



CHILTON TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of Ordinary Meeting
Held at Hutton House,
Durham Road, Chilton on
Tuesday 8th April 2008
At 6.30 p.m.

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

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

Apologies: *G Attwood, L. Potts*

Clerk: *P. Gray*

Press: None

Public: Mr Taylor

**Minute
Ref:**

55 **Mayor/Chairman Remarks**

Councillor Errington welcomed all to the meeting.

56 **Declaration of Interest**

No member had any pecuniary interest in the agenda.

57 **Police Report**

Emailed Police report was given by the clerk. March/April 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 T.W.O.C	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
Number of Crimes (regarding above)	
Total Number of Incidents Reported	128

P.C Hall sent his apologies for non-attendance this evening.

There has been an increase in burglaries. The majority of these reports are in relation to persons breaking into empty terraced houses and stealing metal pipes, boilers etc. A local man and a youth have been arrested in connection to these.

An increase in thefts from motor vehicles has been noted, most of these have been taken in incidents on the industrial estate, however again the Police are urging people not to leave valuables in their vehicles overnight.

Rowdy nuisance incidents have increased this month possibly due to lighter evenings and neighbour disputes. We are increasing foot patrols in problem areas now.

PC Hall's report informs members of another addition to our team P.C.S.O Dan Blackwood who is working with him and Emma addressing issues in Chilton.

In response to concerns raised at a recent forum, problems with off road motorcycles in Chilton, has been made a local policing priority.

*It was **RESOLVED** to P.C. Hall's written report.*

Neighbourhood Warden – Kimberly

Councillor Walton asked Kimberly about the problem with the shows on the Chilton Workingmen Clubs car park regarding noise coming from the shows. Kimberly said she nothing about it.

Councillor Collinson reported heavy dog fouling going towards Rushyford.

Councillor Davies asked Kimberly whether any action is been taken against the youth identified smashing the Bus Shelter glass outside of the library. Again Kimberly knew nothing about this incident but would make enquiries.

It was **RESOLVED** to accept Kimberly's report.

58 **Minutes of Previous Meeting**

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

59 **Matters for Information**

No matters for information.

60 **Environmental Committee**

Allotments

Councillor Campbell asked whether extra orange markers could be installed at West Chilton Terrace allotment site, a number of pigeons and been killed flying into the overhead electric lines.

Councillor Campbell informed members that he had received numerous complaints about Mr Gedling's allotment. Other allotment holders are complaining about Mr Gedling dumping corn in his allotment attracting rats. Mr Gedling has received a number of letters from the Council about keeping his allotment tidy. Members said that if Mr Gedling is taking no action to correct the situation then his allotment agreement should be terminated.

*It was **RESOLVED** to accept the Councillors Campbell and Councillor Davies report. A letter to be sent advising Mr Gedling, that the Council are terminating his allotment agreement.*

Cemetery

The clerk reported a small number of incidents relating to removal of items such as toys and little teddy bears from graves. These items have been placed within the memorial garden. The clerk informed members that the Police and Sedgefield Borough have been notified of the incidents taken place.

A meeting will be organised for next week to discuss the memorial garden and for decisions to be made regarding pricing and to review the current cemetery fees.

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

Miners Welfare Recreation Ground

Nothing to report.

61 **Northumbria in Bloom**

Northumbria in Bloom are judging Chilton 9th April and will be meeting at Chilton at the cemetery 2.00 p.m.

Chilton in Bloom

Nothing to report.

The meeting was adjourned for public participation

62 **Public Participation 20 minutes**

Mr Taylor attended the meeting to complaint about the amount of dog litter around the town. He feels the area is becoming unsightly not only with dog fouling but litter too.

Mr Taylor recently visited the new play area at West Chilton Terrace with his young children only to find either dog dirt or human excrement on the climbing frame.

Members agreed that dog fouling in particular was becoming a big problem and that the Borough Council is fully aware of the Town Councils concerns. The Council thanked Mr Taylor for his comments.

The clerk informed Mr Taylor his comments would be acted on.

The meeting resumed after public participation

63 **Citizens Advice Bureau**

Councillor Turner informed members that a member of the CAB staff has been appointed business manager her name is Dawn

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

64 **Chilton Partnership**

Mrs Christine Heal (chair) and Ann Rutherford attended tonight's meeting to inform the Council of their plans/activities for the forthcoming year. Christine informed members that presently the partnership do not have a secretary or treasurer. The partnership is dormant until this is resolved

Christine informed members that two trips are organised for Saturday 28 June 2008 and 4th December Christmas Party.

The Partnership has received a grant to run a luncheon club but a venue is still to be confirmed. It is likely the old newsagents (snack attack) on Durham Road will be the location for running the luncheon club.

Councillor Walton enquired how long the grant (£2000) was available for the Luncheon Club, Christine informed members that it lasts until August 2008.

Councillor Turner asked how the Partnership will function without a secretary and treasurer. Christine said that CAVOS are going to help find suitable people for the positions of Treasure and Secretary.

Councillor Walton thinks the Partnership have a problem because of the lack of interest which is a shame.

It was agreed that the Council met again with the Partnership 10th June 2008.

It was **RESOLVED** to thank Christine and Ann's for their report.

65 **Staff Update**

Nothing to report.

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

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

The clerk informed members that the projected costs for 2008/09 are £7,200. There are concerns by members that the cameras have not been recording. The members felt that the continuing frustrations that unless there is a full report received that a letter be sent advising the Borough Council that Town Council will withdraw from the C.C.T.V system and will refuse any further payments.

It was **RESOLVED** to accept the clerks report and to send a letter to Sedgefield Borough Council advising them of the Town Council's position regarding any future C.C.T.V payments.

67 **South Downs Play Area**

Nothing to report.

68 **Finance & Planning Committee**

To accept the Finance & Planning Committee Report.

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

69 **Accounts for Payment – Financial Report**

The following payments were **authorised**;

Cheques for payment March/April 2008

		<i>Cheque No</i>	
Ground Works	Invoice	765	£1175.00
P. Gray	Mileage	766	£69.95
Xerox	Invoice	767	£256.95
Newsquest	Newsletter	768	£88.84
Chilton WMC	Invoice 17Feb/24Mar	769	£523.85
Wallace & Cameron	Invoice 12878	770	£63.55

KS & TW Hall	Group 2 fire	771	£213.29
Shaw & Son	Invoice 192478	772	£164.50
Thinford Nurseries	Invoice 7362	773	£552.25
James Fletcher	Invoice 26454 Table Hire	774	£149.65
T & I Bell	Invoice 8729 Civic Dinner	775	£1518.86
The Studio	Photographer Civic Dinner	776	£90.00
Cllr J.B. Turner	Expenses	777	£43.05
Advance Windows	New Windows Hutton H	778	£3328.55
Cllr B. Jones	Expenses	779	£6.36
K & M Print	Newsletter Print	780	£440.00
K Varley	Extra Graves (3)	781	£300.00
Chilton WMC	Sweets for civic dinner	782	£24.59
Sue's Florist	Flowers for civic dinner	783	£60.00
The Chapter	Advert issue 358	784	£24.00
Lyreco	Office supplies	785	£50.03

TOTAL EXPENDITURE = £9143.27

Direct Debits/Standing Orders March/April 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	65.21
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
Visa Payment		730.14
HSBC	Charges	44.68
Sedgefield Borough Council 80011618	Salaries	4000
Siemens 064-3104	CCTV	146.48
Siemens 064-3313	CCTV	940.78
Npower 79964403790	Elect	32.00
BT VP83194270M00501	Line	264.76
Npower 79159492840	Elect	327.86

Zoom CCTV	CCTV maintenance	0.00
Society of Local Council Clerk	Subscription	0.00
Npower 79123628510	Elect	0.00
Northumbria W 210036150071	Water -	131.13
Northumbria W 210036150080	Water -	152.77
K.V. Grounds Maintenance	Horticultural Contract	4837.80
British Gas 850003	Hutton House	29.00
British Gas 850008	Hutton House	129.00

Income received from 12th Mar to 8th April 2008

Date	Payment From	Reference	Amount (£)
09/01/08	White House Funeral Services	Fees Late Mr J McCormick	600.00
17/01/08	Gordon Fletcher & son	Memorial fees for late Jean Tutin	300.00
25/01/08	Co-op Funeral Service	Fees Late Mrs Margaret Ayre	300.00
08/02/08	Gordon Fletcher & son	Fees Late John Paul Tracy	226.00
22/01/08		Valentine's Day	20.00
23/01/08		Valentine's Day	4.00
24/01/08		Valentine's Day	36.00
25/01/08		Valentine's Day	8.00
27/01/08		Valentine's Day	108.00
28/01/08		Valentine's Day	32.00
29/01/08		Valentine's Day	8.00
04/02/08		Valentine's Day	8.00
31/01/08		Valentine's Day	8.00
04/02/08		Valentine's Day	24.00
05/02/08		Valentine's Day	12.00
06/02/08		Valentine's Day	32.00
08/02/08		Valentine's Day	40.00
11/02/08		Valentine's Day	60.00
12/02/08		Valentine's Day	24.00
09/01/08	Sedgefield Borough Council	Ref: 55003393	1445.00

Total 3295.00

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Correspondence for Action

- A letter was received Mrs McManners, the Councils solicitor regarding Chilton by- pass

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

- A letter from Durham Miners Heritage Group requesting a donation.

It was **RESOLVED** to receive the letter and the clerk to seek clarification regarding section 136 (donations)

Correspondence for Information

- A letter of thanks was received from Awards for All advising the approval of grant for the Gala Day of £4970.00
- A letter was received from Durham County Council advising of emergency road closure to the rear 1 - 3 Norman Terrace because of a burst water main.
- Letter was received from Stephen Hughes MEP responding to correspondence sent from the Town Council asking him from his views regarding the government’s decision not to hold a referendum on the Lisbon Treaty.

Meeting closed at 8.15 p.m.

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

Tuesday 8th May 2008 at 6.30 p.m.

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

Councillor Maureen Errington, Mayor

Date:.....