

CHAPEL AND HILL CHORLTON PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Chapel and Hill Chorlton
Parish Council held on 8 February 2023**

Present:

Parish Councillors: Mark Humphries, Richard Montague, Richard Oppenheimer (Chairman)

Borough Councillor: Amy Bryan

PCSO: Gemma Crank

2 members of the public were present.

175.02/23 To receive and approve apologies for absence

No apologies were received.

176.02/23 To consider applications for co-option or resignation

There were no applications for co-option or resignations.

177.02/23 To receive Councillors' declarations of pecuniary interest in items on the agenda

There were no declarations of interest.

178.02/23 To consider approving and signing the Minutes of the last Regular Meeting

The chairman signed the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on 11 January 2023.

179.02/23 Public participation (open forum)

There were no public participation items.

180.02/23 Reports from Borough and County Councillors

Borough councillor: The next HS2 meeting is scheduled for 27 February; a local PCSO has been invited to attend all parish council meetings in the area; Richborough estates has registered an appeal against the Baldwins Gate Farm planning refusal.

County councillor: No report had been received.

181.02/23 Correspondence received

Email from Mrs Susie Sant regarding the need to renew the pads for the defibrillator at Chapel Chorlton (expiry date April 2023).

Email from Sue Cripps of Loggerheads regarding a proposed new development at Loggerheads.

182.02/23 Financial matters

Financial report: Reserve account balance: £9799.82; current account balance: £349.50.

Payments and receipts:

BACS/CHQ NO.	TO WHOM PAID	DETAILS	Total inc VAT
014/22/23	The Battery Shop	Spare SID Battery	59.48
015/22/23	Elan City	SID battery cable	17.34
016/22/23	Newcastle Borough	Uncontested Election Fee	100.00
Total			176.82

The above items were authorised to be paid following the meeting.

Budget and parish precept for 2023-2024: Following on from the review and discussion at the January meeting, the precept will be increased by 3%, to raise an income of £6372.86. This represents an increase of 60p for a Band D dwelling. The draft budget for the year was reviewed and finalised.

183.02/23 Police matters

PCSO Crank reported that officers are regularly in the area at night, including in unmarked cars. Smart Alert leaflets were provided for the parish noticeboards. It was noted that dog issues should be reported to the Dog Warden, not to the police.

184.02/23 Highways matters

The batteries on the Maerfield Gate SID ran flat at the beginning of February due to low sunlight. A spare battery has been purchased and has now been received.

Traffic report: Data was reported from the SIDs at Maerfield Gate (October 2022-February 2023) and Moss Lane (12 months' data).

At Maerfield Gate 92% of eastbound traffic is travelling at or below 40mph; over 20% of westbound traffic is exceeding the limit, up to 91mph. At Moss Lane, in both directions excessive speeds are as high as 116mph. Excessive speeds are mostly at night and between 5am and 6am, although speeds over 70mph during daytime hours are recorded every day. It was noted that speed problems will increase from spring onwards when bikers are on the road, especially on Thursday evening. PCSO Crank indicated that it may be possible to arrange for a police presence.

Stableford: Fast-moving westbound vehicles are creating a danger for cars and farm traffic joining the A51 at the Stableford Bank junction. A local resident has offered to contribute to the cost of a VAS warning sign. Prices will be obtained and SCC Highways will be asked to identify a suitable location.

185.02/23 Planning

- *Planning application 22/00996/FUL:* The Old Nursery Hill Chorlton. The application has been approved by NuLBC by delegated authority.

- *Planning application 21/01041/OUT:* Baldwins Gate Farm, appeal lodged by applicants. The appeal is a direct challenge to the Neighbourhood Plan and the parish councils have an interest in defending it. The appeal timetable was published on 6 February, after Whitmore PC's meeting; the deadline for registering interest is 13 March. Cllr Bryan noted that advice from the Planning Department is to defend the appeal locally under Rule 6. Consultation with Whitmore and Maer PCs is needed. There has been some local discussion on social media.

- *Proposed revisions to NPPF:* It was noted that proposed revisions will significantly strengthen the Neighbourhood Planning process.

186.02/23 Tree Preservation Orders in the local area

Cllr Oppenheimer, Cllr Mainwaring of Maer PC and a local resident met recently with Peter Stepien, NuLBC Landscape Officer. There are TPOs in the parish on former Maer Estate land, Croft Farm Hill Chorlton and at a location at Chapel Chorlton.

187.02/23 Former landfill site at Chorlton Moss Lane

Perimeter fencing: The estimated cost of materials for a two-rail wooden fence is £800 to £1000. It is proposed to create a barrier at the entrance that will allow access to pedestrians and wheelchairs but prevent vehicles from accessing the site.

Registration of open space project with Planning Department, NuLBC: This is a two-stage process. The use class first needs to be changed from agricultural use to open space. An open space project can then be registered with the Planning Department. Once registered, the site qualifies to receive section 106 monies.

Other issues: The metal gate from the neighbouring field has been removed and replaced with post and rail fencing. Hawthorn quicks have been purchased and will be planted by a local volunteer. Brash from hedge cutting will be burned this week.

188.02/23 Parish appearance

Kennels Lane layby: The area is currently clean. It was decided to get a price for a single fixed litter bin for the site.

Chapel Chorlton green: Cllr Montague will check with Denis Slater regarding his availability for mowing this year; he will also enquire of Mrs Sue Griffiths whether there are any plans to hold a coronation event on the green. Residents at Chapel Chorlton who have indicated a readiness to assist with maintenance tasks will be approached to enquire about their availability.

Mill Lane Hill Chorlton: The matter of drainage on the road outside Kennels Cottages was raised by a local resident. The road grating is blocked with silt from fields and vehicles and it is most unlikely that SCC Highways would clear it.

189.02/23 Report on Climate Change meeting hosted by Maer Parish Council

The meeting was well attended, mainly by older residents from Maer. Cllrs Simon Tagg and Paul Northcott were present. The Director of Sustainability from Keele spoke about Zero-Carbon Rugeley; there is a high level of engagement among the local population in Rugeley because of the role the former power station played in many people's lives. Another speaker addressed the issue of waste and recycling for a wide range of materials.

190.02/23 Councillor training

No dates for councillor training have been received.

191.02/23 Urgent business

There was no urgent business.

192.02/23 To confirm the date of the next meeting as 8 March 2023

The Meeting closed at 21:49pm.

Signed

CHAIR

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