

CHAPEL AND HILL CHORLTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Chapel and Hill Chorlton Parish Council held on 18 May 2022

Present:

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

1 member of the public was present.

062.05/22 To receive and approve apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Amy Davies, County Councillor Paul Northcott

063.05/22 To receive Councillors' declarations of pecuniary interest in items on the agenda

No interests were declared.

064.05/22 To consider approving and signing the Minutes of the last Regular Meeting

The chairman signed the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on 13 April 2022.

065.05/22 Public participation (open forum)

There were no public participation items.

066.05/22 Reports from Borough and County Councillors

County councillor: No report was received.

Borough councillor: No report was received.

067.05/22 Correspondence received

An email had been received from a parishioner regarding the unauthorised diversion of Footpath No. 2 (see further, minute 75.05/22).

An email had been received from Mrs Griffiths of Chapel Chorlton thanking the Council for mowing the green at Chapel Chorlton.

068.05/22 Financial matters

Financial report: Cllr Humphries will meet the internal auditor on 19 May to deliver the files for the annual audit.

Reserve account balance: £13694.86 (£4,500 earmarked for byelection expenses); current account balance £923.39.

Renewal of insurance cover from 1 June 2022: Public liability insurance is due for renewal by 31 May. It was agreed to pay the premium of £258.36.

069.05/22 Planning

22/00364/FUL, Ashlea Stone Road Hill Chorlton ST5 5DR, retention of gate and fence: The Council has safety concerns regarding the access, which was not used as a vehicle access for many years, and is of the opinion that the gate should be set back to allow a vehicle to pull off the road while the gate is opened/closed.

22/00295/FUL 2x3 bedroom bungalows, land off Watering Close Baldwins Gate: The Council does not wish to comment on this application.

Croft Farm application: The reserved matters application was passed by the Planning Committee at its 26 April meeting. Cllr Oppenheimer had attended the Planning Committee meeting and spoken against the application. The Parish Council had put forward what it felt was best for the village of Hill Chorlton and for the parish as a whole.

070.05/22 Volunteers

Draft volunteer policy: A draft policy was discussed at some length. It was decided to keep this under review, and to focus first on recruiting volunteers to assist with maintenance tasks in the parish. Noted that the Council's public liability insurance policy covers volunteers performing tasks on behalf of or at the request of the Council.

071.05/22 Parish appearance

Kennels Lane layby: Cllr Davey continues to monitor the litter situation. His inquiries to NuLBC and SCC regarding provision of litter bins received negative responses. He has hung up litter sacks and posted notices requesting users of the layby to dispose of their litter responsibly. Rob Steele of SCC is making inquiries regarding the ownership of the layby and whether there are any TPOs on the trees on the site.

Mowing: Dennis Slater mowed the green at Chapel Chorlton on 26 April. A number of compliments have been received from Chapel Chorlton residents. SCC's contractor has mowed the A51 verges during the past week. Taylormade will mow the verges within the 40mph zone by the end of May. Between SCC mowings, Nick Bedson will mow from the 40mph sign east of Hill Chorlton down to Stableford, allowing for safer walking.

Other parish appearance matters: Hedge from Rose Cottage to Eden Rock is growing out over the footway and needs cutting back. Control of bracken growing through the hedge is also a problem. Cllr Montague will see to the planting of flower tubs by the noticeboard and at Chapel Bend in Hill Chorlton.

072.05/22 Highways matters

Traffic report: There has been a lot of disruption of traffic in Hill Chorlton due to ongoing construction projects.

Update on village signs for Stableford and Hill Chorlton: The application for approval of the signs has been resubmitted, following the appointment of a new officer at SCC who deals with these matters.

Footpath No. 2: Cllr Oppenheimer reported that SCC Footpaths Office has responded to the Council's complaint regarding unauthorised diversion of the footpath. An officer will make a site visit. Cllr Oppenheimer has asked to meet the officer on site and has raised additional issues in the locality, including repairs to a number of stiles on Footpath No. 2, replacement of finger posts and supply of materials for repairs to Footpath No. 1.

073.05/22 Public engagement

Approval of draft parish newsletter: The draft newsletter was approved for printing and distribution.

Noticeboard at Stableford: The noticeboard has been delivered and brackets are being fabricated to attach it to the perimeter wall of the caravan site. A resident at the caravan site has volunteered to install it.

074.05/22 Councillor training

No notifications of upcoming training sessions have been received.

075.05/22 Urgent business

There was no urgent business.

076.05/22 To confirm the date of the next meeting as 8 June 2022

The Meeting closed at 9.44pm.

Signed

CHAIR

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