

CHAPEL AND HILL CHORLTON PARISH COUNCIL.

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD VIRTUALLY USING ZOOM ON TUESDAY 14th JULY 2020
commencing at 7:30pm.**

Present:

Parish Councillors: V. Follwell, Chairman (VF), C. Follwell, (CF), P. Hunt, (PH),
J. Neale (JN), D. Sant (DS)

Borough Councillor: G. Hutton (part). Clerk: Mrs J Simpson.

093.07/20 Apologies.

D. Mayer, (DM)

R. Montague had resigned as a Parish Councillor on 8th July. The Parish Council noted the resignation with sadness and he was thanked for all of his hard work in the Parish.

The deadline for 10 or more electors asking for an election was 31st July; after that date the Parish Council could proceed to co-opt to the role.

094.07/20 Councillors Pecuniary Interest.

No interests declared.

095.07/20 Public Participation.

No members of the public were present.

096.07/20 Minutes of the last regular meeting.

It was **resolved** to approve the minutes of the last regular meeting held virtually on Tuesday 9th June 2020 and agreed they would be signed at a later date.

097.07/20 Matters arising.

- a. Community Paths Group-there had been no contact with Whitmore Parish Council since the last meeting.
- b. Grass Cutting-the change of frequency from 4 times per year to 7 was noted.

098.07/20 Reports from Borough and County Councillors.

Borough.

- Services were gradually returning to normal and Licencing and Public Protection had seen an improvement in output since the Covid crisis.
- 100% of Planning Applications had been processed by the Borough.
- Blue recycling bins had replaced the old containers and were being viewed as a success.
- The proposed planning application for the gypsy site at Blackbrook was scheduled to go to the planning committee in August.
- Plans for the Ryecroft and the old Sainsbury's site had been announced as residential and mixed use. Efforts were being made to source external funding to deliver the project.

County.

- The first Full Council meeting was scheduled for 23rd July and would be held virtually.
- PN now had a cabinet support role responsible for Newcastle-under-Lyme and linking to SCC and wider.
- County was at the recovery stage of Covid-mapping and managing. There was a local outbreak control plan in place. Tier 1 would be advisory PPE and support of voluntary agencies. Tier 2 comprised 3,000 NHS staff. Tier 3, 25,000 call handlers and tier 4 would be a phone app to pick up new cases.
- Statistically there have been 834 Covid related deaths in Staffordshire-205 of those in Care homes. There had been 19 deaths in Bradwell Hall which was a palliative care establishment.
- The free parking that had been in place in Newcastle Town Centre had now ceased and charges were back in place.
- Some road repairs had been carried out in Betley and Poolside, Madeley and pothole repairs across the Borough.
- The digital agenda will be pushed forward as more people are engaging and using online platforms

Borough Councillor Graham Hutton left the meeting at this point in the agenda.

099.07/20 Planning Applications.

- a. 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>

Additional information had been submitted by the developers and a response objecting again had been sent by the Clerk after circulating to Parish Councillors.

- b. 20/00539/FUL-Don Law Jaguar Specialist, Stone Road, Hill Chorlton-extension to existing spray booth.

<http://publicaccess.newcastle-staffs.gov.uk//online-applications/PLAN/20/00539/FUL>

There were no objections to this application.

- c. 20/00456/FUL-Greenways, Stone Road, Hill Chorlton-single new build residential dwelling-detached 1 and 1/3 house (6.4m height). To be built on surplus garden land.

<http://publicaccess.newcastle-staffs.gov.uk//online-applications/PLAN/20/00456/FUL>

The Parish Council objected to this application. The proposed dwelling was far too large for the site and represented an over development of the plot. It was not in keeping with the surrounding dwellings in Hill Chorlton.

The Council were unable to locate any detailed proposals for external lighting. The NDP is clear that where external lighting is essential it should point down and include measures to avoid light spillage beyond the application site.

The Parish Council was disappointed that there were no plans to install renewable energy and supported the view of the Environmental Officer that a fully operational charging point be installed. The Council understood that a mature hawthorn hedge was removed and a fence installed (subject to current planning application 20/00472/fUL). This boundary is not in keeping with the local character. In addition, the Parish Council had an issue with the application as regards access onto the A51 as it would be a shared one with Greenways and this was not shown on the site plan or any other plans.

Signature

Date

The Parish Council also had concerns as to whether the package plant for foul drainage would have the capacity to support Arnside, Greenways and the proposed new dwelling house. It would also have liked further information on how surface water was to be drained.

- d. 20/00472/FUL-Arnside, Stone Road, Hill Chorlton-retention of timber fencing featherboard 1.8m high adjacent to highway.

<http://publicaccess.newcastle-staffs.gov.uk/online-applications/PLAN/20/00472/FUL>

The Parish Council objected to this application. The timber fencing feather board was completely out of character for that area of the Parish. It was not the "high quality boundary treatment" as required in DC2 of the Neighbourhood Plan.

The Council was concerned that this proposed wooden fence was erected to replace a mature hawthorn hedge which would have been a far more appropriate boundary that supported wildlife and in keeping with the location.

- e. 20/00517/FUL-Land off Watering Close, Newcastle Road-application for variation of condition 1 to vary the house type on unit 3 as approved under 16/00086/REM-alter the design.

<http://publicaccess.newcastle-staffs.gov.uk/online-applications/PLAN/20/00517/FUL>

It was agreed that further examination of the plans were needed before responding. The Clerk would look again and circulate a draft reply to all Parish Councillors for approval.

100.07/20 Tree preservation order for the great oak on the village green, Chapel Chorlton.

Despite the age of the tree it was noted that there was no preservation order in place to protect it in the future. It was **resolved** to apply to Newcastle Borough Council to seek an order.

101.07/20 Parish Online.

The Clerk had recently attended a free virtual training session on the use of Parish online. It was **resolved** to sign up for the free 90 day trial of the mapping package.

102.07/20 Web Site Accessibility.

It was noted that the web site was 90% compliant with the accessibility regulations. There were problems with the scanned in AGAR reports that were required to be displayed on the web pages. It was agreed the best way around this issue would be for the clerk to ask anyone having difficulties to get in touch and a hard copy could be supplied or a redacted PDF uploaded.

103.07/20 SID.

- a. The information for June had been downloaded but not yet analysed. Clerk to send out the report. There had been capacity issues re moving of the SID. It was suggested that external funding be sought to purchase a further SID at the other end of the village rather than relocating the current one.
- b. Community Speed watch. A volunteer had come forward in Hill Chorlton via Whatsapp group and D M had also enrolled. The details are sent directly to the Staffordshire Co-ordinator so it was not known whether other people had applied or just expressed an interest.

104.07/20 Moss Lane and Railings/Sandy Lane Hedges.

No progress had been made

PH had approached the owner of the hedges in Sandy Lane who was reluctant to cut them back Clerk to write a letter to the landowner requesting they are cut back as well as reporting to SCC.

105.07/20 Financial Matters.

- a. It was **resolved** to approve delegated powers to the Clerk to pay any necessary invoices prior to the next meeting in September (no meeting in August)
- b. The bank reconciliation statement was noted.
- c. The budget update to 30th June 2020 was noted as in appendix B.
- d. It was **RESOLVED** to approve the payment schedule and transfers as in appendix A

106.07/20 Clerks report.

This had been previously circulated.

107.07/20 Race, Equality and Crime and Disorder Statement.

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

108.07/20 Planned Absences.

No absences were noted.

109.07/20 Date and venue of next regular meeting.

Tuesday 15th September 2020, to be held virtually using zoom, to commence at 7:30pm-the change of date from 8th September was agreed.

The Chairman thanked the Councillors for their attendance, and there being no further business, closed the Meeting at 21:10hrs

Appendix A Payment Schedule July 2020.

BACS/CHQ NO.	TO WHOM PAID	DETAILS	Total inc VAT
013/20/21	Mrs. J Simpson	June Salary	183.00
014/20/21	HMRC	PAYE June	42.60
015/20/21	Glendales	Grass cutting June 20	146.34
Total			371.94

Appendix B Budget Update to 30th June 2020.**CHAPEL AND HILL CHORLTON BUDGET UPDATES 20-21**

HEADING	Spend to 31st Mar 20	BUDGET 20-21	Q1
ADMINISTRATION			
Salary Costs (inc tax)	2167.20	2233	552.60
Internal Audit	44.88	60	29.92
Office costs	324	325	81
Stationery	36.42	80	0
Expenses (mileage)	211.1	235	25.2
Training	97.5	100	0
Web site support	250	250	0
PC purchase. Web site etc	0	0	0
Room Hire	140	120	14.39
Insurance	277.84	300	275.15
Nalc/LCAS reg fee	0	0	0
TOTAL	3548.94	3703	978.26
SUBSCRIPTIONS			
SPCA	262	131	0
SLCC	40.25	41	0
TOTAL	302.25	172	0
SECTION 136			
DONATIONS			
Poppy Appeal	60	60	0
First Responders		0	0
TOTAL	60	60	0
CONCURRENT FUNCTIONS			
Summer bedding plant tubs X 3	0	0	0
Village Green grass cutting X 4	708.82	600	177.2
Footpath one	0	0	217.5
TOTAL	708.82	600	394.70
ASSETS			
Noticeboards	0	0	0
BT phone box	850	25	0
Purchase & maint of defib cabinet	205	50	0
Benches X 2	404	50	0
Tree inspection and maintenance	0	300	0
Purchase & maint of SID	3635.80	100	0
TOTAL	5094.80	525	0
ALL TOTALS			
EXPENDITURE	9714.81	5060.00	1372.96
Contingency		500.00	
		5560	
INCOME			

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Precept	4379
Sec 136 concurrent functions	0
CTSG	190
Bank interest	3.02
Grazing rent	0
Rent for Green	0
Landfill rent	0
Safer Roads Partnership(SIDS)	0
SCC Community Fund(Defib)	0
Insurance claim-BT box door	0
Transparency fund	0
VAT	790.39
TOTAL INCOME	5362.41
RESERVES	
Business Reserve 2	0.22
Business reserve 1	9310.8
Current Account	881.5
Total in bank	10192.52
Bye election/Parish Poll	4500
General unmarked reserves	1624