

CHAPEL AND HILL CHORLTON ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The Annual Parish Meeting was held on Wednesday 13 April 2022, commencing at 7.30pm in the Function Room, Slaters Country Hotel, Stone Road, Hill Chorlton

PRESENT

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

PARISHIONERS

No parishioners were present at the meeting.

APOLOGIES

Councillors Amy Davies, Richard Montague

MINUTES

Minutes of the last Annual Parish Meeting were not available.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Councillor Richard Oppenheimer gave a report as annexed to these minutes.

A BRIEF FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2021-2022

Total income received this financial year was £7969.71

Total expenditure was £6077.91.

ATTENDANCE RECORD OF COUNCILLORS

The attendance record was presented and is appended to these minutes.

The meeting closed at 19.45pm.

Signed

Date

Chairman's Annual Report on the Parish Council

The present Council took office in May 2021 following an uncontested by-election for six councillors in April 2021.

Highways

The Council has worked with SCC Highways to agree on the sites for two Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs) on the A51 in Hill Chorlton. An existing SID was re-sited to an agreed new position near the Moss Lane junction and a second SID was purchased and installed at the agreed site near the Sandy Lane Junction.

The Council applied to SCC Highways in September 2021 for the approval of locations for two village signs for Stableford and the re-siting of the western village sign for Hill Chorlton. This application still awaits a response.

The Council has investigated the cause of flooding at the northern end of Sandy Lane. A former tenant of the adjoining land used to clear the gratings regularly, but since his tenancy terminated this has been discontinued, resulting in the present problems. It currently seems unlikely that SCC Highways would give any priority to resolving the problem.

Planning

The Council has responded to the following consultations by the Newcastle-under-Lyme Borough Council Planning Department:

- Local Plan 2020-2040 Issues and Strategic Options consultation, which took place during December 2021 and January 2022;
- Five planning applications for minor developments in the parish, including one for a replacement dwelling on Haddon Lane and two for extensions to dwellings on Haddon Lane and in Hill Chorlton;
- One Reserved Matters application for a major development of 12 dwellings in the parish, at Croft Farm in Hill Chorlton; and one Outline application for a major development of 200 dwellings in Baldwins Gate in Whitmore parish.

A planning appeal for outline permission for a development of 30 dwellings on land at Stableford was dismissed by the Planning Inspectorate in its report dated 23 February 2022.

Parish appearance

With assistance from a parishioner, overgrown hedges on the A51 have been cut back to create a safe walking route along the verge. The route between Stableford and Hill Chorlton is now accessible and safe for pedestrians.

The Council has negotiated with contractors for mowing the green at Chapel Chorlton and for maintaining verges along the A51.

Volunteers spent several afternoons clearing litter from the A51 verges between Weston Lodge and Hill Chorlton, and in the Kennels Lane layby.

The Council has initiated enquiries via SCC Highways regarding the ownership of the Kennels Lane layby, with a view to clearing it up and maintaining it.

Public engagement

The Council has inaugurated a parish newsletter. Newsletters were distributed to all households in the parish in September 2021 and January 2022.

A new Parish Council website, hosted by the county council, has been built and is accessible at <https://chapelandhillchorlton-pc.co.uk>. The old website will be decommissioned when all relevant content has been transferred.

The Council has identified a suitable site for installation of a parish noticeboard at Stableford.

