



CHILTON TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of Ordinary Meeting
Held at Hutton House,
Durham Road, Chilton on
Tuesday 13th May 2008
At 6.30 p.m.

Mayor: *A. Bruce* **Deputy Mayor:** *L. Potts*

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, G Attwood, L. Potts, M. Errington.*

Apologies:

Clerk: *P. Gray*

Press: None

Public:

**Minute
Ref:**

71 **Mayor/Chairman Remarks**

Councillor A. Bruce welcomed all to the meeting.

72 **Declaration of Interest**

No member had any pecuniary interest in the agenda.

73 **Police Report**

The Police report was given by PC Hall. April/May 2008

| Chilton | |
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| Dwelling House Burglary | 3 |
| Attempted House Burglary | 0 |

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| Burglary Other | 0 |
| Violence Against Persons (Assault) | 3 |
| Theft of Motor Vehicle | 0 |
| Vehicle's T.W.O.C | 0 |
| Theft from Motor Vehicle | 2 |
| Attempted Theft from Motor Vehicle | 0 |
| Theft | 7 |
| Drug/Substances Misuse | 0 |
| Criminal Damage | 6 |
| Rowdy/Nuisance Behaviour | 21 |
| Arson | 0 |
| Hate Crime | 0 |
| Number of Crimes (regarding above) | 19 |
| Total Number of Incidents Reported | 180 |

P.C Hall attended tonight's meeting and introduced PCSO Dan Blackwood who will be working within the Chilton Area. P.C.S.O. Emmer Foster, will be moving away shortly. Emmer has been accepted into the Metropolitan Police and should be moving in July 2008.

Three burglaries reported this month, 2 males from Chilton have been arrested while committing one of the burglaries. They are currently on police bail.

Two reported assaults, one a domestic and the other an apparent unprovoked attack on a stranger in the street. In both cases offenders have been identified and arrested by police. Both are currently on police bail.

The seven reported thefts are mostly offences concerning items taken from back yards of empty properties, scrap, pipes and manhole covers. PC Hall and the PCSO's have identified a number of insecure void premises and have asked Sedgefield Borough Council to secure and tidy.

The six reported cases of criminal damage include damage to voided houses and more seriously throwing stones at passing cars.

A number of the rowdy/nuisance complaints involve one family in West Chilton who are repeatedly calling the police due to problems with their own children.

The situation at the Poplars with off road bikes has been monitored and all houses in the vicinity have been given diary sheets. No incidents reported as yet.

PCSO Emmer Foster has stopped and reported one youth for insurance offences while riding an off road vehicle in this area.

Two males have been arrested for abstracting electricity this month. It appears someone in the area is rewiring electrics by-passing the meter. It also appears that these are very poorly done jobs and are very unsafe, officers witnessed blue sparks flying out of the meters. This is obviously extremely dangerous and may have tragic consequences if we cannot find the person responsible for offering this "service".

The beat team executed a warrant in Dene Terrace this month, no drugs were found but weapons were sized, as well as electricity abstraction being discovered.

Members have raised concerns about the lack of a police presence at the polling station, at the Catholic Club on polling day. Due to the number of polling stations PC Hall said the police cannot provide a static presence at each station. Instead allocated officers are given responsibility for a number of stations in a locality. On polling day the Catholic Club station was visited twice by the early shift. In addition this station was visited by a sergeant and police officers on the response van. On all occasions the station was entered and staff spoken to. During the late shift polling staff were specifically asked if the BNP had caused problems, they confirmed no.

*It was **RESOLVED** to accept report PC Halls report and welcomed PCSO Dan Blackwood.*

Neighbourhood Warden – Kimberly

Kimberly sent her apologies.

74 **Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The minutes of ordinary meeting held Tuesday 8th April 2008 were approved and signed as a correct record.

75 **Matters for Information**

No matters for information.

76 **Environmental Committee**

Allotments

Nothing to report.

Cemetery

The clerk informed members that he had contacted Philip Wills of Smiths Gore Solicitors for the Durham Diocesan, concerning the memorial garden in Chilton Cemetery. Members are aware of the need to find information relating to any consecration service performed prior to the use of Chilton Cemetery in 1935?

At the moment there seems to be little evidence to confirm or dispute whether the Memorial garden is consecrated or un consecrated. The clerk asked members if he and Councillor Turner with his experience in research could attend the University Palace Green Archives at Durham. This would hopefully reveal the necessary information required. The projected cost of the Church of England carrying out a consecration service could be approximately £600.00 and can only be conducted by a Bishop. The clerk suggested waiting for the cemetery extension to be built as this would require blessing as well. Both the memorial garden and the Cemetery extension would cost same for one service.

Members agreed this would be the better option. The memorial garden could be used now, and to inform family members (C of E) that the memorial garden is not consecrated but would be in the near future. The onus would be on the families to decide as to whether they want to inter ashes within the memorial garden.

The Memorial garden is divided into two sections, Church of England and Roman Catholic.

It was **RESOLVED** to allow the burial of ashes in Memorial Garden and to carry out a consecration service when the Cemetery extension is built.

Miners Welfare Recreation Ground

Nothing to report.

77 **Northumbria in Bloom**

Nothing to report.

78 **Public Participation 20 minutes**

None

79 **Citizens Advice Bureau**

Nothing to report.

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

80 **Chilton Partnership**

Nothing to report until the Annual General Meeting of the Partnership to be held in May 2008.

81 **Staff Update**

The clerk reported he will be taken annual leave from the 21 August to 5th September 2008. The clerk's first day at work from leave will be 8th September 2008.

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

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

Chilton Town Council's C.C.T.V. working correctly.

The clerk reported following on from the last meeting he had sent a letter to Sedgefield Borough Council complaining about the high charges and lack of reports. The clerk informed members that Mr Andrew Aitkin, SBC was on holiday and would attend the next council meeting in June.

It was **RESOLVED** to accept the clerks report

83 **South Downs Play Area**

Nothing to report.

84 **Finance & Planning Committee**

To accept the Finance & Planning Committee Report.

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

85 **Accounts for Payment – Financial Report**

The following payments were **authorised**;

Cheques for payment April - May 2008

| | | Cheque No | |
|---------------------|------------------------------|------------------|-------|
| M. Errington | Refund Civic Function F/Hill | 801 | 12.00 |
| P. Gray | Mileage | 802 | 30.00 |

TOTAL EXPENDITURE = £42.00

Direct Debits/Standing Orders April/May 2008

| Payee | Purpose | Amount |
|--|------------------------------|----------------|
| Co-Op Loan – Office Extension | Loan | 2126.00 |
| Automatic Retailing | Coffee Machines | 0.00 |
| Xerox BNP Paribas | Photocopier | 0.00 |
| B.T. NE19432274000 | Land line | 0.00 |
| B.T. WM34853285Q022 | Land line | 0.00 |
| B.T. Contract Rental 06063034-5 | System | 0.00 |
| Northumbrian W 22497645001x | Water – West Chilton all | 197.57 |
| Northumbrian W 210036150044 | Water – West Chilton all | 39.08 |
| Northumbrian W 210036150026 | Water – West Chilton all | 110.92 |
| Northumbrian W 210036150017 | Water – Prospect Terrace all | 165.94 |
| Northumbrian W 210036150053 | Water – Hamilton Way all | 253.03 |
| Northumbrian W 210249200014 | Water - | 9.87 |
| 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 | 157.51 |

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| Visa Payment | | 559.20 |
| HSBC | Charges | 44.68 |
| Sedgefield Borough Council | CTC Staff Salaries | 5400 |
| 80011618 | | |
| Siemens 064-3104 | CCTV | 146.48 |
| Siemens 064-3313 | CCTV | 940.78 |
| Npower 79964403790 | Elect | 0.00 |
| BT VP83194270M00501 | Line | 306.36 |
| Npower 79159492840 | Elect | 397.68 |
| Zoom CCTV | CCTV maintenance | 0.00 |
| Society of Local Council Clerk | Subscription | 15.00 |
| Npower 79123628510 | Elect | 258.51 |
| Npower 79254798760 | Elect | 46.57 |
| Northumbria W 210036150071 | Water - | 131.13 |
| Northumbria W 210036150080 | Water - | 152.77 |
| K.V. Grounds Maintenance | Horticultural Contract | 6715 |
| British Gas 850003 | Hutton House | 29.00 |
| British Gas 850008 | Hutton House | 129.00 |

Total Income Received 8th April - 12th May 2008

| Date | Reference | Amount (£) |
|-------------|---|-------------------|
| 08/04/08 | Allotment | 117.00 |
| 09/04/08 | Cemetery | 86.00 |
| 09/04/08 | Allotment | 66.00 |
| 10/04/08 | Cemetery | 46.00 |
| 10/04/08 | Allotment | 85.00 |
| 11/04/08 | Allotment | 15.00 |
| 14/04/08 | Cemetery | 448.00 |
| 14/04/08 | Allotment | 68.00 |
| 17/04/08 | Allotment | 32.00 |
| 17/04/08 | Civic | 2.00 |
| 21/04/08 | Cemetery | 481.00 |
| 21/04/08 | Allotment | 43.50 |
| 22/04/08 | Cemetery | 86.00 |
| 22/04/08 | Donation - Christmas Lights | 4.00 |
| 23/04/08 | Allotment | 9.50 |
| 23/04/08 | Civic | 2.00 |
| 24/04/08 | Allotment | 30.00 |
| 24/04/08 | Civic | 4.00 |
| 25/04/08 | Cemetery | 452.00 |
| 25/04/08 | Allotment | 30.00 |
| 28/04/08 | Civic | 4.00 |
| 30/04/08 | Civic | 24.00 |
| 30/04/08 | Refund for Cllr M Errington for cancellation of charity night | 12.00 |
| 01/05/08 | Allotment | 17.00 |
| 02/05/08 | Allotment | 34.00 |
| 02/05/08 | Civic | 2.00 |
| 06/05/08 | Cemetery | 37.00 |
| 06/05/08 | Allotment | 34.00 |
| 06/05/08 | Civic | 4.00 |

07/05/08 Civic
09/05/08 Civic

32.00
509.00

Total 2816.00

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Correspondence for Action

A letter was received from the parents of Laura Reay highlighting her medical condition. Laura needs to travel to the world famous Peto Institute, Hungary. Laura's parents are asking as to whether the Town Council could make a financial donation towards her treatment. Members felt the need to offer some assistance and agreed a donation of £100.00

It was **RESOLVED** to accept the letter and donate a £100.00 towards Laura's treatment.

A change of banking mandate form was received from Co-operative Bank. The form was requested to change the signatories to include Councillors Walton and E. Bruce. Ex Councillors Dixon and Elliott are to be removed. The clerk asked all members to sign the mandate.

It was **RESOLVED** to change the banking mandate to include two new signatories Councillor Walton and Councillor E. Bruce. To remove Mr G. Elliott and Mrs L Dixon from the list of authorised signatories.

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Correspondence for Information

Various letters were received.

Meeting closed at 8.44 p.m.

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

Tuesday 10th June 2008 at 6.30 p.m.

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

Alan Bruce, Mayor

Date:.....