

CHAPEL AND HILL CHORLTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Chapel and Hill Chorlton Parish Council held on 10 May 2023

Present:

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

210.05/23 To receive and approve apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Councillors Amy Davies and Richard Montague, and Borough Councillor Amy Bryan.

211.05/23 To consider applications for co-option or resignation

There were no applications for co-option or resignations.

212.05/23 To receive Councillors' declarations of pecuniary interest in items on the agenda

There were no declarations of interest.

213.05/23 To consider approving and signing the Minutes of the last Regular Meeting

The chairman signed the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on 8 March 2023. To note that there was no meeting in April due to the absence of a quorum.

214.05/23 Public participation (open forum)

There were no public participation items.

215.05/23 Reports from Borough and County Councillors

Borough councillor: A report had been received by email and circulated prior to the meeting.

County councillor: No report had been received.

216.05/23 Police report

There was no police representative at the meeting.

217.05/23 Correspondence received

1. Email from a former resident of the parish, wishing to make a donation to the parish in memory of his late parents. It was suggested that the money could be spent on the ongoing project at the former landfill site to create an open space for the community.
2. Email from a resident regarding "the former grazing land" (i.e. the former landfill site) at Chorlton Moss. All of the questions raised have been previously answered in the Council's minutes and in the newsletter.
3. Email from a resident enquiring about minutes of the (cancelled) April meeting and with questions about the Council's land at Chorlton Moss, and with some concerns about Chorlton Moss Lane. The Acting Clerk will respond.

218.05/23 Financial matters

There are no outstanding invoices.

Bank balances at 31 March 2023: Current a/c £289.60; reserve a/c £9,814.92; total cash available: £10,104.52. By-election fund: £4,500; total unmarked reserve £5,604.52.

VAT reclaim: A claim for £837.96 has been submitted, still awaiting receipt from HMRC.

2023-2024 precept: The level was set at £6,372.86. The amount received from NuLBC is £6,500 rather than the expected £6562.86. No explanation was provided by NuLBC. It is assumed that the level of this year's CTSG has been reduced from 3% to 2%. Enquiry will be made of NuLBC.

Current bank balance: £16,615.30.

Renewal of insurance cover from 1 June 2023: Noted that the public liability insurance is due for renewal by 31 May. It was agreed to pay the premium of £284.15.

Annual return: Debra Powell has been requested to do the annual audit.

Schedule of payments:

BACS/CHQ NO.	TO WHOM PAID	DETAILS	Total inc VAT
001/23/24	BHIB	Insurance	284.15
Total			£284.15

The above item authorised to be paid following this meeting.

219.05/23 Planning

- *Planning application 22/01105/FUL:* Residential development for 52 dwellings with associated landscaping, car parking, drainage, and other necessary supporting infrastructure, Land to East of Woodside Baldwins Gate Newcastle Under Lyme ST5 5DA. The Parish Council's representation is available to view on the Planning Department website.
- *Update on Baldwins Gate Farm planning appeal:* The public inquiry will start on 16 May. The Parish Council's planning consultant believes that NuLBC has tilted the playing field as far as they can in favour of the developer.
- *Newcastle-under-Lyme Local Plan Consultation:* It is understood that the consultation is due to commence on 23 May, to run for 6 weeks. Noted that the Neighbourhood Area's local green spaces are not marked on the Local Plan interactive map on the NuLBC website.

220.05/23 Former landfill site at Chorlton Moss Lane

Update on change of use: Decided to write to Planning Department stating the Council's wish to register the land as a community open space project so that it will be eligible to receive S106 monies.

Other issues: The grass was mowed at the end of April. The Council was able to obtain a load road planings free of charge from SCC Highways. They are being stored temporarily in the field pending use within the parish for footpath repair etc.

221.05/23 Parish appearance

Kennels Lane layby: A load of road planings was obtained free of charge from SCC Highways to mend potholes. Thanks to John Lomax of Hill Chorlton Farm for spreading them. There have been some recent fly tipping incidents – tyres, asbestos and other large items have been removed. Some strimming and spraying of weeds will be done.

Chapel Chorlton green: Thanks to Denis Slater for mowing the green at the beginning of May. Efforts to eradicate the docks will continue.

Other issues: Taylormade and SCC Highways mowed the A51 verges in both the 40mph and 50mph zones on 9 May.

222.05/23 Highways matters

Surface patching on the A51 has been ongoing for the last several weeks, prior to top dressing.

223.05/23 Councillor training

No dates for councillor training were announced.

224.05/23 Urgent business

There was no urgent business.

225.05/23 To confirm the date of the next Parish Council meeting as 14 June 2023

The Meeting closed at 21.38hrs.

Signed

CHAIR

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