

CHAPEL AND HILL CHORLTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Chapel and Hill Chorlton Parish Council held on 12 October 2022

Present:

Parish Councillors: Tom Davey (acting clerk), Mark Humphries, Richard Montague, Richard Oppenheimer (Chairman)

County Councillor Paul Northcott

1 member of the public was present.

109.10/22 To receive and approve apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Amy Davies, Borough Councillor Amy Bryan

110.10/22 To consider applications for co-option or resignation

There were no applications for co-option or resignations.

111.10/22 To receive Councillors' declarations of pecuniary interest in items on the agenda

No interests were declared.

112.10/22 To consider approving and signing the Minutes of the last Regular Meeting

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

113.10/22 Public participation (open forum)

There were no public participation items.

114.10/22 Reports from Borough and County Councillors

Borough councillor: No report was received.

County councillor: Of note from the report: Repairs to highways defects in the area are ongoing. SCC has secured £4.2m to support participation in the national Multiply initiative to improve adults' maths skills. The Electoral Review of the county has been completed –the 62 single-member divisions will be retained. There are currently 20,200 job vacancies across the county; SCC can help job seekers through its Job Brokerage Service; its business support schemes are supporting business start-ups and creation of apprenticeships. Health work includes the "Stoptober" smoking cessation programme, "Healthy Lifestyles", and activities for Mental Health Awareness week. The "Here to Help Campaign" has been launched to help residents find help and support to manage cost of living rises: www.staffordshire.gov.uk/heretohelp .

115.10/22 Correspondence received

There was no correspondence.

116.10/22 To consider adopting the LGA Model Councillor Code of Conduct

Deferred until next meeting.

117.10/122 Financial matters

Financial report: Reserve account balance: £13648.80; current account balance: £601.03.

Payments and receipts:

BACS/CHQ NO.	TO WHOM PAID	DETAILS	Total inc VAT
004/22/23	Richard Montague	Plants for summer bedding	54.00
005/22/23	Cash	Brackets for notice board	20.00

Total			74.00
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To approve payment to NuLBC for expenses of uncontested election: Agreed to pay £100 expenses when invoice is received from NuLBC.

To approve payment of SCC web set-up and hosting fee: Agreed to pay invoice for £107.95.

To spend £60 for a wreath for Maer War Memorial: Agreed.

New village signs for Hill Chorlton and Stableford: Agreed to purchase new village signs for £1064.00 + £212.80 VAT.

118.10/22 Planning

Applications for discharge of conditions 18/00507/OUT, Croft Farm Hill Chorlton: Conditions have been discharged.

Update on 21/01041/OUT Baldwins Gate Farm: The application for a development of 200 dwellings in Whitmore parish was refused unanimously by the Planning Committee. Noted that Neighbourhood Plan Policy HG1 on the location of new housing will be cited in the decision notice.

Jones Homes, Woodside Baldwins Gate: Jones Homes have recently distributed a circular to Baldwins Gate residents regarding a proposed development of 52 dwellings in Baldwins Gate. It would be partly located in Chorlton parish.

119.10/22 Former landfill site at Chorlton Moss Lane

There was a general discussion on possible uses for this land now that the tenancy has expired and the Council has regained control. Agreed that it should be put to a use or uses that would be of benefit to the local community. Decided to hold a site meeting on Friday 14 October and to prepare an article for inclusion in the next Parish Council Newsletter.

120.10/22 Parish appearance

Kennels Lane layby: Rob Steele, SCC Highways, has confirmed that the layby and land belong to Highways. The Parish Council can clear the self-set and suckered trees.

In July the Council was able to obtain 16 tons of road planings from SCC Highways which were used to repair the roadway. Thanks are due to John Lomax of Hill Chorlton Farm for spreading the stone.

Littering and fly-tipping are much reduced since the installation of signs and rubbish sacks. It was suggested to install a couple of litter bins. To write to Dave Adams at NuLBC and ask whether NuLBC Street Scene would empty the bins on a regular basis.

Mowing: The Council has not incurred any anticipated mowing costs this year, due in part to the summer drought conditions. Verges in the 40mph and 50mph zones on the A51 were mown by SCC Highways contractors in late July. Chapel Chorlton green has had three cuts during the season – the Council is grateful to Denis Slater for doing the mowing on a voluntary basis. Verges at Stableford and on Footpath have also been maintained by volunteers.

Volunteering: Some residents in Chapel Chorlton have come forward to express an interest in assisting with maintenance in the parish. The Council's public liability insurance covers it for work carried out by volunteers, provided that they are working on specific tasks or projects identified by the Council, that the necessary risk assessments have been carried out and that the Council is informed as to when the individual or team plan to carry out the work.

121.10/22 Highways matters

Footpath No. 1: In July the Council was able to obtain 6.5 tons of road planings from SCC Highways, which were used to repair areas of Footpath 1 that are prone to flooding. The Council is grateful to a small team of volunteers who helped to transport and spread the stone.

Traffic report: There was no traffic report.

Speed control at Maerfield Gate: Concerns have been raised about traffic speeds on the A51 at

Maerfield Gate. Both Maer Parish Council and Slaters have been invited to contribute one third each towards the net cost of a SID and solar panel to be mounted on the Council's pole at Maerfield Gate. Last year's net price was £1785.05. Slaters has agreed to contribute one third, but Maer PC has yet to respond. Proposed and seconded to spend two-thirds of the net cost, plus shipping and VAT and to accept a one third contribution towards the net cost from Maer PC if it is forthcoming. An up-to-date price will be obtained from the manufacturer and an order will be placed.

Speed limit review at Stableford: The Council has received an enquiry whether the speed limit at Stableford could be reduced from 50mph to 40mph. Decided to ask Road Safety Partnership if they would support a review.

122.10/22 Public engagement

Noticeboard at Stableford: The noticeboard has been installed at the bottom the Stableford Bank. Thanks are due to John Waldron for permitting it to be fixed to the perimeter wall of the caravan site, and to Billie for installation.

Date for next newsletter: A newsletter will be prepared for approval at the November meeting.

123.10/22 Councillor training

No dates for councillor training have been received.

124.10/22 Urgent business

There was no urgent business.

125.10/22 To confirm the date of the next meeting as 9 November 2022

The Meeting closed at 21.59pm.

Signed

CHAIR

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