

**CHAPEL AND HILL CHORLTON PARISH COUNCIL.****MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD VIRTUALLY USING ZOOM ON WEDNESDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> DECEMBER  
commencing at 10:00hrs****Present:**

Borough Councillors as temporary Parish Councillors under section 91 LGA 1972: G. Hutton, Chairman (GH), P. Northcott (PN), B. Panter, (BP)

Parish Councillors: D. Harrison. (DH) R. Montague. (RM)

Clerk: Mrs J Simpson.

**133.12/20 Apologies.**

No apologies were received; all were present.

**134.2/20. Co-option of Parish Councillor.**

It was **RESOLVED** to appoint Mr. Richard Montague (RM) as a co-opted member of Chapel and Hill Chorlton Parish Council. Mr Montague signed the acceptance of office and this was witnessed by all attending the zoom meeting. It was further **RESOLVED** that RM be the lead Councillor for Parish appearance for the whole Parish and have responsibility for direct communications with the residents of Hill Chorlton.

**135.12/20 Councillors Pecuniary Interest.**

No interests declared.

**136.12/20 Public Participation.**

No members of the public were present.

**137.12/20 Minutes of the last regular meeting.**

Minute reference 121.10/20 County-increase in vacancy rates in care homes of up to 80%-County Council was reviewing this. With this alteration, it was then **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the last regular meeting held virtually on 8<sup>th</sup> October 2020 and agreed they would be signed at a later date.

**138.12/20 Matters arising.**

- a. The Clerk had enquired as to the process of submitting an application to NBC for a tree preservation order (TPO) on the village green. However, it was noted that unless the tree was in any immediate or future danger of removal or harm a TPO would not be appropriate. The land was owned by the Parish Council and therefore did not meet the criteria. It was agreed to close the matter.
- b. The process of changing over bank signatories was underway and being made more difficult by the inability to transact such business with the branch of the NatWest.

**139.12/20 Reports from Borough and County Councillors.****Borough.**

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- Council meetings had been held virtually.
- All NBC services were still operating.
- There had been a significant drop in reported Covid cases.
- Local Restrictions Support Grant (open) is available to businesses in Newcastle under Lyme and backdated from tier 2 until lockdown. In addition Local Restrictions Support Grant is available for businesses closed since March 2020 due to the national position.

## County.

- There had been 297 repairs carried out and a slight reduction in reporting. This was mainly due to the mild weather where gritting teams had not yet been needed and therefore able to carry out more repairs.
- Divisional Highways Project (DHP) was now in place to fund the blue weight restriction signs at either end of Coombsdale-just waiting for an installation date.
- 297 repairs had been completed on the highways and there had been a slight reduction in reports. It was noted the repairs team had not yet commenced gritting operations and therefore the number of completed repairs was likely to reduce.
- There had been a slight improvement in the number Covid cases and there were now 2 testing stations in place within the Borough. The NHS was under great pressure locally and non covid cases experiencing longer waiting times for treatment.
- West Midland Ambulance Service (WMAS) had attended the recent meeting of Healthy Staffordshire Select Committee and been challenged re misleading statistics on response time of the First Responders. Urban statistics had over shadowed the rural area statistics and painted a false picture. They were also challenged on the lack of consultation with First Responders re removal of specific drugs previously supplied. WMAS agreed to around the table talks with First Responders to try and address the issues that had been raised.

## 140.12/20 Planning Applications.

- a. 20/00900/ful-Beechcroft, Chorlton Moss Lane-extensions to existing house and garden. No comments submitted. Noted.

<http://publicaccess.newcastle-staffs.gov.uk/online-applications/PLAN/20/00900/FUL>

- b. 20/00888/ful-Broadacres, Haddon Lane-variation of condition 2 of planning application 19/00888/ful-change of garage roof design from hip to gable.

No comments submitted-noted.

<http://publicaccess.newcastle-staffs.gov.uk/online-applications/PLAN/20/00888/FUL>

- c. 19/00961/OUT-Land North of A51 South of Chorlton Moss Lane and west of the railway, Stableford, Hill Chorlton-11 open market dwellings and 21 affordable units.

The decision by NBC to refuse this application was noted.

<http://publicaccess.newcastle-staffs.gov.uk/online-applications/PLAN/19/00961/OUT>

- d. 20/00943/FUL-Hillcrest (formerly known as Red Gates), Haddon Lane-single storey rear extension, front porch, replacement roof tiles and new underground LPG tank near front gates.

<http://publicaccess.newcastle-staffs.gov.uk/online-applications/PLAN/19/00961/OUT>

The Parish Council had no objections to this application providing the LPG tank was underground as per application.

#### **142.12/20 SID.**

Parish Councillor David Harrison had formulated and circulated a comprehensive evidenced report including recommendations re. speeding issues in Hill Chorlton. He was thanked for all of his hard work. It was agreed that the report be made available on the web site.

<http://chapelandhillchorltonpc.uk/community/>

It was suggested that the current SID could be lowered without impeding efficiency. It was queried whether vandalism was a potential problem. It was further noted that the SIDs alert drivers and combined with the work of the Community Speed watch group would have a significant impact. The cost of double white lines through all/part of Hill Chorlton would be in the range of £7000 inclusive of legal expenses.

The Parish Council **RESOLVED** the following:

- a. To approach Staffordshire County Council to consider the extension of double white lines in Hill Chorlton to deter vehicles from over taking in the village.
- b. To examine the feasibility of purchasing a second SID in Hill Chorlton using a cocktail of funding from the Parish Council, County Council and Safer Roads Partnership.
- c. To agree the location of the proposed 2<sup>nd</sup> SID to be between Woodside and Sandy Lane, subject to approval from SCC Highways.

#### **143.12/20 Parish Notice boards.**

The notice board in Chapel Chorlton needs to be replaced and a recent survey by a local joiner revealed it was more expensive to repair the Hill Chorlton notice board than purchase a new one. The Chairman had found some quotations. It was agreed that RM would sources further quotations and bring to the next meeting for a decision to be taken.

#### **144.12/20 Parish Appearances.**

It was noted that some work had been carried out by volunteers in Hill Chorlton on the grass verges. It was emphasised that the volunteers would not be insured to carry out work on the highway. It was agreed that the Clerk obtain a quotation from the current grass cutting contractors to cut the grass verges once a month from Chapel House to Sandy Lane.

It was noted that the hedge on the eastbound side of the A51 around Chapel bend had not been cut back. RM to send the Clerk the exact location with a view to a land registry search and a letter of request going to the land owner to cut the hedge back.

The matter of gateways into Hill Chorlton was also discussed. Clerk to send quotation to RM.

**145.12/20 Financial Matters.**

- a. Budget 2021-22-it was **RESOLVED** to defer this to the next meeting. It was noted that any proposed significant increase in the precept should involve Parishioner consultation.
- b. Appointment of internal auditor. It was **RESOLVED** to approve the appointment of Mrs. Clare Withington.
- c. Financial Regulations-it was **RESOLVED** to approve the review of the Model Financial Regulations as circulated.
- d. It was **RESOLVED** to approve the payment schedule and transfers as in appendix B and payments made under delegated powers were noted.

**146.12/20 Clerks report.**

The Clerks report was noted.

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the attendance of PN at the Annual Meeting of SPCA.

**147.12/20 Race, Equality and Crime and Disorder Statement.**

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

**148.12/20 Planned Absences.**

No absences were noted.

**149.1/20 Date, time and venue of next future meetings.**

**Budget Setting Meeting, Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2020 at 10:00hrs; Regular meetings on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> February 19:00hrs; Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> April 19:00hrs. All to take place on zoom until further notice.**

**Appendix B Payment Schedule December 2020.**

Bacs/Cheque no	To whom Paid	Details	Total inc. VAT
030/20/21	Mrs J Simpson	Salary Oct PAID DEL AUTH	180.30
031/20/21	HMRC	PAYE Oct PAID DEL AUTH	42.60
032/20/21	Glendales	Grass cutting PAID DEL AUTH	146.34
033/20/21	Royal British Legion	Poppy Appeal Donation	60.00
034/20/21	Mrs J Simpson	Salary Nov	180.30
035/20/21	HMRC	PAYE Nov	42.60
036/20/21	Mrs J Simpson	Reimbursement zoom 15/11-14/12	14.39

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<b>Total</b>			<b>666.53</b>
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