

## CHAPEL AND HILL CHORLTON PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Chapel and Hill Chorlton Parish Council held on 9 June 2021

#### **Present:**

Parish Councillors: Rosemary Bardell, Tom Davy, Mark Humphries, Richard Montague (Acting Clerk), Richard Oppenheimer (Chairman).

Borough Councillor: Graham Hutton.

One member of the public was present.

#### **037.06/21 To receive and approve apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Councillor Tom Davies and County Councillor Paul Northcott.

#### **038.06/21 To consider any applications for co-option**

There were no applications for co-option.

#### **039.06/21 To receive Councillors' declarations of pecuniary interest in items on the agenda**

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.

#### **040.06/21 To consider approving and signing the Minutes of the Regular Meeting**

Borough Councillor Hutton, as previous chairman of the Parish Council, signed the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on 8 April 2021.

#### **041.06/21 Public participation (open forum)**

There were no Public Participation items.

#### **042.06/21 To receive reports from Borough and County Councillors**

Councillor Hutton explained that he will submit a written report prior to meetings and answer questions. A written report was received from Councillor Northcott.

#### **043.06/21 Handover from previous Parish Council**

It was resolved to record in the Minutes the Parish Council's thanks to the previous Parish Council for its work.

#### **044.06/21 To consider financial matters**

*Bank account:* The bank has acknowledged receipt of the application to change the account signatories. Until the process has been completed the Council is unable to access funds or pay any bills. The process must be completed before an application for electronic access can be made.

*Insurance policy:* The Council now has online access to the insurance policy. The standard public liability insurance includes cover for volunteers.

*AGAR:* Section 1 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return was signed by the Chairman and Acting Clerk.

*Budget and reserves:* The Budget drawn up by the Interim Parish Council will be reviewed, hopefully at the next Regular Meeting. The level of reserve funds will be reviewed.

#### **045.06/21 To consider parish appearance matters**

*Mowing contracts:* The visibility splays at Sandy Lane and the verge from Sandy Lane to Arnside and the splay at Chapel Bend are being mown by Taylormade, instructed by Amey.

*Glendale:* There appears to be no formal contract with Glendale for mowing Chapel Chorlton (CC) Green and the splays at Kennels Lane (KL). Councillors Montague and Oppenheimer have met on site with Glendale's representative. A quotation is awaited for mowing CC Green, the KL splays and the verges either side of the A51 from KL to Chapel House. The A51 verges will be mown this month. It was proposed and agreed that the Council should make a site visit to CC Green.

*Other verge mowing:* John Waldron mows from Stableford to west of Weston Lodge. The verge from that point to Stone House is impassable. Don Law has been mowing on Chorlton Moss Lane from the dog waste bin to the start of Footpath 1.

*Village signs:* Councillor Montague met with John Waldron of Stableford to discuss possible locations for village signs. Photo mock-ups of proposed village signs and locations will be prepared.

*Parish improvement document:* A draft parish improvement document was briefly reviewed. It was noted that the A51 layby is in need of improvement and that maintenance work is needed on the railings in Hill Chorlton (A51 and Sandy Lane). Some improvement and maintenance projects may be suitable as community service projects.

*Grants:* The HS2 Community Fund is now open for applications. It was noted that the Council needs to have a “shopping list” so that funding can be applied for whenever suitable grants are announced.

#### **046.06/21 To consider traffic issues**

*A51 traffic report:* A report on traffic counts and vehicle speeds on the A51 in Hill Chorlton was received. It was agreed to post the report on the parish noticeboards.

*Proposed SID positions:* A report with the proposed new positions for SIDS in Hill Chorlton has been submitted to SCC Highways. No response has been received as yet.

*Coombesdale:* The erection of “Unsuitable for HVGs” signs at either end of Coombesdale has been approved.

#### **047.06/21 Town and Country Planning**

*Stable block on Chorlton Moss – 21/00448/FUL:* There is no objection in principle to the development, but the Council needs further information on what is proposed, including the difference in height between the current structure and the proposed new building, number of animals proposed to be kept on site, disposal of stable waste, impact on adjacent watercourse, tree protection.

*Barn conversion at Chapel Chorlton – 21/00450/FUL:* There is no objection to the development, which conforms to Neighbourhood Plan (NDP) policies. The proposed exterior lighting should conform to NDP policy DC5.

*Visibility splays at Croft Farm – 18/00507/NMA:* A draft response was reviewed and agreed and will be copied to Councillors Hutton and Northcott.

#### **048.06/21 Public engagement**

*Website:* The Council needs a new website. Some background work on this has been started.

*Newsletter:* The Council will soon be in a position to distribute a newsletter to parishioners. A number of items for inclusion were noted.

#### **049.06/21 Councillor training**

Councillor training is provided by the Staffordshire Parish Councils Association. Courses will be applied for when they are announced.

#### **050.06/21 To confirm the date of the next meeting as 14 July 2021**

The Meeting closed at 9.35pm.

Signed .....

CHAIR

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