

CHILTON TOWN COUNCIL



Minutes of Ordinary Meeting
Held at Hutton House,
Durham Road, Chilton on
Tuesday 12th June 2007
At 6.30 p.m.

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

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

Apologies: *J.B. Turner*

Clerk: *P. Gray*

Press: None

Members of the Public:

01.06.07 **Deputy Mayor's Remarks**

Councillor Errington welcomed all to the meeting.

02.06.07 **Declaration of Interest**

No member had any pecuniary interest in the agenda.

03.06.07 **Police Report**

Police report was given by Police Community Support Officer, Emmer Foster.

Reported crimes this month are;

Chilton	
Dwelling House Burglary	1

Attempted House Burglary	0
Burglary Other	0
Violence Against Persons (Assault)	1
Theft of Motor Vehicle	0
Vehicle's T.W.O.C	0
Theft from Motor Vehicle	0
Attempted Theft from Motor Vehicle	0
Theft	6
Drug/Substances Misuse	1
Criminal Damage	7
Rowdy/Nuisance Behaviour	8
Racial Incident	0
Number of Crimes (regarding above)	15
Total Number of Incidents Reported	145
Total Numbers of Arrest(s)	?

Emmer reported that crime figures were down. The one report of criminal damage relates to a window broken at St. Aidan's Church. The Church seems to be having problems with teenagers hanging around the grounds. The Church will be monitored to try and prevent any further damage.

There was an incident at Ford Terrace involving alleged firearms. The Police Armed Response team were called but no firearms were found.

Councillor Lee asked whether Standalone Farm could be monitored. Recently a heavy goods vehicle delivering vehicles on a trailer damaged a large section of bird's mouth trip rail fencing to the front of Prospect Terrace. Vehicles using this access road are suspected of contravening planning permission. A dedicated road off the A688 services the farm for vehicular traffic. Emmer said she would investigate.

Councillor Campbell asked whether action could be taken against a man who lives on Durham Road, running business from his garage. People are complaining weekly about the repairing, selling and spraying of cars. There are complaints of foul language been used and cellulous fumes emanating from the garage when he is spraying cars. This issue was mention nearly 2 years ago to try and stop this activity. Emmer said she would also see what could be done regarding foul language this is classed anti social behaviour. The clerk said he had informed Sedgefield Borough Council's Environment Health section about this gentleman.

Councillor Potts informed Emmer and Kimberly of van regularly parking over the public footpath heading towards Rushyford, this unacceptable and needs addressing.

Councillor Jones asked Emmer about Police Dog Handlers exercising their dogs on the football playing fields, West Chilton Terrace at 6.30 am nearly every morning. The Town Council are trying to stop people exercising their dogs on these fields and allowing the police to exercise their dogs does not set a good example. Emmer said she would contact the dog section for them to seek alternative exercising areas.

Councillor Davies informed Kimberly that there continues to be a problem with vans parking overnight outside of Bell Stores, South Downs. Kimberly said she would investigate.

Neighbourhood Warden SBC - Kimberly Eleanor

Kimberly informed the members that the control centre had received 17 call in May concerning;

- 2 reports of vandalism
- 1 report of trespass
- 1 report of motorbikes
- 1 report of throwing items
- 4 reports of youths playing football
- 1 report of climbing
- 1 report of graffiti
- 3 reports of flying tipping
- 1 report of dog fouling
- 2 reports other

New play areas at West Chilton are having a few problems with children getting in on a night time and been abusive to the Groundsman.

Kimberly also informed the members of two traffic control days, monitoring vehicles for speeding. These operations have been successful with a number of drivers warned for speeding and issued with requests to produce their driving licence and insurance documents.

Statistics for Vehicles

- 41 vehicles travelling over 30 – 35 mph
- 12 vehicles travelling over 35 – 40 mph
- 06 vehicles travelling over 40 mph

Kimberly informed members that 1 fixed ticket was issued for dog fouling.

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

04.06.07 **Minutes of Previous Meeting**

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

Councillor E. Bruce informed members that A.G.M minutes sub committees list ex Councillor L. Dixon serving on Welfare Working Committee. The clerk said he would amend the minutes and to delete reference to this committee.

Member's agreed for the clerk to amend A.G.M. 2007 minutes.

Allotments

No meeting held due to local elections.

The clerk informed members that the problem with allotment 136 at West Chilton Allotment and the asbestos sheeting is now resolved. The cost of a skip for the asbestos was £240 and a further £23.00 to register the Town Council with the Environment Agency.

K.V. Varley supplied the labour to remove the asbestos material at no extra cost to the Council.

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

Cemetery

Councillor A. Bruce informed members there was nothing to report. The clerk informed members that he has notified The Chapter and The Northern Echo of works to be carried out in Chilton Cemetery. These works involve levelling up of grave tops, sowing grass seed and carrying out of risk assessments to headstones.

If in the course of carrying these assessments a headstone is deemed dangerous the Council's contractor will lay down the monument in the interests of Health & Safety. Headstones that are in need of maintenance the Council will try to contact family members to inform them of the required works needed. Obversely any kind of work to headstones needs to be handled in a dignified and respectful manner. The clerk informed members that over the next few months' assessments will take place and members would be fully briefed on progress and of any potential problems that may arise.

The clerk also informed members that he has placed an article in the Chapter and Northern Echo. This article informs members of the public that the Town Council are looking for funding and a suitable site for a War Memorial. Members are aware that the current memorial located at Memorial Cottages on Durham Road is dedicated to colliery workers from both Windlestone and Chilton collieries. Councillor Potts confirmed that the plaque at the Memorial Cottages was not a war memorial, contrary to popular believe.

Members agreed progress should be made in funding a War Memorial and identifying a suitable site.

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

Miners Welfare Recreation Ground

Nothing to report.

Northumbria judges are visiting Chilton on the 10th July 2007 at 10.00 a.m.

Chilton in Bloom

Councillor Bruce informed the members that a meeting was held at Chilton Cemetery between Mr A. Clayton and Chilton in Bloom committee to discuss the memorial garden. Mr Clayton can no longer complete the project and was requesting the final amount outstanding of over £3000 although the project is not complete. It was agreed by committee members and Mr Clayton to pay the difference from an independent valuation carried out by Sedgefield Borough Council of £5215.00. Mr Clayton had already received £4000 from the committee.

The clerk suggested to the full Council that he could take on the role of project manager for the Chilton in Bloom Committee. The Committee would retain monetary control over the project but the clerk could liaison between both parties to bring this scheme to an amicable conclusion.

It was **RESOLVED** to accept Councillor Bruce and the clerk's report. The Council agreed to allow the clerk to act as Project Manager of the memorial garden and to liaison with Chilton in Bloom committee.

07.06.07 **Citizens Advice Bureau**

CAB is cutting back sessions at Shildon, Trimdon and Spennymoor. Chilton remains the same. The current financial constraint facing the service means that the board of trustees will be reviewing the situation every 3 months.

08.06.07 **Chilton Partnership**

Councillor Walton reported that there is going to be a pensioner's trip on the 23rd May 2007. The last treasurer of the partnership is due to attend crown court end of June 2007 to answer charges of alleged fraud.

10.06.07 **Staff Update**

Nothing to report.

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

Nothing to report.

12.06.07 **Finance & Planning Committee**

Agreed Report

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

13.06.07 **Accounts for Payment – Financial Report**

The following payments were **authorised**;

Cheques for Payment

Chilton Partner	Repayment for Website	£835.00
G. Teesdale	Civic Dinner Photo's	£372.50

Cllr M. Errington	Mayor's Allowance	£800.00
Wallace & Cam	Cleansing Supplies	£142.50
Keith Bailey	Civic Photo's	£462.50
Sedgefield BC	Recharges	£23.95
Allotment Ass	Annual Subscription	£58.75

TOTAL EXPENDITURE = £2695.20

Direct Debits/Standing Orders April/May

Payee	Purpose	Amount
TSB	Loan	0.00
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	System	199.76
Northumbrian W 22497645001x	Water – West Chilton all	0.00
Northumbrian W 210036150044	Water – West Chilton all	0.00
Northumbrian W 210036150026	Water – West Chilton all	0.00
Northumbrian W 210036150017	Water – Prospect Tce all	0.00
Northumbrian W 210036150053	Water – Hamilton Way all	0.00
Sedgefield Borough Council 052587	Rates – Hutton House	73.00
Sedgefield Borough Council 159612	Rates	275.00
Sedgefield Borough Council 161150	Rates	80.70
HFGL Limited 528446/001		0.00
PB Purchase Power	Postage	0.00
Visa Payment		0.00
HSBC	Charges	44.68
Sedgefield Borough Council 80011618	Salaries	0.00
Siemens 064-3104	CCTV	0.00
NPower 79964403790	Elect	32.00
BT Retail 00198623/001	Line	0.00
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 -	0.00
Northumbria W 210036150080	Water -	0.00
K.V. Grounds Maintenance	Horticultural Contract	6047.25

Income received from 10th May 2007 to 12th June 2007

Date	Payment From	Reference	Amount (£)	Payment Method	Receipt No.	
10.05.07	Mrs E. Patchett	Supply cherry tree to Chilton Cemetery	32.00	Cheque	517	Cemetery
31.05.07	Cleveland Monumental	Head Stone Ivy Walker	86.00	Cheque	518	
04.06.07	Co-op Funeral	Keith Lonsdale E287	452.00	Cheque	519	

11.05.07	Mr P Gray	Building Materials	97.87	CP	642	Allotments
11.05.07	Mr Morley	Yearly rent (120 - WCT) - double payment	34.00	Cash	643	
15.05.07	Lisa Boswell	Yearly rent (211 WCT)	17.00	Cash	644	
25/05/07	Cllr B. Turner	Photographs	58.50	Cheque	507	Recreation
11/06/07	Lloyds Registrars	Sale of ordinary shares	3106.03	Cheque	508	

Total £3,883.40

14.06.07 Correspondence for Action

No correspondence for action was received.

15.06.07 Correspondence for Information

A letter was received Durham County Council given permission to install an arch outside of Play Area at West Chilton Terrace.

A letter was received from Preston North End responding to a letter sent from the Town Council requesting a donation. This request was for a financial assistance towards a "Charlie Wayman Arch" to be installed outside of the football playing fields. Preston have sent a cheque for £250.00

A letter was received from ex Councillor Lily Dixon thanking the Council for the present and hospitably shown to her. She was too emotional to speak on the night. She wished the Council every success for the future and she would like to help in any future projects the Council may have.

Meeting closed at 8.35 p.m.

Next Town Council Meeting to be held at Hutton House, Durham Road

Tuesday 10th July 2007 at 6.30 p.m.

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

Councillor Maureen Errington, Mayor

Date:.....