

CHAPEL AND HILL CHORLTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Chapel and Hill Chorlton Parish Council held on 14 July 2021

Present:

Parish Councillors: Amy Davies, Mark Humphries, Richard Montague (Acting Clerk), Richard Oppenheimer (Chairman)

Two members of the public were present.

051.07/21 To receive and approve apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Tom Davey.

052.07/21 To receive Councillors' declarations of pecuniary interest in items on the agenda

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.

053.07/21 To consider approving and signing the Minutes of the last Regular Meeting

The chairman signed the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on 9 June 2021.

054.07/21 Public Participation (open forum)

There were no Public Participation items.

055.07/21 To consider any applications for co-option and resignations

Amy Davies was co-opted to the Parish Council.

Rosemary Bardell has tendered her resignation from the Parish Council.

056.07/21 To receive reports from Borough and County Councillors

There were no reports.

057.07/21 Correspondence received

The Council had received a letter of complaint. As the issues raised concerned matters that are outside the Council's jurisdiction it was decided that no response was required.

058.07/21 Finance matters

Bank account: Progress continues to be made with changeover of the bank account. A cheque book and debit card have been issued, signatories have been confirmed, the address held by bank is in process of being changed. No bank statements been received and online account access is not yet functioning.

Payments:

Suzie Sant has been reimbursed for pads for the defibrillator at Chapel Chorlton: £36.62.

Glendale mowing contractors have been paid for May: £140.00.

AGAR 2020–2021 has been submitted and accepted.

Reserves: It has been established that there is no requirement to hold reserve funds to pay for an election.

Insurance policy: Online access is now working. Councillor Tom Davies has reviewed the policy and recommends revisiting the various optional cover at next renewal. Members and volunteers are covered by public liability insurance when carrying out work for the Council.

059.07/21 Parish appearance

The current mowing regime in different areas of the parish was discussed. Mowing needs to be considered from ecological and road safety perspectives. A maintenance and grass management strategy and associated policies are needed for the different parts of the parish. Proposals will be drawn up and the Council will consult with residents in the different areas. The idea of establishing volunteer groups was raised. It was noted that within current memory mowing of the green at Chapel Chorlton has been done by local people and engaging a contractor is a relatively new development.

060.07/21 Traffic

Coombesdale: "No HGV" signs have been installed at the top and bottom of Coombesdale. They have been funded from County Councillor Paul Northcott's budget.

Update on SIDs: Approval of the new SID pole locations is pending approval from SCC Highways. E.On has quoted £897.97 + VAT to move the westbound SID pole and from the verge of the Old Nursery to the opposite side of the road and install an eastbound pole on the verge between Sandy Lane and Arnside. A second quote from Derek Mawby is awaited. A budget of £897.97 was approved unanimously on the basis of the E.On quote, but the Council will look to accept a cheaper quote.

A51 traffic report: Speeds in excess of 70mph are recorded several times a day, 90+mph speeds occur regularly. A graphical report of recorded vehicle speeds will be posted on the noticeboards.

Poor visibility of fast-moving vehicles from the left is an issue at the Sandy Lane junction.

The 40mph medallion is not visible to eastbound traffic; the repeater signs are located the maximum permitted distances and none is located within the built-up area; new and better locations for repeaters and medallions need to be identified. 40mph stickers that were ordered for wheelie bins last summer have still not been received; they will be reordered.

Village signs: The design of village signs for Stableford and Hill Chorlton was reviewed and approved. New locations will need sign-off from SCC Highways. Quotes will be obtained.

061.07/21 Town and Country Planning

Development at Baldwins Gate Farm: Richborough Estates proposes to submit a planning application for 200 homes during the summer.

Land Off Watering Close Newcastle Road Baldwins Gate, 18/00858/FUL: The Council will not be responding to this application.

Stable block on Chorlton Moss – 21/00448/FUL: The application has been permitted.

Croft Farm: The Tree Preservation Order has been made permanent.

Neighbourhood Plan: Derek Davies of Whitmore Parish Council will be arranging a meeting with Shawn Fleet, Head of Planning at NuLBC, and representatives from the Neighbourhood Plan steering group.

062.07/21 Public engagement

Website: The new website will be modelled on Loggerheads. The Council can apply for a .gov.uk domain name; chpc.gov.uk is proposed. The Council has very limited access to the inherited website, for which there is a £240 annual maintenance agreement with a business in Madeley.

Newsletter: The Council is now in a position to start compiling a newsletter. There was some discussion as to whether to publish quarterly or half-yearly.

063.07/21 Reinstatement of letterbox in Hill Chorlton

Royal Mail Estates has visited Hill Chorlton and identified a site for reinstatement of the letterbox.

064.07/21 Councillor training

Three places will be reserved for the Be a Better Councillor course on 4 and 12 October.

065.07/21 To confirm the date of the next meeting as 11 August 2021, to be held in the board room as Slaters Country Inn.

The Meeting closed at 21.59pm.

Signed

CHAIR

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CHAPEL AND HILL CHORLTON PARISH COUNCIL – PAYMENT ORDER

We, the undersigned, being members of Chapel and Hill Chorlton Parish Council (the Council) authorise and request the Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer to make payment via cheque/Bacs to the person(s) hereunder mentioned of the amounts specified, in accordance with Financial Regulations adopted 8th October 2019

BACS/CHQ NO.	TO WHOM PAID	DETAILS	Total inc VAT
009/21/22	Glendales	Grass Cutting May 21 PAID DEL AUTH 06/07/21	146.34
010/21/22	Suzy Sant	Cheque 000778 PAID DEL AUTH 13/07/21	36.62
Total			182.96

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Noted and to be agreed virtually at the next regular meeting of the Parish Council