

**CHAPEL AND HILL CHORLTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held on
TUESDAY 12th February 2019 at 7:30pm**

Present:

Councillors: Mrs V Follwell. (Chairman), C. Follwell, P. Hunt, R. Montague, J. Neal, D. Sant.
Borough Councillor D. Harrison,

021.02/19 To receive apologies for absence.

Parish Councillors, P. Mayer,

022.02/19 To receive Councillors declarations of Pecuniary Interest in items on the agenda.

None were declared.

023.02/19 Public Participation:

There were no members of the public present.

024.02/19 To consider approving and signing the minutes of the last regular meeting held on 8th January 2019.

The minutes from 8th January 2019 were confirmed as a true record and signed.

025.02/19 To consider matters arising from the minutes not included elsewhere on the agenda.

a. Official complaint had been lodged with SCC. And a reply was anticipated. In the meantime the Parish Council was grateful to the volunteer who had carried out some of the clearing work on the pavement, but were disappointed that the work had not been carried out by the Highways Authority in SCC.

b. Coombsdale-there had been no further updates-Clerk to chase **Clerk** further.

c. Local Council Award Scheme-the Clerk had not been able to submit the application as the link pages to NBC web site showing members pecuniary interests were no longer functional. Once this had been resolved the application would be made.

026.02/19 Borough and County Councillor Reports.

1. Borough:

- Chief Executive-Martin Hamilton took up his new post last week (4 February) and has been busy meeting members of staff, elected members and representatives from partner organisations.
- Brexit-NBC is working with partners in the Staffordshire Local Resilience Forum in preparation for Britain's departure from the European Union.A meeting is also to take place in the near future of relevant officers from the Council who have been asked to undertake scenario planning for Britain's departure from the European Union.
- Budget-Cabinet considered detailed proposals on 6 February for how a new "pump priming" fund for Newcastle-under-Lyme will be used to boost council services and drive the borough forward.
- Plans for the £304,000 "Borough Growth Fund" were discussed at the meeting together with revenue and capital budgets for the year ahead.
- The Revenue and Capital Budgets for 2019/20 will now go to Full Council on 20 February for final approval.
- Recycling and waste-More than 10,500 households have now paid the £36 subscription for the Council's chargeable garden waste

service which got under way on 11 February. The first Garden waste collection in Hill and Chapel Chorlton will on Friday 22nd February. The follow up collections will be on 8th & 22nd March and 5th April.

- Air Quality Ministerial Direction
 - The Council has been updated on further work required by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA) to tackle air quality issues in North Staffordshire. Now, the two local councils are considering a Local Air Quality Development Plan which is likely to encompass the whole of Stoke-on-Trent and most of the urban area of the borough.
 - Guildhall- Guildhall is now up and running as a community and voluntary sector hub.
 - Bradwell Hospital-The Council is encouraging residents to take part in a key consultation exercise centred on Bradwell Hospital becoming part of a new integrated care hub. Under the proposals, there is provision for 132 community care beds – reduced from 264 – but 77 of these will be based at Haywood Community Hospital. While Bradwell is one of the options to share the remaining 55 beds with Haywood, but the local CCG (Clinical Commissioning Group) preference is to base them in care homes instead. Please have your say by taking part in the consultation which closes on 17 March: www.healthservicesnorthstaffs.nhs.uk
 - Debt Collection Review-At its meeting on 30th January, the Council resolved to review its debt collection process and to implement an ethical debt collection approach and to endorse the Cabinet policy of NOT using bailiffs to collect Council Tax arrears.
2. **County:**
- No report was available.

027.02/19 LAP Meeting 17th January 2019

The meeting had been another positive one and the minutes had been previously circulated. It was noted the Clerk was unable to attend the next meeting on 14th March so the Chairman would be attending.

VB

028.02/19 Upgrade of footpaths to bridleways for Chapel and Hill Chorlton 4; Whitmore 8; Swynnerton 58 and addition of new bridleway.

The Parish Council would shortly be consulted on the application to make the above changes. Clerk would circulate the information once it had been received.

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029.02/19 Planning Applications.

No applications had been received. It was noted that the proposed development on Croft Farm was scheduled to be heard at the Planning Committee on 26 February 2019.

030.02/19 Neighbourhood Development Plan.

An update for parishioners had been placed in the notice boards and on the web site. The draft plan was currently under review by NBC.

- 031.02/19 Defibrillator in BT Box**
 The funds were now in the Parish Council account. The deibrillator cabinet had been ordered and the Clerk was due to pick the cabinet up the following morning.
 Due to the high winds, the door to the BT box had been damaged and needed to be either repaired or replaced. Mr. Hough was looking at the job. The Clerk had located replacement BT box doors and the cost would be a minimum of £900. It was agreed to approach the insurance company and make a claim. The defib cabinet would not be installed until the door had been repaired. **Clerk**
- 032.02/19 Stableford Flower Beds.**
a. Licence to Place a structure on the Highway.
 The licence had been sent from SCC ready for signature.
 It was **resolved** that the Chair sign the document on behalf of the Parish Council and that the Clerk witness the signature.
b. Estimates for the flower beds-The Clerk had forwarded two quotations to Stableford Residents for consideration. A third was been sought by the residents prior to making a decision, **DM**
- 033.02/19 Installation of SIDs in Hill Chorlton**
 The grant had now been deposited in the Parish Council account and the Clerk was to commence work as a matter of priority. **Clerk**
- 034.02/19 Review of Risk Management Scheme.**
 An amendment to the February 2018 scheme had been circulated by the Clerk.
 It was **resolved** to approve the revised scheme as previously circulated.
- 035.02/19 Tree Inspections**
 A report with recommendations on how to deal with the trees on The Village Green had been circulated. The cost for all three pieces of work was beyond the current planned financial plans of the Council. The Clerk had asked for 3 separate costs. It was agreed to defer the decision to the next meeting. It was noted that there was no tree preservation order in place for the main Oak tree on the village Green. **Next agenda**
- 035.02/19 Parish Appearances and Highways.**
a. Hedges in Sandy Lane-a complaint had been received about stretches of overgrown hedges causing vehicles to become scratched as the lane was narrow. Cllr P. Hunt agreed to speak to the landowner to ask they were cut back. **PH**
- 036.02/19 Financial Matters.**
a. It was resolved to approve the payments orders, receipts and transfers as in appendix A
 The Clerk was granted delegated authority to pay the invoice for the defibrillator cabinet if the balance was due prior to the next meeting.

037.02/19 Clerks Report.

The Clerks report had been previously circulated and the contents had been noted.

038.02/19 Equality and Crime and Disorder Statement.

Councillors appreciated no decisions had been taken during the Meeting which were affected either by Race and Equality legislation, or by the Crime and Disorder Act 1998.

039.01/19 Councillors Planned Absence

One councillor's future absence was noted.

040.02/19 Change of date for Aprils Regular Meeting

Due to annual leave commitments of the Clerk it was agreed to change the date of the April meeting and hold the Annual parish Meeting on the same evening.

It was **resolved** to hold the regular meeting in April on Tuesday 16th April.

041.02/19 Date of the next regular meeting will be Tuesday 12th March 2019, commencing at 7:30pm, in Copeland Cottage, Haddon Lane.

The Chairman thanked the Councillors for their attendance, and there being no further business, closed the Meeting at 8:55pm.

Appendix A Payment Schedule.

Bacs/Cheque no	To whom Paid	Details	Total inc. VAT
040/18/19	Mrs J Simpson	January 19 Salary	227.20
041/18/19	HMRC	HMRC January Mrs J Simpson	3.80
042/18/19	NALC	Registration fee for Local Council Award Scheme- foundation level.	60.00
Total			291.00

Signature

Date