

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

Present:

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

- 042.03/19 To receive apologies for absence.**
Parish Councillors: P. Hunt, D.Mayer.
- 043.03/19 To receive Councillors declarations of Pecuniary Interest in items on the agenda.**
None were declared.
- 044.03/19 Public Participation:**
There were no members of the public present.
- 045.03/19 To consider approving and signing the minutes of the last regular meeting held on 12th February 2019**
The minutes from 12th February 2019 were confirmed as a true record and signed.
- 046.03/19 To consider matters arising from the minutes not included elsewhere on the agenda.**
- a. Overgrown hedges impeding the footway from Rose Cottage to Chapel bend.-the response to the stage one complaint to SCC had been previously circulated and were noted. The matter was now closed.
 - b. Coombsdale-there had been no further updates. Cllr Northcott to raise with Community Infrastructure Manager at meeting the next day. **PN**
 - c. Tree inspection costs-no further breakdown was available.
 - d. Hedges in Sandy Lane-Cllr Hunt had spoken with the landowner and the hedges had been cut back.
 - e. Local Council Awards Scheme-there had been problems with the pecuniary interest link page to NBC. Clerk to reissue to all councillors and a summary to be put on the Parish Council web site. **Clerk All**
- 047.03/19 Borough and County Councillor Reports.**
1. **Borough:**

Budget 2019-20

 - The Revenue and Capital Budgets for 2019/20 were approved at the Full Council on 20 February, together with Treasury Management and Capital Strategies. There would be a 2.99% Borough council Tax increase (average increase of £5.59/year.
 - Creation of a £304,000 Borough Growth Fund to support the Borough Council priorities of
 - A Town Centre for All
 - Local Services that work for local people
 - Growing our People and Places
 - A new 10-Year Capital Strategy with links to Economic Development Strategy; Health & Well-Being Strategy and the Stronger & Safer Communities Strategy; a capital programme for the next 3 years totaling £19 m without borrowing has been

established.

Action to Support Newcastle Town Centre

- A number of initiatives are under way and the Council is looking to work closely with partners such as the Business Improvement District (BID) to breathe life into the retailing heart of the town.
- The Year One Action Plan for the Economic Development Strategy, which focuses on the town centre.
- The longer term will see work with partners to rejuvenate the town centre by facilitating new and different employment opportunities, an improved cultural offer, local services, leisure facilities and housing.
- The Council is also looking to tap into new funding opportunities from the Government such as Future High Street Funds and the most recently announced Supporting Towns funding.

Air Quality

- Potential options for dealing with traffic-related pollution in the borough have been brought forward. .
- Plans to improve air quality in North Staffordshire by supporting the use of “greener taxis” have already received backing from the Government which has awarded more than £780,000 to the Borough Council, Stoke-on-Trent City Council and Stafford Borough Council for the creation of up to 30 charge points for ultra-low emission taxis in the three areas.
- The borough and city councils must develop a preferred option by the end of October 2019 at the latest and this will be assessed by the Government.
- The Loggerheads Neighbourhood Development Plan had been approved.

2. County:

- A budget had been approved and a £35m shortfall had been addressed.
- A further £20k had been allocated to the DHP fund from Central Government for use on local priorities e.g. gully emptying.
- Local Councillor Community Fund had been reduced to £2,500 with strict criteria in place.
- A total of 1800 jobs were due to be created following investment in the Chatterley Valley.
- Funding of £1.9m had been made available for the Live Lab at Keele University aimed at looking how Smart roads could improve infrastructure.
- Consultation with the NHS on the proposed integrated care hubs at Bradwell and Heywood was scheduled to finish shortly.
- Looked after children disability service was due to receive an Ofsted inspection.
- County Council has announced a £3.7m warm homes fund to lift

1000 households out of fuel poverty.

- There had been 343 completed repairs on the highway the previous month and 357 new enquiries had been logged.
- Enforcement of parking restrictions outside the main hospital on the A34 was to commence shortly.
- Levels of activity relating to Community Speed watch schemes had varied greatly between each area.

048.03/19 Upgrade of footpaths to bridleways for Chapel and Hill Chorlton 4; Whitmore 8; Swynnerton 58 and addition of new bridleway.

The Parish Council declined to make any comments as it was not in receipt of any evidence to either support or oppose the proposed upgrades.

049.03/19 Planning Applications.

- a. 19/00090/FUL-Land off Watering Close, Newcastle Road-variation of condition 1 of planning permission 16/00086/REM-to substitute the approved plans with revised plans which alter the design of unit 3.

<http://publicaccess.newcastle-staffs.gov.uk/online-applications/PLAN/19/00090/FUL>

The Council had no objections to this application.

- b. 19/00004/OUT-Mount Tabor farm, Haddon Lane-demolition of existing building and construction of new dwelling.

<http://publicaccess.newcastle-staffs.gov.uk/online-applications/PLAN/19/00004/OUT>

The Council had no objections to the application in principle. However, it reserved the right to make any comments on any future detailed proposals,

- c. To note the outcome of 18/00507/out-Croft Farm.
The refusal of the planning committee was noted.

050.03/19 Neighbourhood Development Plan.

The local plan was progressing through the planning system at NBC and had been cleared ready for public consultation.

051.03/19 Defibrillator in BT Box

The insurance company had agreed the claim for the damaged door and the door was currently with the contractor having the wooden panels replaced prior to repainting. There would be an excess of £125 to pay.

052.03/19 Stableford Flower Beds.

- a. No further quotations had been forthcoming.

053.03/19 Installation of SIDs in Hill Chorlton

A further site meeting was scheduled to take place so the exact location could be noted on the application for a licence to install a structure on the highway. The Clerk had written to Maer and Aston Parish Council as a courtesy re a galvanized pole in the highway within their parish.

054.03/19 Parish Appearances and Highways.

- a. Mud on the road. This had been reported by the Clerk following a complaint from a parishioner in School Bank. Clerk to request road cleaning for Stableford Bank, road surrounding the village green at Chapel Chorlton and School Bank,

Clerk**055.03/19 Financial Matters.**

- a. It was **resolved** to approve the payments orders, receipts and transfers as in appendix A

056.03/19 Clerks Report.

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

057.03/19 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.

058.03/19 Councillors Planned Absence

- 059.03/19** Date of the next regular meeting will be **Tuesday 16th April 2019, commencing directly after the Annual parish meeting at 7:30pm**, in the Chalet adjacent to Copeland Cottage, Haddon Lane.
The Chairman thanked the Councillors for their attendance, and there being no further business, closed the Meeting at 20:45hrs

Appendix A Payment Schedule.

Bacs/Cheque no	To whom Paid	Details	Total inc. VAT
044/18/19	Mrs. J Simpson	February 19 Salary	213.70
045/18/19	HMRC	HMRC January Mrs. J Simpson	3.80
046/18/19	Wel Medical	Defibrillator cabinet	557.94
Total			775.44