

CHAPEL AND HILL CHORLTON ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The Annual Parish Meeting was held on Tuesday 30 May 2024, commencing at 7.30pm in the Function Room, Slaters Country Hotel, Stone Road, Hill Chorlton

PRESENT

Parish Councillors: Tom Davey, Richard Montague, Richard Oppenheimer (Chairman)

PARISHIONERS

No parishioners were present at the meeting.

APOLOGIES

Councillor Mark Humphries (observed via Zoom); Borough Councillor Amy Bryan

MINUTES

Minutes of the last Annual Parish Meeting were signed as a true record.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

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

A BRIEF FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2023-2024

Total income received this financial year was £8639.96

Total expenditure was £5614.17

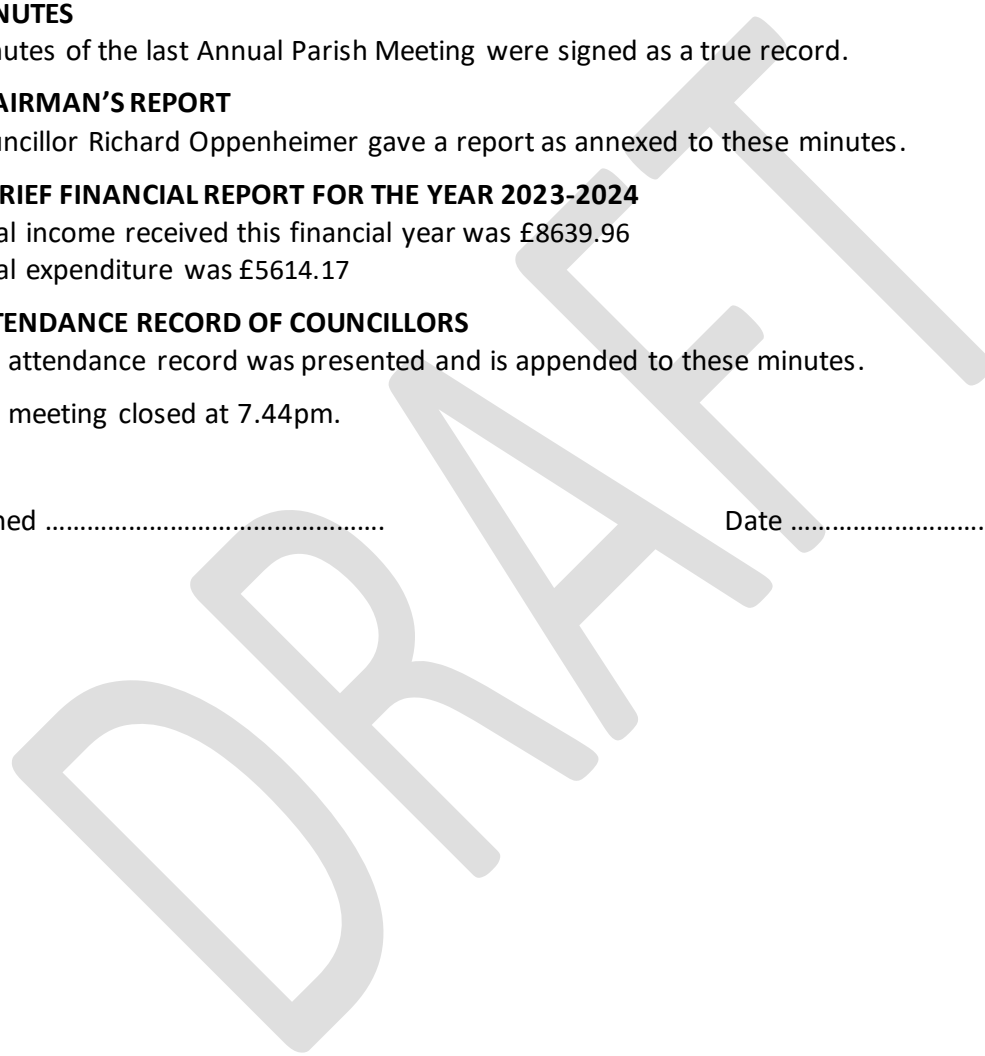
ATTENDANCE RECORD OF COUNCILLORS

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

The meeting closed at 7.44pm.

Signed

Date



Chairman's Annual Report on the Parish Council, 2023–2024

The Parish Council held 10 regular and 1 extraordinary meetings during the year. Councillor Amy Davies resigned in June 2023. The Council is grateful to her for her support for the Council and its work. There are vacancies for three councillors.

Highways

During road surface repair works on the A51 the Council was able to obtain a supply of road planings for use for footpath and other repairs within the parish. Planings were also obtained for repairs at the Kennels Lane layby.

Site meetings were held with Highways officers regarding drainage at the northern end of Sandy Lane and the overgrown hedge at the Sandy Lane/Woodside junction. Work on the highway drain has somewhat improved the drainage, but the road continues to flood rapidly in heavy rain. Visibility at the junction has improved following cutting back of the hedge.

The Parish Council has maintained the SIDs on the A51; this has included changing and recharging the batteries of the SID at Maerfield Gate during the winter months. The police have monitored vehicle speeds on the A51.

Planning

There were no applications for major development in the parish.

The November 2022 application by Jones Homes in Baldwins Gate for a major development (52 dwellings) is still pending decision. The Parish Council responded to amended plans submitted by the applicant in October 2023.

There were three applications for minor developments in the parish, on which the Council did not comment.

Richborough Estates' application for major development at Baldwin's Gate Farm was allowed on appeal.

Meadow project at Chorlton Moss

The Parish Council applied to the Borough Council for permission to develop the former landfill site on Chorlton Moss Lane as publicly accessible open space. Representatives met with planning officers to discuss the application. The council agreed a plan with officers that did not require planning permission and the application was therefore withdrawn. The site will be developed as a wild flower meadow/nature reserve not promoted for public access.

The stock fencing on the roadside has been replaced with a post-and-rail fence, a storage compound has been created and two new wooden gates have been installed.

Several loads of topsoil were obtained from the Croft Farm construction site in Hill Chorlton. Spreading work could not be completed due to the wet autumn and winter, and will continue during the coming year.

Bird nest boxes have been installed on some of the trees and on a pole on the site.

Parish appearance

The Parish Council is grateful to volunteers who have assisted with maintenance tasks in various parts of the parish, including: mowing the green at Chapel Chorlton; repairing vehicle damage at Chapel Chorlton green; repairs to Footpath No. 1 on Chorlton Moss; spreading road planings at the Kennels Lane layby; undergrowth clearance and litter control at the Kennels Lane layby.

Wooden bollards have been installed at the corners of Chapel Chorlton green to prevent further encroachment and damage by traffic.

A CCTV camera has been installed at the Kennels Lane layby to deter fly tipping, littering, and anti-social behaviour. The police liaison officer has arranged for the police patrol to visit the site on a regular basis.

The flower tubs in Hill Chorlton have been maintained with seasonal plantings.

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Annual report for 2023–2024

Roadside verges in the A51 40mph zone were mowed regularly during the spring and summer by Taylormade on behalf of SCC Highways. Verges in the 50mph zone were mowed twice by SCC Highways.

Donation

The Parish Council received a donation of £1000 from a former resident of the parish, in memory of their late parents. With the donor's agreement, the funds were used towards fencing the Council's land at Chorlton Moss Lane.

Public engagement

The Council's website <https://chapelandhillchorlton-pc.co.uk> has been maintained. Agendas and minutes of all Parish Council meetings are available on the site.

The Parish Council has purchased a parish noticeboard for installation at the Meadow on Chorlton Moss.

No newsletter was produced during the reporting year.

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ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS 2023–2024**

	May-23 (R)	Jun-23 (R)	Jul-23 (R)	Aug-23 (Extra)	Oct-23 (R)	Nov-23 (R)	Dec-23 (R)	Jan-24 (R)	Feb-24 (R)	Mar-24 (R)	Apr-24 (R)	Total
Davey, Tom	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	A	✓	A	✓	✓	A	8
Davies, Amy	A	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
Humphries, Mark	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	A	✓	10
Montague, Richard	A	A	A	A	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	7
Oppenheimer, Richard	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	A	✓	✓	✓	✓	10