

## CHAPEL AND HILL CHORLTON PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Chapel and Hill Chorlton Parish Council held on 13 October 2021

#### **Present:**

Parish Councillors: Tom Davey, Amy Davis, Mark Humphries, Richard Montague, Richard Oppenheimer (Chairman)

Borough Councillor: Graham Hutton; County Councillor: Paul Northcott

1 member of the public was present.

#### **081.10/21 To receive and approve apologies for absence**

There were no apologies for absence.

#### **082.10/21 To consider any applications for co-option or resignations**

The current vacancy will be advertised on the parish notice boards.

#### **083.10/21 To receive Councillors' declarations of pecuniary interest in items on the agenda**

No interests were declared.

#### **084.10/21 To consider approving and signing the Minutes of the last Regular Meeting**

The chairman signed the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on 8 September 2021.

#### **085.10/21 Public participation (open forum)**

There were no Public Participation items.

#### **086.10/21 Reports from Borough and County Councillors**

Borough councillor: Council has adopted hybrid working. The Local Plan Strategic Options consultation opens on 1 November 2021 and will last for 6 weeks.

County councillor: Highways is dealing with localised flooding issues and potholes repairs on carriageways and footways. Cllr Northcott attended a briefing on HS2 Junction 15 improvements, scheduled to commence 2nd half 2022. No details were available about the expected work on the Blackbrook and Hanchurch junctions. HS2 traffic is starting to have a presence on roads in the local area. HS2 has permission from SCC Highways to set up traffic control signals as and when needed. Commercial trucks (such as Culina) are starting to run at night to avoid hold-ups. A workers' camp to accommodate 2,000 will be set up on the HS2 compound adjacent to the A51/A519 roundabout. Question about regular flooding at Sandy Lane/Woodside junction: residents should report the problem regularly to Highways, with photo evidence, to make them aware of it; when they receive a report number from Amey they should follow up by forwarding the correspondence to Bill Cash MP and asking him to query how resources are being prioritised by SCC Highways. Highways is responsible for cleaning grids; landowners are responsible for surface water run-off from their land, which can cause silting up and blockages.

#### **087.10/21 Correspondence received**

Silverdale PC is organising a meeting of PC representatives in the borough on 18 October to consult about the Local Plan Strategic Options and establish some common ground.

#### **088.10/21 Financial matters**

*Financial report:* A review was presented of the original budget set by the outgoing PC and expenditure for the current year to date. The current cash position is £11,880. It was advised to earmark a reserve of £4,500 to cover the costs of a possible future by-election or any other unforeseen expenses, and to gradually build up a general reserve on an annual basis.

*Initial discussion on budgeting for 2022–2023:* Noted that expenditure of the precept needs to be spread across the parish as a whole and not concentrated in a single area. Discussion with residents has been initiated about highway signage needs in the Stableford area.

**089.10/21 Parish appearance**

*Draft parish maintenance and mowing strategy and Draft parish improvement plan:* These were circulated prior to the meeting. They should be viewed as working documents and a basis for planning and budgeting. The Council will return to them for further discussion at a future meeting.

**090.10/21 Highways matters**

*SIDs and traffic figures:* The second SID has now been installed and is operational on the A51 in Hill Chorlton. Noted that the amount of speeding eastbound is double the amount westbound. The SIDs are producing significant and equal reductions in speeding in both directions.

*Update on village signs for Stableford and Hill Chorlton:* Request for approval of these signs has been followed up a couple of times with SCC Highways will be followed up again with copy to Rob Steele and Cllr Northcott.

*Discussion of hazard areas identified:* A domestic hedge at the Sandy Lane/Woodside junction is obstructing visibility and creating a hazard for drivers. RM and RO will speak to the householder.

**091.10/21 Planning**

*Presentation on Local Plan and Strategic Options (Cllr Northcott):* The 6-week public consultation on “issues and options” commences 1 November. The consultation presents the borough council’s thinking on where Newcastle should be in terms of growth by 2040. Growth will be reflective of the economic situation of Newcastle. At this stage the consultation is not site specific, but focuses on 6 areas where sustainable development looks possible. The borough is running out of brownfield sites for housing development and is looking at releasing green belt land. It is expected that a roadshow event will be held at Slaters.

*Response from head of planning re planning application Fairview Haddon Lane:* The application had made no reference to the NP, and it appeared that officers had not referred to the NP in pre-application advice. This issue was raised in responses from CHCPC, a Maer and Aston councillor and the borough councillor. Head of planning responded that applicants are expected to address the full range of national, local and neighbourhood planning policy but sometimes fail to take this on board. Planning officers have been reminded of their responsibility to draw applicants’ attention to the NP and policies.

*21/00949/FUL, Change of use of land at Hill Chorlton Farm:* This application affects FP2 alongside the railway line, on the route Baldwins Gate to Chorlton Mill and Stableford. It will create another length of footpath in the parish where the growth of vegetation is not kept under control by grazing or cultivation. It is assumed that the land to be fenced off will become Network Rail land. The PC will seek clarification from the planning department regarding the effect of the change of use on the route of FP2 and responsibility for the future maintenance of the footpath.

**092.10/21 Public engagement**

*Report on newsletter, feedback from residents:* There has been some positive feedback.

*Website:* SCC provides an email and website hosting service for parish councils. An email account for CHCPC has existed since 2010 but has never been used; individual councillors can have PC email addresses. The website hosting service includes a template for parish council websites and costs £100pa (less than half the current hosting fee). For a fee of £10 SCC can also register the domain name [www.chapelhillchorlton.org.uk](http://www.chapelhillchorlton.org.uk) on behalf of the parish council. Email addresses will be @chapelhill.staffslc.gov.uk. It was proposed to purchase c.100 business cards with the contact details for CHCPC.

**93.10/21 Councillor training**

Cllr Humphries attended an SPCA course via Zoom on book-keeping for parish councils and will be attending a course on VAT. It was recommended that councillors should attend the “Parish

Councillor Fundamentals” course. Courses last 2 hours and are held at lunch times and in the evenings.

**94.10/21 Discussion on Climate Emergency statement and proposed policy**

Newcastle Borough Council passed a climate emergency resolution in May 2019. Parish councils around the country have passed climate emergency statements. Such a statement would inform and underpin CHCPC policies, plans and actions. This will be discussed further at a future meeting.

**95.10/21 Urgent business**

CLlr Humphries will represent the Council at the Remembrance Day service at Maer Memorial on 14 November. Under its power to maintain a war memorial, the Council has budgeted £60 for a wreath.

**096.10/21 To confirm the date of the next meeting as 11 November 2021**

The Meeting closed at 10.08pm.

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 8<sup>th</sup> October 2019

<b>BACS/CHQ NO.</b>	<b>TO WHOM PAID</b>	<b>DETAILS</b>	<b>Total inc VAT</b>
017/21/22	EON	SID Poles	1076.78
018/21/22	SPCA	Book keeping Course	30.00
019/21/22	SPCA	VAT Course	30.00
020/21/22	Parish Online	ParishOnline	60.00
021/21/22	Poppy Shop	Wreath	60.00
022/21/22	Glendales	Grass Cutting Sept	146.34
016/21/22	Elan City	SID	2244.66
<b>Total</b>			<b>3647.78</b>

Signed .....

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