

CHAPEL AND HILL CHORLTON PARISH COUNCIL.

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD VIRTUALLY USING ZOOM ON TUESDAY 21st APRIL 2020 at
7:30pm.**

Present:

Parish Councillors: V. Follwell, Chairman (VF), C. Follwell, (CF), D. Mayer (DM), J. Neale (JN), D. Sant (DS)

Clerk: Mrs J Simpson.

045.04/20 Apologies.

P. Hunt, (PH),

046.04/20 Councillors Pecuniary Interest.

No interests declared.

047.04/20 Public Participation.

There were three members of the public present who wished to present their views on the proposed planning application 19/00961/OUT. They commented that the proposal went against all aspects of the Neighbourhood Plan (NP). The development was not in keeping with a rural environment and more suited to an urban background. There were no facilities to support the proposal. Reference is made to potential linkage to the settlement of Stableford to support sustainability. However, apart from a social club on the caravan site there are no facilities to access in this hamlet. The land was sited in the greenbelt. There were inaccuracies in the application as the land was still used to grow crops and was not redundant. The application refers to a bus route when the nearest bus stop is 1.3 miles away and not an 8 minute walk as presented in the documentation. Anyone wishing to live there and commute to Newcastle-under-Lyme, Stoke-on-Trent, Stafford etc would in reality use Bent Lane and through Hanchurch Wood-both of which are single track and not suited to an increase of vehicles servicing a further 30 properties. The speed survey was carried out on a Wednesday afternoon between 1:30-3:20: this is not an accurate reflection of use of the A51. There would be a detrimental effect on local wildlife where there are bats, newts and barn owls.

The Chairman thanked the Parishioners for attending.

*It was **resolved** to take agenda item 8a at this point in the agenda so the public could hear the views of the Parish Council.*

048.04/20 Planning Application 19/00961/out-Land to the North of the A51, South of Chorlton Mill Lane and West of the Railway, Stableford Hill, Chorlton.-Development consisting of 15 affordable self build bungalows, 4 open market properties and 11 executive style open market self-build properties..
<http://publicaccess.newcastle-staffs.gov.uk/online-applications/PLAN/19/00961/OUT>

The Parish Council agreed with the comments made by the Parishioners at the meeting. The application had been discussed the previous evening at the virtual meeting of the NP steering group and the Clerk had attended. The application had made no mention in any of the documentation of the existence of a NP for the area. The site notice erected by NBC stated that the application “does not accord with the provisions of the development plan in force in the area....”

The Design and Access statement that had been submitted contained major errors where the application referred to "Pucklechurch" rather than Stableford.

The Parish Council were very disappointed that the developers had not contacted or engaged with the Parish Council who would have been happy to provide them with the requirements of the NP.

DM had also supplied some photographs showing the extent of flooding in November 2019 on the proposed development site and had concerns that any further development would aggravate the current situation.

The steering group had offered to leaflet the Stableford area to offer support to anyone who wished to object to the application and needed guidance on how to do this. The Parish Council agreed this was an appropriate action to take.

It was **resolved** to object to the application.

Actions: Clerk to circulate a draft response to Councillors. Response then to be discussed with NP steering group for amendment/additions. Final draft to be agreed by councillors and placed on web site for any additional comments.

Members of the public left the meeting at this point.

The Parish Council **further resolved** to reimburse the cost of leaflets.

049.04/20 Minutes of the last meeting.

It was **resolved** to approve the minutes of the last regular meeting held on Tuesday 10th March 2020 and agreed they would be signed at a later date.

050.04/20 Matters arising.

There were no matters arising.

051.04/20. Delegated Action

The Clerk had paid the invoice to Copeland Cottage for room hire prior to the end of the financial year as agreed at the meeting on 10th March. BACs 054/19/20 £30.00

The Clerk in consultation with the Chairman had paid the Clerks salary and HMRC PAYE for March 2020.

052.04/20 Covid-19 and Community Support

The Clerk to Maer and Aston and Whitmore and District Active Living group had leafleted part of Chapel and Hill Chorlton Parish to start WhatsApp support groups. There was one in Hill Chorlton and one in Chapel Chorlton. Information was shared and food and vital supplies e.g. prescriptions could be delivered using requests via this group. The Parish Council thanked the organisers of the groups.

053.04/20 Financial Matters.

a. Draft statement of accounts for year ending 31st March 2020. These had been previously circulated. It was **resolved** to approve the end of year accounts ending 31st March 2020.

b. Exemption from Limited assurance review-it was **resolved** to certify that Chapel and Hill Chorlton Parish Council was exempt from a limited assurance review under section 9 of the Local Audit (Smaller

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Authorities) Regulations 2015, and the exemption certificate would be signed by the Chairman and Responsible Financial Officer.

c. End of year bank reconciliation statement-it was **resolved** to approve the annual bank reconciliation statement to 31st March 2020.

d. Payments, orders and transfers. It was **resolved** to approve the payments and transfers as in appendix A.

054.04/20 Clerks report.

This had been previously circulated and noted. The response to issues raised by a Parishioner had been redacted and circulated by the Clerk. Reply was noted.

055.04/20 Race, Equality and Crime and Disorder Statement.

The Council recognised that it had not taken any decisions during the meeting re the above.

056.04/20 Planned Absences.

No absences were noted.

057.04/20 Future Meetings.

The legal requirement to hold an Annual Meeting of the Parish Council had been amended due to the Covid-19 crisis. The Annual meeting could be held virtually; deferred until May 2021; deferred to a time as the Parish Council may determine. It was **resolved** to hold the Annual meeting of the Parish Council virtually on Tuesday 12th May 2020 commencing at 7:30pm.

058.04/20 Date and venue of next regular meeting.

Tuesday 12th May, to be held virtually using zoom, to commence directly after the Annual Meeting of the Parish scheduled to commence at 7:30pm.

The Chairman thanked the Councillors for their attendance, and there being no further business, closed the Meeting at 20:10hrs

Appendix A Payment Schedule.

BACS/CHQ NO.	TO WHOM PAID	DETAILS	Total inc VAT
001/20/21	Mrs. J Simpson	March Salary	Paid 166.20
002/20/21	HMRC	PAYE March	Paid 41.40
003/20/21	BHIB	Annual Insurance payment	275.15
Total			482.75

Signature

Date