the Vice-Chairman contact the Publican of the Percy Arms to see if it can be positioned outside the pub.

Min 594- Draft Local Charter- Parish Councillor B Scott informed the meeting that this is the longest Charter he has even seen because normally they are brief and to the point, he went on to say that there needs to be a better broadband service if more documents are to be sent electronically in future. The meeting agreed that at the Annual Review there needs to be a yearly feedback which allows Parish Councils to input their experience from that year.

Min 595- Grit Bins- The meeting agreed that at the present time they require a heap of salt/grit on Chatton Bank, and they will monitor other areas of the Parish to see if additional bins or heaps are required.

Min 596 (Min 579) - Overgrown Grass- The Clerk advised the meeting that she had received a reply from Mr. Bell which stated the perimeter hedges should have been cut by now and he included a mobile number which he could be contacted on in the future. The meeting

agreed that the area has been tidied up and agreed in future either the Chairman or Vice-Chairman should contact Mr. Bell directly between meetings if the Parish Council have any concerns about the state of the garden etc. The Clerk agreed to write to Mr. Bell and ask his permission to be contacted via mobile phone if a problem arises in the future.

- Min 597- Chatton Conservation Area-** Parish Councillors asked about the boundary of the Conservation Area in Chatton stating that the current Mill Hill development should be within the Conservation Area. The meeting asked the Clerk to find out where the boundary line is and find out if this includes the Mill Hill development.
- Min 598- Broadband-** Parish Councillors raised concerns about the current Broadband Service as this is important to the rural areas and the tourism trade. The Clerk agreed to forward a document to Parish Councillors which has been prepared by Northumberland County Council which is where residents can log on and raise their concerns about their present service.
- Min 599- Dovecote Weetwood-** The Vice-Chairman raised concerns about the current state of the Dovecote at Weetwood stating that it has no roof. The meeting asked the Clerk to contact Northumberland County Council Planning Department and ask about for their general views on this type of building.
- Min 600- Parish Councillor Vacancies-** Parish Councillors considered the letter from Mr M Strother's requesting to become a Parish Councillor and agreed to accept his request. Parish Councillors agreed to place an article in the Chatton News to say the Parish Council is looking for residents in the Chillingham and Lilburn area who would be willing to join the Parish Council. It was also agreed to have this as an Agenda Item at the January meeting.
- Min 601- Water leak-** The Vice-Chairman advised the meeting that there is still a water leak and flooding outside the Percy Arms even though Northumbrian Water has carried out work on this problem 3 times, he went on to say there is still a hole and guard rails at the scene. The meeting agreed that the Clerk should contact Northumbrian Water and Northumberland County Council on this matter.
- Min 602- Mill Hill Development-** Parish Councillors considered the e-mail received from Barrie Jackson where he feels the Parish Council is not doing enough to ensure locals get first option on the social housing in this development. Parish Councillor Mrs. M Govett suggested that each Parish Councillor could take an area to identify people who may be interested in the social housing. The meeting agreed that after the local residents are registered they will be given the first choice of the houses but they must bid for the houses. The meeting agreed to place an article in the Chatton News reminding residents to register with Home Finder now and then when the properties become available on the Home Finder Website they must place bids for the properties. Parish Councillor J Railton raised concerns that the Planning Conditions may not be adhered to especially after the Parish Council were made aware of the Discharge of Conditions, the meeting agreed that Parish Councillors are not able to go on site but have to work with the Compliance Officer to ensure all conditions are adhered to. The meeting agreed that the Clerk should contact the Planning Department of Northumberland County Council and ask for a Bi-monthly update on this development which should be received ahead of the Parish Council meeting.

Min 603- Wind Turbines- Parish Councillor Mrs. M Govett suggested that the Parish Council needs to be informed about wind farms/ turbines, and went on to say that Mr. A Joicey was willing to come and talk to the Parish Council about Wind Farms. The meeting agreed that it would be best to hold an open meeting where all residents can attend and ask questions. The meeting agreed that Parish Councillor Mrs. M Govett should organise an open meeting using the Community Building Chatton and that there should be representation from both for and against wind farms.

Min 604- Cast Iron Finger Post- Parish Councillor J Railton tabled the cast iron finger post which has come off the post opposite the Post Office in Chatton and needs to be repaired and put back in place. The meeting agreed that Parish Councillor J Railton should obtain a estimate for the work as the Parish Council have already contacted Northumberland County Council and to date not received any reply on this matter.

Date of next Meeting: 12th January 2012 at 7.30 p.m.