



CHILTON TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of Ordinary Meeting
Held at Hutton House,
Durham Road, Chilton on
Tuesday 11th September 2007
At 6.30 p.m.

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

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

Apologies:

Clerk: *P. Gray*

Press: None

Public:

01.09.07 **Mayor/Chairman Remarks**

Councillor Errington welcomed all to the meeting.

02.09.07 **Declaration of Interest**

No member had any pecuniary interest in the agenda.

03.09.07 **Police Report**

Emailed Police report was given by the clerk. 1st August to 31st August 2007

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	0
Drug/Substances Misuse	1
Criminal Damage	5
Rowdy/Nuisance Behaviour	11
Hate Crime	8
<i>Number of Crimes (regarding above)</i>	14
<i>Total Number of Incidents Reported</i>	168

Members were informed that Police Inspector Adrian Green has moved on and is being replaced by Inspector Bentham, who will be over seeing Ferryhill, Spennymoor and Chilton areas.

Councillor Lee informed members he was concern about vehicles speeding up and down Prospect Terrace/Arthur Street. The Police need to be showing a presence or a member of the public is going to be injured.

Neighbourhood Warden – Kimberly

Members informed Kimberly they weren't happy with the problem of illegal motorbikes racing around the streets in Chilton. This issue is raised at very Council meeting.

Kimberly said she cannot tackle illegal motorbikes this task is a police matter.

Kimberly informed members that there are a few problems with children playing in rear yards of empty properties.

*It was **RESOLVED** to accept the Police and Kimberly's report*

04.09.07 **Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The minutes of ordinary meeting held June 2007 were approved and signed as a correct record. Councillor Turner reported is name had been missed off the minutes. The clerk said he would amend the minutes to include Councillor Turner.

05.09.07 **Environmental Committee**

Allotments

Councillor Campbell informed members that the clerk had sent 3 letters to tenants, 2 to clean up their allotment plots and the other a tenancy termination.

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

Cemetery

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

Councillor Campbell informed members that the drain gully top outside of the cemetery is not repaired. The missing gully was reported 3 weeks ago. The clerk said he would contact Durham County Council's highways department as soon as possible.

*It was **RESOLVED** to accept Councillor's A. Bruce, E. Bruce and the clerks report.*

Miners Welfare Recreation Ground

Nothing to report.

06.09.07 **Northumbria in Bloom**

The clerk informed members that Chilton have won a Bronze Award for small town category. Members agreed a bronze was a little disappointing but are resolved to do better in 2008.

Chilton in Bloom

Councillor Bruce informed members that the memorial garden in the cemetery should be complete in the next few weeks. Work completed so far, importing and levelling of soil, concreted foundations for the water container. The Committee have received a quotation from David Clark for the supply and installation of paving within the memorial garden at £1200. The Chilton in Bloom committee have accepted the quotation. Thinford Nurseries have finished the ornamental railings. The railings are to be installed as soon as the paving is complete.

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

07.09.07 **Public Participation 20 minutes**

No members of the public attended.

08.09.07 **Citizens Advice Bureau**

Councillor Turner informed the members that he had not attended the last meeting of C.A.B. since his last report.

09.09.07 **Chilton Partnership**

Nothing to report.

10.09.07 **Staff Update**

Nothing to report.

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

Nothing to report.

12.09.07 **South Downs Play Area**

The clerk asked members to consider the removal play area at South Downs. The play equipment is of no play value except the swings, safety surfacing needs replacing at an estimated cost of £1800. The slide needed repairing last week at a cost of £90.00 and will need to be monitored as the metal is brittle. The proposed removal of equipment would be short term the clerk is seeking designs and quotations from 3 companies for a new modern play area. A new play site would utilise the entire grassed field with play equipment and landscaping.

Members said they had received complaints about the condition of site and agreed that all the equipment and fencing with the exception of the swings should be removed. Members expressed concerns about informing the community of these actions. The clerk said he will be putting up notices at the play site and notification in "the chapter" before any work is undertaken.

*It was **RESOLVED** to remove South Downs Play Area with the exception of the swings and seek funding for a new site.*

14.09.07 **Finance & Planning Committee**

Members agreed report.

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

15.09.07 **Accounts for Payment – Financial Report**

The following payments were **authorised**;

Cheques for Payment July, August, September 2007

		<i>Cheque No</i>	
A & S Taxis	Members taxis	651	£112.00
A & S Taxis	Members taxis	652	£60.00
J. B. Turner	Mileage claim	653	£111.90
C. Beattie	Christmas light storage	654	£84.60
NERO	Training for Cllr's E. Bruce M. Walton		
Sports Solution	Tennis court painting	656	£2483.01
The Chapter	Advertising	657	£24.00
J.B. Turner	Mileage claim	658	£42.80
Sedgefield B.C.	Invoices 27716, 35835, 36283	659	£6319.13
J.A Armatage	Preparation of Annual Accounts	660	£375.00
Zurich	Annual insurance premium	661	£6240.72
Malco	Cleaning supplies	662	£81.55
Chilton WMC	Refreshments, Keys cut	663	£38.23
Time Enterprises	Charlie Wayman Plaque	664	£80.00
John Wade	Skip hire inv: 149209, 151166	665	£501.01
Kay Henderson	Arts Project	666	£1000.00
ARUP	Arts site surveyor inv:229172	667	£1292.50
Macmillan Nurses	Ex Mayor J.B. Turner donation	668	£1729.95
Butterwick Hosp	Ex Mayor J.B. Turner donation	669	£1729.95
Automatic Retail	Tea & Coffee supplies	670	£138.13

SLCC	Clerk's conference	671	£505.25
G. Myers	Windows cleaned	672	£47.50
Lyreco	Office stationary	673	£89.85
G. E Cummins	Final payment flood lights	674	£10,778.50
P. Gray	Mileage claim/ Expenses	675	£139.20
Mrs V. Nelson	Key holder allowance	676	£100.00
Mrs A. Smith	Key holder allowance	677	£100.00

TOTAL EXPENDITURE = £33,836.28

Direct Debits/Standing Orders July, August, September 2007

<i>Payee</i>	<i>Purpose</i>	<i>Amount</i>
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 Tce 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		164.92
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	618.35
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 850003155463	Hutton House	82.50

Income received from 11th July 2007 to 11th September 2007

11/07/07	Co-op, F/Hill	Memorial fee for late Keith Walker	240.00
12/07/07	North East Granite	Headstone fee for late Chapman	172.00
12/07/07	Co-op, F/Hill	Memorial fee for late Stanley Garner	226.00
13/07/07		Allotment Rent	9.50
17/07/07	Cleveland Monumental	Memorial fee for late Keith Walker	172.00
17/07/07	Cleveland Monumental	Memorial fee for late Elizabeth Robson	30.00
24/07/07		Civic	10.50
25/07/07		Allotment Rent	34.00
25/07/07		Civic	7.00
26/07/07		Civic	7.00
31/07/07		Allotment Rent	34.00
31/07/07		Civic	14.00
02/08/07		Civic	7.00
03/08/07	A Hopper	Memorial fee for late Cecil Merrick Storey	172.00
03/08/07	North East Granite	Cemetery Fee for late Taylor	30.00
03/08/07		Civic	34.00
06/08/07	Co-op, Chester-le-Street	Memorial fee for late Thomas Callan	452.00
06/08/07		Civic	750.00
08/08/07		Civic	7.00
09/08/07		Civic	14.00
10/08/07		Civic	14.00
13/08/07		Civic	7.00
16/08/07	Keith Varley	Miners Welfare	100.00
20/08/07		Civic	7.00
22/08/07		Civic	7.00
22/08/07	Sedgefield Borough Council	LIP005Q2 07/08	23149.00
28/08/07		Civic	7.00
28/08/07	NEDL Wayleaves	Ref. 32436, T756, 60283	72.91
29/08/07		Civic	14.00
05/09/07		Civic	35.00
06/09/07		Civic	10.50
08/09/07		Civic	63.00
10/09/07	Co-op Funeral	Interment Earl Gibson F276 & F277	600.00
10/09/07		Civic	31.50
11/09/07		Civic	21.00

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14.09.07 **Correspondence for Action**

A letter was received from RSPCA requesting the use of a room within the Town Council offices for micro chipping of dogs and neutering. Members agreed to offer the free use of a room.

*It was **RESOLVED** to allow the RSPCA the use of room.*

A letter of invitation was received from Proludic to attend a play equipment seminar at Carlisle. The clerk said he would like to attend its free. Members thought it advantageous to invite members of the Partnership and West Chilton Residents to also attend the seminar.

*It was **RESOLVED** for the clerk and members of West Chilton Residents and Chilton Partnership to attend the seminar at Carlisle*

15.09.07 **Correspondence for Information**

Various letter were received.

Meeting closed at 8.35 p.m.

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

Tuesday 9th October 2007 at 6.30 p.m.

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

*Councillor Maureen Errington, **Mayor***

Date:.....