



# CHILTON TOWN COUNCIL

## **Minutes of the Chilton Town Assembly**

held at Hutton House, Chilton, County Durham, on  
Tuesday 12 May 2026 at 6.00pm

**Chair:** Councillor S. Reece (Mayor)

**Present:** Councillor P. Malpas (Deputy Mayor), Councillor D. Bright, Councillor E. Bruce, Councillor D. English

**In attendance:** C. Llewelyn, Town Clerk

### **1. To receive apologies of absence**

Apologies were received from Town Councillors R. Hirst, M. Smith, S. Zapert; and from County Councillor Bowron.

### **2. To receive any Declaration of Interest on any agenda item**

None received.

### **3. To approve the Minutes of the Annual Town Assembly held on 13 May 2025**

Councillor Bruce proposed the minutes be accepted as a true record, seconded by Councillor English. All agreed.

### **4. Annual Report by Mayor Councillor S. Reece of Chilton Town Council**

Mayor Councillor Reece thanked Town Councillors for their support, and expressed thanks to Councillor Malpas as Deputy Mayor, Councillor Bruce as her Consort for the year, Councillor English as Deputy Chair of the Miners Welfare Trust, and Councillor Bright for her role as Vice Chair, chairing some meetings of the Allotments, Open Spaces and Cemetery Committee.

Mayor Councillor Reece thanked members of the public who generously donated to the Mayor's Fund. She said this is much appreciated and showed the generosity of Chilton residents.

## **5. Annual Accounts for the Civic Year 2024 to 2025**

The Town Clerk said that the Town Council Annual Accounts for the year 2024 to 2025 were audited without any comments on the Annual Governance Return and are available on the Town Council's website to view.

The Town Clerk advised that at 31 March 2026 the Town Council had a balance of £192,707, of which £65,537 was earmarked reserves.

All agreed the Annual Accounts for the Civic Year 2024 to 2025 and the update from the Town Clerk were received.

## **6. County Councillor Report**

County Councillor Bowron had sent apologies for the meeting. The Town Clerk passed on his written report.

All agreed the report from County Councillor Bowron was received.

## **7. Other Reports**

None received.

## **8. Items raised by members of the public**

No items were raised.

## **9. Date of next meeting Tuesday 11 May 2027**

The next meeting date is agreed as Tuesday 11 May 2027.

Meeting closed at 6.06pm

Signed:

Mayor of Chilton

Date: