

# CHILTON TOWN COUNCIL



Minutes of Ordinary Meeting  
Held at Hutton House,  
Durham Road, Chilton on  
Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2007  
At 6.30 p.m.

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

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

**Apologies:**

**Clerk:** *P. Gray*

**Press:** None

**Members of the Public:**

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## 01.05.07    **Deputy Mayor's Remarks**

Councillor Errington welcomed all to the meeting. Councillor Errington thanked the members for electing her to be Mayor for the forthcoming year. Councillor Errington also gave a special welcome to two newly elected members to the Council Councillor's E. Bruce and M. Walton.

Councillor Errington also thanked ex Councillor's George Elliott and Lily Dixon for their service to Chilton spanning over 40 years combined and wished them well.

The Mayor's nominated charities are Great North Air Ambulance Service and British Heart Foundation.

## 02.05.07    **Declaration of Interest**

No member had any pecuniary interest in the agenda.

03.05.07 **Police Report**

No police report given.

**Neighbourhood Warden SBC - Kimberly Eleanor**

Apologies from Kimberly she was unable to attend tonight's meeting.

04.05.07 **Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The minutes of ordinary meeting held 10<sup>th</sup> April 2007 were approved and signed as a correct record.

05.05.07 **Environmental Committee**

**Allotments**

Councillor Campbell informed members that Mr Tindale is no longer a tenant. There is however a problem with the allotment (136 West Chilton Terrace) in that there is white asbestos roofing sheets on one of the sheds. The new tenant wants to demolish the shed as it is in a poor condition. Councillor Campbell informed the members that to remove this asbestos will be expensive, and although white asbestos is not particularly dangerous unlike blue asbestos it still requires special protection for operatives to remove it from the shed and disposal of safely. Members asked Councillor Campbell and the clerk to investigate the costs and to find the cheapest safest solution to this problem.

Councillor A Bruce informed the members that is a problem with allotments at Prospect Terrace site. Some parts of allotment fencing adjoining Mrs Surtees's field. Councillor A. Bruce is concerned about a potential danger from horses accessing the allotments either injuring themselves or property. It was agreed by members that a letter be sent to Mrs Surtees kindly requesting her to repair the fence.

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

**Cemetery**

Councillor A. Bruce informed members that Cemetery Committee need to amend regulations regarding fees relating to families paying double fees if family members have been living outside of Chilton for 6 months or more and died.

Recently a family member died while living in a home outside of Chilton the family was asked to pay the increased fee due to Council regulations. It was felt by the Cemetery Committee that fee was not appropriate in this case and the lady in question had lived in Chilton all her life. She became ill and was cared for in a nursing home outside of Chilton. Members agreed this was the correct action to take and recommended the changes to the regulations reflecting this case.

It was also noted that residents of Guardian Nursing Home next to the Council Offices should be classed as residents of Chilton after 2 years and pay the normal burial fees if family members are seeking their internment in Chilton Cemetery.

It was **RESOLVED** to accept Councillor A. Bruce's report and to amend the burial regulations.

**Miners Welfare Recreation Ground**

Nothing to report.

06.05.07 **Northumbria in Bloom**

Councillor Attwood said she would like to see the coal tubs and when would Chilton in Bloom Competition.

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

**Chilton in Bloom**

Councillor E. Bruce said that she had been in touch with Mr A. Clayton regarding the completion of the memorial garden project. Mr Clayton now says he is in a position to complete the project.

07.05.07 **Citizens Advice Bureau**

Councillor Turner reiterated comments made at the previous Council meeting at CAB are working with reduced finances because of funders withdrawing support. Although this is putting a stain on the service, this will be monitored.

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

08.05.07 **Chilton Partnership**

Councillor Turner said he had not attended but Councillor Attwood had. Councillor Attwood attended and informed the members that the Partnership held an event called the "Good Old Days". The Partnership raised £530 to go towards disabled children's fund. Councillor Attwood said it was an extremely good night.

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

09.05.07 **Land Sale Update**

The clerk reported he was expecting Sedgefield Borough's valuation report regarding the strip of land requested by Lord Eldon's Estate. This report should be delivered Friday coming.

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

10.05.07 **Staff Update**

Nothing to report.

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

The clerk informed the members that Chilton T.C. CCTV operations are fine. The 2 CCTV cameras in the "Park" have not operated for approximately 3-4 months. This was due to deterioration of cabling, this will be resolved in the next week with installation of 250 metres of new cabling.

The Borough Council have now installed the concrete base for the new camera just off the roundabout on the verge leading to the Cemetery. The camera should be operational by mid June 2007.

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

12.05.07 **Complaints Panel**

The clerk informed members that he had received a letter of complaint from Mr Jones of MITIE landscapes. Mr Jones is unhappy with the lack of response from his previous letters concerning why MITIE had not been awarded the grounds maintenance contract although his company was the cheapest.

The clerk has replied to this letter and is awaiting a response. If Mr Jones continues with his complaint then clerk will call a meeting of the complaints panel to determine any action. Mr Jones was informed that as per the contract specifications the Council is not bound to accept the lowest tender submitted.

It was **RESOLVED** to accept the clerk's report await further information from MITIE.

13.05.07 **Accounts for Payment – Financial Report**

The following payments were **authorised**;

**Cheques for Payment**

<b>R. Jobs</b>	Civic Dinner Catering	£2553.86
<b>County Durham Ass</b>	Annual Fees	£375.61
<b>G. Myers</b>	Windows Cleaned	£9.50
<b>Group 2</b>	Fire Extinguisher maintenance	£170.98
<b>G &amp; A Consultancy</b>	End of Contract. Final payment	£5573.54
<b>M. Dawes</b>	Monies raised from auction	£543.00
<b>BOC Limited</b>	Balloons for Civic Dinner And Valentines Night	£114.54
<b>Northumbrian Water</b>	Cemetery charges	£9.76
<b>Post Office Counters</b>	Tax owed to the Inland Revenue	£9.62
<b>Lanchester Wines</b>	Wine and Spites for Civic Dinner	£362.96
<b>Glasdon</b>	Bench seat for Mrs Bradshaw	£872.87

**TOTAL EXPENDITURE = £10,596.24**

**Direct Debits/Standing Orders April/May**

<b>Payee</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Amount</b>
<b>British Gas</b>	Heating Hutton House	<b>0.00</b>
<b>British Gas</b>	Heating New office ext	<b>0.00</b>
<b>TSB</b>	Loan	<b>877.89</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>123.00</b>

<b>B.T. WM34853285Q022</b>	Land line	<b>114.97</b>
<b>B.T. Contract Rental</b>	System	<b>199.76</b>
<b>Northumbrian W 22497645001x</b>	Water – West Chilton all	<b>212.72</b>
<b>Northumbrian W 210036150044</b>	Water – West Chilton all	<b>51.70</b>
<b>Northumbrian W 210036150026</b>	Water – West Chilton all	<b>256.97</b>
<b>Northumbrian W 210036150017</b>	Water – Prospect Tce all	<b>444.12</b>
<b>Northumbrian W 210036150053</b>	Water – Hamilton Way all	<b>532.51</b>
<b>Sedgefield Borough Council 052587</b>	Rates – Hutton House	<b>71.00</b>
<b>Sedgefield Borough Council 159612</b>	Rates	<b>298.00</b>
<b>HFGL Limited 528446/001</b>		<b>260.43</b>
<b>PB Purchase Power</b>	Postage	<b>156.52</b>
<b>Visa Payment</b>		<b>623.43</b>
<b>HSBC</b>	Charges	<b>44.68</b>
<b>Sedgefield Borough Council 80011618</b>	Salaries	<b>4000.00</b>
<b>Siemens 064-3104</b>	CCTV	<b>0.00</b>
<b>NPower 79964403790</b>	Elect	<b>6.00</b>
<b>BT Retail 00198623/001</b>	Line	<b>25.43</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>13.40</b>
<b>Npower 79123628510</b>	Elect	<b>103.41</b>
<b>Northumbria W 210036150071</b>	Water -	<b>281.87</b>
<b>Northumbria W 210036150080</b>	Water -	<b>421.98</b>
<b>K.V. Grounds Maintenance</b>	Horticultural Contract	<b>4837.80</b>

### Income received from 10<sup>th</sup> April 2007 to 9<sup>th</sup> May 2007

09/05/2007	Mrs Bradshaw	Bench	550.00	Cheque	505
		Peppercorn rent for use of room at Hutton			
09/05/2007	Cllr G. Attwood	House	2.00	Cash	506
17.04.07	M. Dawes	1 x Civic Dinner	17.00	Cash	581
17.04.07	M. Dawes	Auction Prize Money for Redworth Hall	75.00	Cheque	582
	P. Gray/Cll B. Turner	Monies Raised at Civic Dinner	1322.00	Cash	583
12.04.07	Mr B Hewitt	Yearly Rent (80 pt)	15.00	Cash	619
12.04.07	Mr R Bowes	Yearly Rent (48 pt)	15.00	Cash	620
13.04.07	Mr Bruce	Yearly Rent (87 & 88 Prospect Tce)	30.00	Cash	621
13.04.07	Mr Hubery	Yearly Rent (210 wct)	17.00	Cash	622
13.04.07	Mrs Horn	Yearly rent (132 wct)	17.00	Cash	623
17.04.07	Mr J. Walker	Yearly rent (68 + 69 Prospect Tce)	30.00	Cash	624
17.04.07	Mrs D. Williams	Yearly rent (192 WCT)	17.00	Cash	625
17.04.07	Cllr E Campbell	Allotment internal fencing	30.00	Cash	626
17.04.07	Mr J. Simpson	Yearly rent (92 + 93 Prospect Tce)	30.00	Cash	627
17.04.07	Mr J. Miller	Yearly rent (107 WCT)	17.00	Cash	628
18.04.07	Mr Denham	101+102 wct	30.00	Cash	629
20.04.07	Mr P. Gray	Building Materials	127.52	CP	630
20.04.07	Mr R Elliott	Yearly rent (54 Prospect Tce)	15.00	Cheque	631
23.04.07	Mr Dowson	Yearly rent (146 & 147 WCT)	31.00	Cash	632
23.04.07	Mr Dowson	Yearly rent (146 & 147 WCT)	3.00	Cash	633
23.04.07	Mr E Coles	Yearly rent (70 Prospect Tce)	15.00	CP	634
24.04.07	Mr Blair	Yearly rent (57 Prospect Tce)	15.00		635
25.04.07	Mr Keenan	Yearly Rent (66PT)	15.00	Cash	636
25.04.07	Mr Ramsey	Yearly Rent (71pt)	15.00	Cash	637
26.04.07	Mr Pike	Yearly Rent (134 & 135 WCT)	34.00	Cash	638

26.04.07	Mr Thompson	Yearly Rent (119 WCT)	17.00	Cash	639
03.05.07	Cllr L Potts	Yearly Rent (11HW)	15.00	Card	640
04.05.07	Mrs L. Jones	Yearly Rent (136 WCT) - double payment	34.00	CP	641
19.04.07	Mr&Mrs Hodgson	Purchase plot's E296 & E297	148.00	Cash	515
23.04.07	Gordon Fletcher & son	Memorial fee for late Elizabeth Robson	152.00	Cheque	516
10.05.07	Mrs E Patchett	Supply cherry tree to Chilton Cemetery	32.00	Cheque	517
<b>Total</b>			<b>2882.52</b>		

13.04.07 **Correspondence for Action**

No correspondence for action was received.

14.04.07 **Correspondence for Information**

Various correspondences were received.

Meeting closed at 8.40 p.m.

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

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2007 at 6.30 p.m.**

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

*Councillor Maureen Errington, Mayor*

**Date:**.....