



# CHILTON TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of Ordinary Meeting  
Held at Hutton House,  
Durham Road, Chilton on  
Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2008  
At 6.30 p.m.

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

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

**Apologies:**

**Clerk:** *P. Gray*

**Press:** None

**Public:** None

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36        **Mayor/Chairman Remarks**

Councillor Errington welcomed all to the meeting. Councillor Errington asked members to stand for a minutes silence in memory of Councillor Jim Wayman, Sedgfield Borough Council who past away. Members observed a minute's silence.

37        **Declaration of Interest**

No member had any pecuniary interest in the agenda.

38        **Police Report**

Emailed Police report was given by the clerk. February 2008

Chilton	
Dwelling House Burglary	3
Attempted House Burglary	0

Burglary Other	0
Violence Against Persons (Assault)	2
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	2
Drug/Substances Misuse	0
Criminal Damage	11
Rowdy/Nuisance Behaviour	38
Arson	0
Hate Crime	0
<b>Number of Crimes (regarding above)</b>	
<b>Total Number of Incidents Reported</b>	<b>1</b>

PC Hall sent his apologies for tonight.

Inspector Bentham attended the meeting and gave the police report as follows.

Crime remains low this month. There have been 3 reported burglaries, 2 domestic where cash has been taken and 1 to a commercial property on the Industrial Estate where thieves took computers. The two reported assaults, one of which was a domestic incident outside of Chilton Workingmen's Club resulted in persons being arrested. The other assault was an apparent unproved assault in the street one male was arrested and is currently on bail.

Again this month the largest reported crime is criminal damage, largely due to empty houses in Chilton West. Although in a few instances private motor vehicles have been damaged.

By far the greatest concern is the illegal march. It is estimated approximately 180 people took part in this march. Members are concerned

The clerk thanked Inspector Bentham for his assistance by sending police officers to attend the taking down of the poem and flags illegally erected on the old House & Garden shop wall. The Police presence prevented any altercation from people wanting the poem and flags to remain.

Councillor Davies enquired whether the bottle scheme the police were proposing was nearing implementation. Inspector Bentham informed the members that there is a slight problem with stickers, these are peeled off easily. The police are looking that another supplier.

Councillor Campbell informed Inspector Bentham that children from Windlestone School are playing chicken with oncoming traffic at West Chilton traffic lights. Could the police keep an eye on the situation. Members suggested also writing to the headmaster at Windlestone School informing him of the problem regarding these children playing chicken.

*It was **RESOLVED** to accept Inspector Bentham's report.*

**Neighbourhood Warden – Kimberly**

Kimberly sent her apologies as she was unable to attend tonight's meeting.

39 **Graham Wood, Sedgefield Borough – Coalfield Housing Renewal**

Graham briefed the council on progress of Coalfield Housing Renewal (Presentation notes enclosed).

It was **RESOLVED** to accept Graham's report and members thanked him for attending tonight's meeting.

40 **Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The minutes of ordinary meeting held February 2008 were approved and signed as a correct record.

41 **Matters for Information**

No matters for information.

42 **Environmental Committee**

**Allotments**

Councillor Davies informed members that the Allotment Committee are now tightening up on the rules, the committee will no longer accept excuses because people are working away. The Allotment Committee will also be monitoring water usage and identify water meters where potential high outputs are originating.

Councillor Bruce expressed concerns about boundary fencing at Prospect Terrace. The clerk said he will be measuring part of the fence line and purchasing pig mesh and posts to stop any horses encroaching onto allotments.

*It was **RESOLVED** to accept the Councillors Davies and A. Bruce's report.*

**Cemetery**

Councillor A. Bruce informed members there was nothing to report.

**Miners Welfare Recreation Ground**

Nothing to report.

43 **Northumbria in Bloom**

Nothing to report.

**Chilton in Bloom**

Nothing to report.

44 **Public Participation 20 minutes**

No members of the public attended.

45 **Citizens Advice Bureau**

Nothing to report.

46 **Chilton Partnership**

Nothing to report.

47 **Staff Update**

Nothing to report.

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

Chilton Town Council's CCTV working correctly. Nothing to report regarding Sedgefield Borough

49 **Public Participation (20 Minutes)**

No members of the public present.

50 **South Downs Play Area**

Nothing to report.

51 **Finance & Planning Committee**

Accept the Finance & Planning Committee Report.

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

52 **Accounts for Payment – Financial Report**

The following payments were **authorised**;

Cheques for Payment February/March 2008

			<b>Cheque No</b>
<b>Sedgefield B.C</b>	Invoice	689	£15.90
<b>Mrs A. Smith</b>	Cleaning supplies	690	£6.93
<b>Sedgefield B.C</b>	Invoice 37867	691	£982.29
<b>Northumbria in Bloom</b>	Entrance fee for 2008	692	£50.00
<b>British Legion</b>	Remembrance Day	693	£40.00
<b>Cllr B. Jones</b>	Expenses	694	£12.72
<b>Simon Watkins</b>	Chilton Arts Project	695	£1762.50

<b>JWS Power Wash</b>	Bus Shelter Cleansing	696	£752.00
<b>Turnock's Lighting</b>	Christmas Decorations	697	£2023.35
<b>Chilton Workingmen</b>	Keys for allotments	698	£35.25
<b>Thinford Nurseries</b>	Watering service	699	£2778.88
<b>G. Myers</b>	Windows Cleaned	700	£19.00
<b>Meikles Solicitors</b>	Fees	701	£176.25
<b>C. Beattie &amp; Son</b>	Christmas Lights Storage	702	£243.23

**TOTAL EXPENDITURE = £8,898.30**

Direct Debits/Standing Orders February/March 2007

<b>Payee</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Amount</b>
<b>Co-Op Loan – Office Extension</b>	Loan	<b>2126.00</b>
<b>Automatic Retailing</b>	Coffee Machines	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Xerox BNP Paribas</b>	Photocopier	<b>0.00</b>
<b>B.T. NE19432274000</b>	Land line	<b>0.00</b>
<b>B.T. WM34853285Q022</b>	Land line	<b>0.00</b>
<b>B.T. Contract Rental 06063034-5</b>	System	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Northumbrian W 22497645001x</b>	Water – West Chilton all	<b>65.21</b>
<b>Northumbrian W 210036150044</b>	Water – West Chilton all	<b>39.08</b>
<b>Northumbrian W 210036150026</b>	Water – West Chilton all	<b>110.92</b>
<b>Northumbrian W 210036150017</b>	Water – Prospect Tce all	<b>165.94</b>
<b>Northumbrian W 210036150053</b>	Water – Hamilton Way all	<b>253.03</b>
<b>Northumbrian W 210249200014</b>	Water -	<b>9.87</b>
<b>Northumbrian W 308056470015</b>	Water -	<b>35.00</b>
<b>Sedgefield Borough Council 052587</b>	Rates – Hutton House	<b>73.00</b>
<b>Sedgefield Borough Council 159612</b>	Rates	<b>275.00</b>
<b>Sedgefield Borough Council 161150</b>	Rates	<b>81.00</b>
<b>HFGL Limited 528446/001</b>		<b>260.43</b>
<b>PB Purchase Power</b>	Postage	<b>157.51</b>
<b>Visa Payment</b>		<b>164.92</b>
<b>HSBC</b>	Charges	<b>44.68</b>
<b>Sedgefield Borough Council 80011618</b>	Salaries	<b>4000</b>
<b>Siemens 064-3104</b>	CCTV	<b>146.48</b>
<b>Siemens 064-3313</b>	CCTV	<b>940.78</b>
<b>Npower 79964403790</b>	Elect	<b>32.00</b>
<b>BT VP83194270M00501</b>	Line	<b>618.35</b>
<b>Npower 79159492840</b>	Elect	<b>327.86</b>
<b>Zoom CCTV</b>	CCTV maintenance	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Society of Local Council Clerk</b>	Subscription	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Npower 79123628510</b>	Elect	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Northumbria W 210036150071</b>	Water -	<b>131.13</b>
<b>Northumbria W 210036150080</b>	Water -	<b>152.77</b>
<b>K.V. Grounds Maintenance</b>	Horticultural Contract	<b>4837.80</b>
<b>British Gas 850003155463</b>	Hutton House	<b>82.50</b>

