

CHAPEL AND HILL CHORLTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Chapel and Hill Chorlton

Parish Council held on 13 July 2022

Present:

Parish Councillors: Tom Davey (acting clerk), Mark Humphries, Richard Oppenheimer (Chairman)
2 members of the public were present.

094.07/22 To receive and approve apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Amy Davies and Richard Montague; Nicola Davis has written to say that she will have to stand down due to her school duties as a head teacher.

095.07/22 To receive Councillors' declarations of pecuniary interest in items on the agenda

No interests were declared.

096.07/22 To consider approving and signing the Minutes of the last Regular Meeting

The chairman signed the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on 15 June 2022.

097.07/22 Public participation (open forum)

Mrs Sue Desborough, owner of Moss Farm, introduced herself to the Council. She informed councillors that following the death of their tenant, Mr Harry Butters, she and her brother intend to continue to maintain the farm as an agricultural holding.

098.07/22 Reports from Borough and County Councillors

County councillor: No report was received.

Borough councillor: No report was received.

099.07/22 Correspondence received

Item deferred until the next meeting.

100.07/22 Financial matters

It was reported that the AGAR certificated of exemption has been submitted to Mazars and all required documents have been uploaded to the Council's website.

Payments and receipts: There were no payments or receipts during the past month. Cllr Montague has submitted an account for £54.00 for reimbursement of expenses for planting flower tubs etc. Agreed to pay.

Financial report: Reserve account balance: £13,698.00; current account balance: £621.03.

101.07/22 Planning

Update on application 22/00364/FUL, retention of gate at Ash Lea, Stone Road:

Highways had objected to the application and said that it should be refused. NuLBC Planning Department permitted it anyway. The issue was reported to Cllr Northcott of NuLBC, who has referred it to the head of the Planning Department for an explanation.

No new planning applications have been received.

It was noted that the recently published results of a national questionnaire from NALC to local councils showed that by far the biggest issue reported by councils nationwide is planning authorities ignoring input from local councils.

102.07/22 Grazing land

The tenancy expired on the death of the tenant, Mr Harry Butters. No rent has been paid for the current year. Agreed to write to Mr Butters' executor and give notice to vacate the land by 31 August 2022. Agreed to make a site visit on Wednesday 7 September, time provisionally set for 6.30pm.

103.07/22 Parish appearance

Kennels Lane layby: Rob Steele, SCC Highways, has been asked again regarding the ownership. The vegetation needs to be cut back hard in the autumn, and low branches trimmed.

Mowing: It was noted that SCC/Amey's contractor Taylormade mowed A51 verges in the 40mph

zone on 12 July.

The Council is still waiting for its contractor to mow the verges in the 50mph zone.

The green at Chapel Chorlton will be mown in mid-July.

Hedges, Sandy Lane/Woodside and Chorlton Moss: The landowners at Sandy Lane/Woodside have received a letter from SCC Highways but have still not back cut their hedge. Decided to write and request them to cut the hedge back, citing the relevant section of the Highways Act. Decided to write to the landowner at Chorlton Moss requesting hedge cutting at the end of the bird nesting season (after end of August), also noting riparian responsibilities.

Volunteers: The Council appreciates the hard work of volunteers in various parts of the parish to maintain its appearance and to maintain footpaths.

It was noted that the appearance of the phone kiosk at Chapel Chorlton is much improved after it was cleaned of moss and algae by (an) anonymous volunteer(s) prior to the Jubilee event in June.

104.07/22 Highways matters

Traffic report: There was no traffic report.

Footpaths No. 2 and No. 1: Cllr Oppenheimer reported on recent correspondence with the footpaths officer. Agreed to make arrangements for 2 councillors to have a site meeting with the officer.

Update on village signs for Stableford and Hill Chorlton: An SCC Highways officer made an unannounced site visit and identified an unsuitable location for the eastbound Hill Chorlton sign that would create visibility problems exiting Sandy Lane and for some householders exiting their driveways. For the eastbound Stableford sign a site a few metres west of the proposed site was approved. The proposed site of the westbound Stableford sign was rejected on grounds that it would block visibility exiting Stableford Bank, but a photograph taken from the driver's position shows that this would not be the case. Decided to obtain up-to-date quotes for (a) the westbound Hill Chorlton sign; (b) all four signs.

Cllr Davey reported that a Hill Chorlton resident has complained that the motorcycles on Thursday evenings are "intimidating". Decided to contact Michelle Shaker at the Safer Roads Partnership and ask for a patrol car or the safety camera van to visit at an appropriate time.

105.07/22 Public engagement

Update on noticeboard for Stableford: Cllr Oppenheimer will speak to the person who has been asked to manufacture the fixing brackets.

106.07/22 Councillor training

Current dates for councillor training sessions will be circulated.

107.07/22 Urgent business

There was no urgent business.

108.07/22 To confirm the date of the next meeting as 14 September 2022

The Meeting closed at 21.11pm.

Signed

CHAIR

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