

**Minutes of the Tillside Parish Council Meeting
On Tuesday 16th September 2008 in Chatton Parish Hall Chatton
Commencing at 19.30**

Present: Neil Douglas (Chairman), Mrs D Pardoe, Bob Scott, Eddie Brown Margaret Waldie & Mandy Nesbit
County Councillor Mr A Murray

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Duncan Ord (Vice-Chairman) Parish Councillors, Alison Cutter Mrs S Dodds
Mrs J Renner & Jim Railton.
Clerk Mrs I Hunter

DECLARATION OF INTEREST:

None

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 9th July 2008 previously circulated were duly agreed and signed by the Chairman.

Matters Arising

Min 268- Coping Stones- Parish Councillor Mrs D Pardoe asked about the letter that was sent to the Chillingham Wild Cattle Association, as to date it had not arrived and concerns had been raised by Chillingham Wild Cattle Association about the issue.

Min 269- Conclusion of Annual Audit- The Clerk advised the meeting that the Auditors had raised concerns about the level of reserves the Parish Council were carrying. Members noted the concerns.

Min 270- Financial Statement

• Bank Balance	£ 9529.01	
Including	£ 744.00	Donations for Fountain
	£ 500.00	Victorian Lamp
	£ 2081.81	Village on Line
	£ 58.00	Xmas Lights
	£ 130.00	Fishnets
Includes	£ 8.54	Interest
	£ 6015.20	Parish Council Balance

- Halifax Account £1120.58

Min 271 – Accounts for Payment-

a) N Power	£ 40.45	Electric Account
b) B.T.	£ 114.73	Phone Account
c) Michael Douglas	£ 960.00	Grass Cutting
d)Mrs E I Hunter	£ 100.00	Clerk's Salary
e)BDO Stoy Hayward	£ 141.00	Audit Fees

Min 272- Planning Applications- No Observations

08/B/0589- Full Planning Application Extension to existing outbuildings- 4 Church Hill Chatton Alnwick NE66 5PY

Min 273- Planning Applications- Observations

08/B/0675- Agricultural Notification- Erection of Forestry building- Amersidelaw Forest By Chillingham Northumberland. *Members agreed that this should be screened from the Chatton side, no overnight accommodation and not to be turned into residential at a later date.*

Min 274- Planning Approval-

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

Min 275- Correspondence:

- **N Power-** Electric Account £40.45
- **NSP-** Rural newsletter
- **BT-** Phone Account £114.73
- **Chatton School-** Cheque £ 1117.49
- **Chatton School-** Receipt £150.00
- **Northumberland Estates-** Letter Re Lease, *The Clerk to check with the Insurance about coverage & Parish Councillor Mr R Scott to contact Northumberland Estates.*
- **NCC-** Copy of response to Post Offices, *County Councillor Mr A Murray advised the meeting that Lowick & Milfield are to be included within the route of the mobile unit.*
- **Community Action Northumberland-** Newsletter
- **BBC-** Letter Re copy of Report from Post Offices on Funding Guidance
- **BDO Stoy Hayward-** Conclusion of Annual Audit & Invoice
- **BBC-** Letter on updating Database for New Northumberland Council

ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

Min 276 (Min 265)- Future of School- The Chairman read a letter which had been received from Northumberland Estates Re the lease. Parish Councillor Mr B Scott agreed to negotiate for a cheaper lease than Lesbury and advised the meeting that there is now a working group who are meeting to develop a Village Hall Strategy. They are to meet on 18th September and to date there are 8 people. Parish Councillor Mr B Scott also agreed to contact Northumberland Estates at the end of September. The meeting asked County Councillor Mr A Murray to see if his small grants scheme could be used for items for the new Village Hall.

Min 277- Fountain- Members asked about the latest situation on the Fountain and were advised that it is still not completed and the final payment will be made on completion.

Min 278-Councillor Murray- Informed the meeting that it had been agreed at Northumberland Council to suggest that the number of Councillors rise from 67 to 79 and there is still to be single member wards. It is also suggested that a new Ward would be created in the Belford area which would effect Tillside Parish.

Min 279- Victorian Lamp- Members asked about the latest the Chairman advised the meeting that it is a working light but there is a need of a source of power. A suggestion was to site the lamp at the entrance to the village hall, it was agreed to make this an Agenda item for the next meeting. If solar panels are to be an option the estimate would be £4,000 - £5,000.

Min 280- Fowberry Bridge- The Chairman read a letter from Northumberland County Council stating the proposed restrictions of 3 Tonne & 6' 6" width on the bridge. The meeting agreed that they required the weight limit to remain but make it for Non articulated vehicles. Also the bridges within the Parish must be looked at strategically as there is a limit on the Chatton bridge and there needs to be a road network available as this is a rural and farming area that needs access.

Min 281- Sewers Chatton- The meeting was informed that Northumberland Estates were retaining a compound for Northumbria Water as there is about 18 weeks work in Chatton to replace sewers.

Date of next meeting: 6th November 2008 at 7.30 p.m.

Meeting closed 8.55pm

Parish Councillor Mr E Brown submitted his apologies for the November Meeting.