



# CHILTON TOWN COUNCIL

## Mayor Cllr. P. Malpas

**Minutes of a meeting of Chilton Town Council**  
held at Hutton House, Chilton, County Durham, on  
Tuesday 14th November 2023.

**Chairman:** *Councillor P. Malpas (Mayor)*

**Present:** *E. Bruce, J. Cairns, P. Herbert, V. Collinson, C. Kipling, M. Young, S. Sutherland.*

**In attendance:** Mr. J. Robinson Town Clerk

**Members of the public:** no members of the public present

*On behalf of the Council the Mayor welcomed Cllr. C. Kipling to her first meeting.*

### **FC118.0/23. APOLOGIES**

Cllr. A. Bruce (ill health), M. Young (work commitments), L. Rundle (family commitments),  
Cllr. J. Houlihan (holiday)

### **FC119.0/23 DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

No declaration of interests made.

### **FC120.0/23 MEMBER DISPENSATION**

None required.

### **FC121.0/23 MAYORS REPORT**

Cllr. P. Malpas advised members of the following: -

- A. On behalf of the Council and residents she wished it to be minuted Chilton's Best Wishes to H.M. King Charles III on this his 75<sup>th</sup> birthday
- B. She had participated in Chilton Academy Halloween walk with the children.
- C. She thanked everyone who had assisted in the Firework evening, it had been extremely successful and well received by the residents.
- D. She had attended a coffee morning arranged to thank the ladies who made the poppies and to thank the village veterans of which a number attended. Everyone then joined her in marking the Armistice 2 minutes silence.

- E. A very successful and well attended Remembrance Service was held on the 12<sup>th</sup> November 2023.
- F. She had taken the toys/get well cards on behalf of Junior Council to the little boy ill in the village.

### **FC122.0/23 COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT**

Cllr. J. Cairns informed members of the following:

- a. There was no Council in November the next will be held December.
- b. She had been busy dealing with individual resident issues.
- c. She is Attending the Fire Authority Away Day to look at 2024 Budget.
- d. She referred to local planning issues she had been dealing with

### **FC123.03 MINUTES OF FULL COUNCIL HELD 10<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2023**

Cllr. P. Malpas proposed, seconded by Cllr. P. Herbert the minutes, with an alteration to reference FC98.0/23 that the Junior Football had provided finance and did not provide the Letter to Heaven Box. On put to the vote the minutes and recommendations were carried.

### **FC124.0/23 MINUTES OF SPECIAL COUNCIL HELD 7<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2023**

The minutes and recommendations were proposed by Cllr. E. Bruce, seconded by Cllr. V. Collinson and agreed.

### **FC125.0/23 MINUTES OF ALLOTMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON 16<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2023**

The minutes and recommendations were proposed Cllr. S. Sutherland, seconded by Cllr. P. Malpas and agreed.

### **FC126.0/23 CORRESPONDENCE**

The Mayor advised she had received a letter of resignation from Cllr. A. Bruce on health grounds. All members expressed best wishes for him in the future. It was agreed to arrange a social event and gift to thank him for his 25 years' service to the Council.

Town Clerk to advise Returning Officer of the Vacancy and commence normal advertising procedure.

### **FC127.0/23 PLANNING**

Members considered the following applications and raised no objections to either:

- a. DM/23/03121/FPA Mr and Mrs Kent
- b. DM/23/03285/FPA

### **FC128.0/23 BUDGET SETTING PROGRAMME**

Town Clerk advised members the 2024/25 budget setting process has begun. Committees at their next meeting will be discussing their individual requirements and fees for 24/25. The draft budget will be presented at the December meeting and final decision in January 2024. If any

increase is agreed in allotment fees it will not come into force till April 2025. He also advised the interim internal audit had been completed and no issues highlighted.

**FC129.0/23 HUNTING**

Members were advised several of them have received emails in respect of alleged foxhunting in Chilton. It was proposed Cllr. S. Sutherland seconded Cllr. V.Collinson that no form of hunting in any form be allowed on Chilton Town Council owned land. This was carried.

**FC130.0/23 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

To be held on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2023.

Signed:

Mayor of Chilton  
12<sup>th</sup> December 2023