



# CHILTON TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of Ordinary Meeting  
Held at Hutton House,  
Durham Road, Chilton on  
Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2008  
At 6.30 p.m.

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**Mayor:** *M. Errington*    **Deputy Mayor:** *A. Bruce*

**Present:** *Councillor's L. Potts, Mrs E. Bruce, J. Lee.  
P. Davies, Mrs G. Attwood, E. Campbell, Mrs M. Walton.*

**Apologies:** *J.B. Turner, B. Jones, V. Collinson.*

**Clerk:** *P. Gray*

**Press:** None

**Public:** None

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Minute Ref:

1    **Mayor/Chairman Remarks**

Councillor Errington welcomed all to the meeting and wished everyone a happy and prosperous new year.

2    **Declaration of Interest**

No member had any pecuniary interest in the agenda.

3    **Police Report**

PC Hall gave the Police report;

Chilton	
Dwelling House Burglary	1
Attempted House Burglary	0
Burglary Other	1

Violence Against Persons (Assault)	3
Theft of Motor Vehicle	0
Vehicle's <b>T.W.O.C</b>	0
Theft from Motor Vehicle	0
Attempted Theft from Motor Vehicle	0
Theft	4
Drug/Substances Misuse	0
Criminal Damage	8
Rowdy/Nuisance Behaviour	15
Racial Incident	0
<b>Number of Crimes (regarding above)</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>Total Number of Incidents Reported</b>	<b>140</b>
<b>Total Numbers of Arrest(s)</b>	<b>2</b>

PC Hall introduced Sgt Samson who will be taking control of Ferryhill Police Station covering Chilton.

There was one reported domestic burglary this month where a window has been smashed to gain entry computer games taken. Enquiries are still ongoing and PC Hall is hopeful there will be an arrest made soon. The other burglary was a break to the primary school where an expensive projector has been taken.

Three reported assaults one being a minor scuffle between schoolgirls. Of the other two, one appears to have been an unprovoked assault on a male walking along the black path (behind Chilton Library). In relation to this a local man has been arrested and is currently on police bail. The other assault relates to a club steward being attacked while on the bar of the community college. Another local man has been arrested for this and is also on police bail.

There have been four reported thefts three of which have been the theft of external gas meters from empty houses in West Chilton this kind of scavenging theft is likely to increase while the number of empty houses in Chilton increases.

As reported at the last meeting PCSO Foster has visited a number of houses marking property and giving advice on burglary prevention. The force runs operation DARC throughout the winter months advising people to 'LIGHT IT, LOCK IT OR LOSE IT' due to the number of burglaries which always occur at this time of year.

Burglaries remain low in the County Durham area in comparison with other areas of the country.

Members are concerned about a youth who lives with his parents causing a lot of allegedly offences in Chilton. Some of these allegations involve assaults, criminal damage and threatening behaviour in the last three weeks. The clerk asked whether this man could be excluded from Chilton by bail conditions requested by the Police. PC Hall informed members a number of cases regarding this individual are pending and that the Police cannot stop bail or ask for conditions at this moment in time.

Councillor Errington asked PC Hall if anything could be done about the parking outside of Bell stores in particular drop down kerbs were disabled people are complaining about not been able to mount the kerb. Cars are obstructing the access. PC Hall said he would monitor the problem, but the parking area outside of Bell's store is badly designed.

## **Neighbourhood Warden – Kimberly**

Kimberly informed members she had received 3 complaints of youths throwing objects at houses and 1 report of an insure property. Councillor A. Bruce informed Kimberly that people riding quad bikes are using the football field and on the public road, oberserly without insurance.

It was **RESOLVED** to accept PC Hall and Kimberly's report and welcomed Sgt Samson to Chilton.

### **4 Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The minutes of ordinary meeting held December 2007 were approved and signed as a correct record.

### **5 Matters of Information**

The clerk informed members of the complaint received in November regarding the traffic lights south of the town at Rushyford. A letter was received from Mr B. Race, Durham County Council advising of the monitoring of the traffic lights to assess the need for yellow box marking. He will also be arranging speed detecting equipment to monitor traffic from Ferryhill to Chilton along the bypass.

### **6 Environmental Committee**

#### **Allotments**

Nothing to report.

#### **Cemetery**

Nothing to report.

#### **Miners Welfare Recreation Ground**

Nothing to report.

### **7 Northumbria in Bloom**

Nothing to report.

#### **Chilton in Bloom**

Councillor A. Bruce informed members that the memorial garden is finished and the committee were awaiting samples of slate/marble from Cleveland Monumental for the plaque.

It was **RESOLVED** to accept Councillor Bruce's report.

### **8 Citizens Advice Bureau**

Nothing to report.

9 **Chilton Partnership**

Nothing to report.

10 **Staff Update**

Nothing to report.

11 **SBC C.C.T.V / Town Council C.C.T.V**

Nothing to report.

12 **Public Participation (20 Minutes)**

No members of the public attended.

13 **South Downs Play Area**

The clerk informed members that he will arrange for the play equipment to be removed once the ground dries up to allow removal. A JCB and skip will be required.

It was **RESOLVED** to accept the clerk's report.

14 **Finance & Planning Committee**

Accept the Finance & Planning Committee Report.

It was **RESOLVED** to accept the Finance & Planning Report.

15 **Accounts for Payment – Financial Report**

The following payments were **authorised**;

**Cheques for Payment December 2007 – January 2008**

		<i>Cheque No</i>	
<b>Sedgefield B.C</b>	Invoice Elections	719	£2364.24
<b>Sedgefield B.C</b>	Inv 37229, 37698	720	£4000.00
<b>St. Aidans</b>	Christmas Buffet	721	£450.00
<b>Hurworth Concert Band</b>	Christmas Carols	722	£400.00

TOTAL EXPENDITURE = **£7214.24**

Income received from 10<sup>th</sup> December 2007 to 7<sup>th</sup> January 2008

14/12/07		Memorial fees	177.00
20/12/07		Memorial fees	908.00
		SLCC - Coventry	
10/12/07	Mr P Gray	Conference	131.92
14/12/07	Sedgefield Borough	Ref. 55003306	300.00

17/12/07	Council P. Gray	Goods	323.40
<b>TOTAL INCOME=</b>			<b>£1840.32</b>

Direct Debits/Standing Orders December 07 / January 08

<b>Payee</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Co-Op Loan – Office Extension	Loan	1063.00
Xerox BNP Paribas	Photocopier	0.00
Northumbrian W 22497645001x	Water – West Chilton all	65.21
Northumbrian W 210036150044	Water – West Chilton all	39.08
Northumbrian W 210036150026	Water – West Chilton all	85.92
Northumbrian W 210036150017	Water – Prospect Tce all	65.73
Northumbrian W 210036150053	Water – Hamilton Way all	133.54
Northumbrian W 210249200014	Water -	117.52
Northumbrian W 308056470015	Water -	35.00
Sedgefield Borough Council 052587	Rates – Hutton House	73.00
Sedgefield Borough Council 159612	Rates	275.00
Sedgefield Borough Council 161150	Rates	81.00
HFGL Limited 528446/001		260.43
PB Purchase Power	Postage	0.00
Visa Payment		0.00
HSBC	Charges	44.68
Sedgefield Borough Council 80011618	Salaries	4000
Siemens 064-3104	Coffee Machine Lease	0.00
Siemens 064-3313	CCTV	0.00
Npower 79964403790	Elect	32.00
BT VP83194270M00501	Line	276.08
Npower 79159492840	Elect	0.00
Zoom CCTV	CCTV maintenance	0.00
Society of Local Council Clerk	Subscription	15.00
Npower 79123628510	Elect	0.00
Northumbria W 210036150071	Water -	146.10
Northumbria W 210036150080	Water -	92.75
K.V. Grounds Maintenance	Horticultural Contract	4837.80
British Gas 850003155463	Hutton House	0.00

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### Correspondence for Action

- A letter was received Sedgefield Borough Council's, Jim Nut. Jim is enquiring whether the Town Council would make a financial contribution to the walking scheme. The Town Council contributed £200 towards the scheme last year.

*It was **RESOLVED** to receive the letter and make a donation to the walking group of £200.00*

- A letter was received from JWS Power Wash cleaning advising the Council as per his contract he requires two months notice. The clerk advised members that bus shelter cleansing by JWS will cease the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of February 2008.

It was **RESOLVED** to receive the letter from JWS Power Wash and the contract termination will be the second week in February 2008.

17 **Correspondence for Information**

No letters for information were received.

Meeting closed at 8.00 p.m.

**Next Town Council meeting to be held at Hutton House, Durham Road, Chilton.**

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2008 at 6.30 p.m.**

***Signed as a true and correct record.....***

*Councillor Maureen Errington, Mayor*

**Date:.....**