



CHILTON TOWN COUNCIL

Mayor Cllr. P. Malpas

Minutes of a meeting of Chilton Town Council
held at Hutton House, Chilton, County Durham, on
Tuesday 9th January 2024

Chairman: *Councillor P. Malpas (Mayor)*

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

In attendance: Mr. J. Robinson Town Clerk, Mr. D. Shingleton Accountant.

Members of the public: 1 member of the public present

FC150.0/23. APOLOGIES

K. Hornsby (family commitments), C. Kipling (family commitments)

FC151.0/23 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

M. Young, planning due to relationship with applicant.

FC152.0/23 MEMBER DISPENSATION

None required.

FC153.0/23 MAYORS REPORT

Cllr. P. Malpas advised she had no report to give due to holiday season.

FC154.0/23 COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT

Cllr. J. Cairns informed members of the following:

- a. The Full County Council meeting is to be held on 24th January 2024
- b. The next meeting of Durham and Darlington Fire Authority is to be held on 29th January 2024.
- c. South Durham Planning has been cancelled due to no applications referred to Committee

FC155.03 MINUTES OF FULL COUNCIL HELD 12TH DECEMBER 2023

Cllr. S.Sutherland proposed, seconded by Cllr. V.Collinson and agreed, the minutes and recommendations contained therein.

FC156.0/23 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No issues were raised.

FC157.0/23 PRECEPT AND ANNUAL BUDGET FOR CIVIC YEAR 2024/25

The Town Clerk and Mr. D. Shingleton presented the annual report regarding the new civic year. Members discussed issues within the final draft budget. Cllr. J. Cairns proposed an increase of £5000 for the grant to Chilton Miners Welfare to assist them in the coming year. Cllr. E.Bruce asked how much this additional £5000 would add to the precept. The Clerk advised an additional 2%. Several members spoke in favour of a 1-year increase and the need to support the Charity and its facilities.

A named vote was requested on this issue. Cllr. J. Cairns proposed, Cllr. V.Collinson seconded that an additional £5000 be added to the grant, bringing it to £33,000 for this one year. This was carried for 5 votes, 3 against.

FOR:- Cllrs. J. Cairns, V.Collinson, S.Sutherland, P.Herbert, M.Young

AGAINST:- Cllrs. E.Bruce, P.Malpas, J.Houlihan.

This was added to the proposed budget and final draft presented to members. Cllr. S.Sutherland proposed, seconded Cllr. J.Cairns the substantive budget be approved and a precept figure of £290,109 be agreed. This was carried 7 votes for and 1 abstention. (Report attached to minutes)

FC158.0/23 CORRESPONDENCE

- A. ESH Civils advising of 5 days road closure in front of Hutton House commencing 15th January 2024.
- B. Notice of Vacancy Chilton Town Council closing date 25th January 2024.
- C. Report on incident reported by CTC to County Council.

FC159.0/23 PLANNING

The following planning applications were approved for no comment:

DM/23/03811/FPA 8The Crescent two storey extension
DM/23/03484/FPA The Woodlands loft conversion

Cllr. M.Young declared n interest and took no part in the debate or discussions.

FC160.0/23 MONTHLY ACCOUNT RECONCILIATION

Town Clerk presented Decembers accounts, and these were approved proposed Cllr. J.Cairns and seconded Cllr. S.Sutherland

FC161.0/23 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

To be held on Tuesday 13th February 2024

Signed:

Mayor of Chilton
13th February 2024.