



CHILTON TOWN COUNCIL

Mayor Cllr. P. Malpas

Minutes of a meeting of Chilton Town Council
held at Hutton House, Chilton, County Durham, on
Tuesday 8th August 2023.

Chairman: *Councillor P. Malpas (Mayor)*

Present: *E. Bruce, J. Cairns, P. Herbert.*

In attendance: Mr. J. Robinson Town Clerk

Members of the public: no members of the public present

FC71.0/23. APOLOGIES

Cllr. A. Bruce (ill health), M. Young (work commitments), K. Hornsby (family), Cllr. J. Houlihan (family matters), Cllr. S. Sutherland (family issues)

FC72.0/23 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Cllrs. E. Bruce in respect of banner committee

FC73.0/23 MEMBER DISPENSATION

None.

FC74.0/23 MEMORIAL TESTING REPORT

The Town Clerk advised all 1300 headstones had now been topple tested and unfortunately 96 had failed and been laid down, a further 2 failed but remained standing. The cost of the inspection being £3800. Those that failed will need to be inspected once re-erected in 4 years' time remainder in 5 years. All those that had failed had a formal note asking owners to contact Town Clerk for further details. Cllr. J. Cairns asked if an article could go into The Chapter and on social media advising of Councils actions and this was agreed.

FC75.0.23 ASSET VALUATION

Town Clerk presented a report from Gallagher Council Insurers showing the estimated value of Council site, and their recommendation for the Council to have the assets revalued. The cost for all sites including Charity is £560. It was proposed Cllr. J. Cairns seconded by Cllr. E. Bruce and carried to commission Gallagher Insurance to have all Assets valued, CTC cost to be £280 and Charity £280.

FC76.0/23 MINERS BANNER GROUP

Town Clerk reported to members in 2022/23 Council had agreed to support the banner group via a community grant of £500 towards their road closure. In 2023/24 members agreed a similar £500 grant. The invoices for both years have just been received and the cost is £450 more than this. Members discussed the issue and felt it was unfair to pass this onto the banner group as they may not have factored it into their budget. It was proposed Cllr. J. Cairns seconded Cllr. P. Malpas and agreed to cover this excess cost from Council funds under the community grant heading and to advise the banner group that future road closure's must be done by themselves with a possible grant from Council. This to be a one-off gesture only and not to be seen as setting future precedents for any organisation/group.

Cllr. E. Bruce declared an interest, remained in the meeting but took no part in the item.

FC77.0/23 2023 FUN DAY

Cllr. P. Malpas reported on the actions taken in cancelling the event. The actions were agreed, and members noted the loss of a free fun day to the young people. It was agreed to transfer the booked entertainers to the Chilton Day and allocate these costs to Fun Day budget, so the young people of the village do not lose out.

FC78.0/23 CHILTON DAY 2023

Town Clerk gave a report to members on the first Chilton Day, combining Gala, Chilton Show and Dog Show into 1 event. Members noted the report.

FC78.0/23 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

To be held on 12th September 2023 at 6pm

Signed: -

Mayor of Chilton
12th September 2023