

CHAPEL AND HILL CHORLTON PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Chapel and Hill Chorlton
Parish Council held on 14 December 2022**

Present:

Parish Councillors: Mark Humphries, Richard Montague, Richard Oppenheimer (Chairman)
1 member of the public was present.

143.12/22 To receive and approve apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Councillor Amy Davies, Councillor Tom Davey, Borough Councillor Amy Bryan

144.12/22 To consider applications for co-option or resignation

There were no applications for co-option or resignations.

145.12/22 To receive Councillors' declarations of pecuniary interest in items on the agenda

Councillor Montague declared an interest in planning application 22/01009/FUL.

146.12/22 To consider approving and signing the Minutes of the last Regular Meeting

The chairman signed the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on 9 November 2022.

147.12/22 Public participation (open forum)

There were no public participation items.

148.12/22 Reports from Borough and County Councillors

Borough councillor: A report had been received and circulated.

County councillor: No report had been received.

149.12/22 Correspondence received

A circular has been received from CPRE inviting parish councils to consider taking out corporate membership. It will be circulated to councillors.

2 signed and 1 anonymous letters have been received in response to the article in the November 2022 Newsletter about the Parish Council's land on Chorlton Moss.

150.12/22 Financial matters

Financial report: Reserve account balance: £9,786.52; current account balance: £548.08.

Payments and receipts:

BACS/CHQ NO.	TO WHOM PAID	DETAILS	Total inc VAT
008/22/23	Signtrade	Clips for HC village sign	20.00
009/22/23	RJ Montague	Flower Tubs	25.00
010/22/23	Derek Mawby Paving	Sign Posts Fixing	540.00
011/22/23	Staffs County Council	Website	107.95
012/22/23	Creative Bee Ltd	Village Signs	1293.60
013/22/23	Judith Oppenheimer	Newsletter	21.76
Total			2008.31

The above items authorised to be paid following this meeting.

Preliminary consultation on budget for 2023-2024: This will be put on the agenda for the January meeting.

151.12/22 Planning

- *Planning application 22/00996/FUL* Proposed single storey rear extension, single & double extension to front, replacement roof with loft conversion | The Old Nursery Stone Road Hill Chorlton Newcastle Under Lyme Staffordshire ST5 5DR. The Council notes that it is proposed to increase the ridge height. NDP policy DC5 Exterior Lighting: The applicant's attention should be drawn to this policy. The application site is in an unlit hamlet and exterior lighting could have a negative impact on the night-time environment and nocturnal wildlife. The Council would like to see and comment on any plans the applicant may have for exterior lighting. NDP policy DC7 Renewable Energy: The applicant's attention should be drawn to this policy encouraging the installation of renewable energy technologies. Solar roofing materials could be used at the back of the house.
- *Planning application 22/01009/FUL* Proposed rear garden gymnasium | Moss Brook Cottage Moss Lane Baldwins Gate Newcastle Under Lyme Staffordshire ST5 5DL No objection.
- *Planning application 22/01010/FUL* Replacement of Garage with Timber Frame Structure with Tiled Roof | 1 Stone Road Hill Chorlton Newcastle Under Lyme Staffordshire ST5 5DR No objection. The applicant's attention should be drawn to NDP Policy DC7 encouraging the installation of renewable energy technologies and the possibility of installing solar panels on the south-east facing roof.

152.12/22 Tree Preservation Orders in the local area

Decided to carry out a review of tree preservation orders in the parish and to request a current list from the NuLBC Landscape Department.

153.12/22 Former landfill site at Chorlton Moss Lane

Following the article in the November 2022 Newsletter a number of favourable comments have been received verbally from local residents. Three written responses have been received, one of which was anonymous and has therefore been disregarded. To date, there have been no suggestions regarding future community uses of the land. The Council remains open to receiving suggestions. The Newsletter was distributed to all households in the parish and posted on the Baldwins Gate Facebook page. It has come to the Council's attention that some disinformation has been spread locally in respect of the possible use of the site. The Council wishes to categorically assure residents that there is no intention to establish a playground. Volunteers have cut back the hedges and trimmed low branches on the trees. There is buried plastic on the site that needs to be removed.

154.12/22 Parish appearance

Kennels Lane layby: Volunteers have made a start at clearing suckered and self-seeded trees. Trees close to the road will have to be dealt with by a tree surgeon.

Mowing: SCC contractor Taylormade mowed the A51 verges in the 40mph zone at the end of November.

Hedges: The hedge alongside the A51 footway Sandy Lane to Arnside is encroaching onto the footway and needs to be cut back. To contact the landowner.

Chapel Chorlton: It was noted that the benches on the green are in need of some cleaning and maintenance. Contact will be established with residents who approached councillors during the summer and expressed an interest in volunteering.

155.12/22 Highways matters

Traffic report: Ongoing favourable reports have been received regarding the effectiveness of the SID at Maerfield Gate. The batteries ran flat at the end of November. They have been

recharged and the solar panel has been reorientated to maximise gain from the winter sunlight.

Update on Stableford and Hill Chorlton village signs: Village signs have now been installed at both locations.

156.12/22 Councillor training

No dates for councillor training have been received.

157.12/22 Urgent business

There was no urgent business.

158.12/22 To confirm the date of the next meeting as 11 January 2023

The Meeting closed at 20.39pm.

Signed

CHAIR

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