



CHILTON TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Chilton Town Council Policy and Resources
held at Hutton House, Chilton, County Durham, on
Tuesday 23rd January 2024.

Chairman: *Councillor P.Malpas,*

Present: *E. Bruce, V.Collinson, J.Houlihan, K.Hornsby, C.Kipling*

In attendance:- Mr. J. Robinson Town Clerk

Members of the public: No members of the public present

PR51.0/23. APOLOGIES

Cllr. J. Cairns (family issues), M.Young (work) P.Herbert (holiday)

PR52.0/23 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Nil.

PR53.0/23 MEMBER DISPENSATION

None.

PR54.0/23 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

PR55.0/23 MINUTES OF DECEMBER MEETING

No issues were raised by members.

PR56.0/23 ANNUAL TOWN ASSEMBLY

It was agreed to hold the meeting Tuesday 7th May 2024 in St. Aidan's Church Hall. It was also noted PCC Election to take place 2nd May 2024 and Hutton House will be a polling station.

PR57.0/23 SCHOOL PLAYGROUND

Members unanimously agreed to enter into negotiations with DCC to renew the lease for a further period of time extending it from current 2025. It was also agreed to enter into discussions re the lease on the old school field due to be renewed in 2025.

PR58.0/23 ELECTION OF CDALC PRESIDENT

Agreed at this time not to vote for either candidate as no detailed information was available on either candidate.

PR 59.0/23 REPORT ON COMMUNITY GROUPS

The Town Clerk gave a report on the current community groups operating from Hutton House. Training for volunteers to work with the new credit union to take place shortly. Report accepted.

PR60.0/23 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

Cllr. S.Sutherland proposed seconded by Cllr. V.Collinson to exclude press and public from the remainder of the meeting due to the nature of the business to be discussed. This was carried.

PR61.0/23 LIVIN GARAGES

It was agreed to arrange a meeting with LIVIN to take forward the garage transfer agreement. Cllrs. P.Malpas and V.Collinson declared an interest and took no part in the proceedings.

PR62.0/23 DISPUTED LAND

Members noted the request from our solicitors to extend the work being undertaken by our expert witness Mr. J. Wallis and for him to provide a Section 35 statement for the court. This fee will be £1500. It was proposed Cllr. J.Houlihan seconded by Cllr. S.Sutherland and agreed to undertake this action. Town Clerk agreed to bring to next Committee a breakdown of current spend on legal fees for this dispute.

PR63.0/23 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

To be held Tuesday 27th February 2024 following Cemetery Committee in Hutton House.

Signed: -

Mayor of Chilton
13th February 2024