

CHAPEL AND HILL CHORLTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Chapel and Hill Chorlton Parish Council held on 12 June 2024

Present:

Parish Councillors: Tom Davey, Mark Humphries, Richard Oppenheimer (Chairman)
2 members of the public were present.

074.06/24 To receive and approve apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Richard Montague.

075.06/24 To consider applications for co-option or resignation

There were no applications for co-option or resignation.

076.06/24 To receive Councillors' declarations of pecuniary interest in items on the agenda

There were no declarations of interest.

077.06/24 To consider approving and signing the Minutes of the last Regular Meeting and of the Annual Meeting

The chairman signed the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on 10 April 2024 and the Annual Meeting held of 30 April 2024.

078.06/24 Public participation (open forum)

A resident from Chapel Chorlton attended the meeting to raise concerns about excessive surface water flow down the hill past the church during heavy rainfall and wanted to know whether the Council has any engineering drawings of the culverts. He was advised to approach Severn Trent and SCC Highways and also to speak with Mr E. Slade, a former member of the Parish Council.

079.06/24 Reports from Borough and County Councillors

Borough councillor: No report had been received.

County councillor: No report had been received.

080.06/24 Police report

There was no police representative at the meeting.

081.06/24 Correspondence received

A request had been received for the grass to be strimmed around the seats and the phone box on the green. To reply that the Council is intending to set up a team of volunteers to help with maintenance at Chapel Chorlton.

082.06/24 Financial matters

Financial report:

Receipts: Precept: £6310.00; Council Tax Support Grant: £190.00; VAT rebate: £345.58; rent for landfill: £100.00.

Bank balances: business reserve a/c: £17516.92; current a/c: £119.93; total at 31 May 2024: £17636.85.

By-election reserve: £4,500; total unmarked funds: £13116.85.

Schedule of payments:

BACS/CHQ NO.	TO WHOM PAID	DETAILS	Total inc VAT
01/24/25	STR8 Edge	Fixing Bollards	700.00
02/24/25	UBIATEC	CCTV Subscription	88.99
03/24/25	S Keeling Co	Bollards and Posts	1206.00
04/24/25	Staffordshire wildlife Trust	Subscription	100.00
05/24/25	Clear group	Insurance	342.05
Total			2437.04

The above items authorised to be paid following this meeting.

083.06/24 Accounts for the year ending 31 March 2024

Outcome and findings of Annual Internal Audit: The outcome and findings of the Annual Internal Audit for year ending 31 March 2024 were noted.

Comments by the Internal Auditor: No material errors omissions or irregularities were found; there were no significant concerns about internal control procedures.

The internal auditor provided the following comments:

- (1) It is recommended that bank statement reconciliations should be done quarterly, or that statements should be signed off quarterly by another member of the council.
- (2) The auditor was unable to access the Council's Standing Orders and Financial Regulations online (although these documents are uploaded to the website).
- (3) The dates of the exercise of public rights must include the first two weeks of July.

Certification of Chapel and Hill Chorlton Parish Council as exempt from a limited assurance review under section 9 of the Local Audit (Smaller Authorities) Regulations 2015: It was resolved to certify the Parish Council as exempt. The Chairman signed the Exemption Certificate.

Section 1 (Annual Governance Statement 2023/24) of the Annual Return: Section 1 was approved and signed.

Section 2 (Accounting Statement 2023/24) of the Annual Return: Section 2 was approved and signed.

It was resolved to publicise the exercise of public rights for 30 working days from Monday 17 June to Friday 26 July 2024.

084.06/24 Planning

Application 24/00313/REM Erection of 200 dwellings, with associated car parking, public open space, attenuation basins, landscaping and associated works, Baldwins Gate Farm. To register an objection to this application: Renewable energy: The great majority of the proposed dwellings are not suitably oriented for rooftop solar energy generation. The Design and Access Statement makes no reference to the implementation of any types of renewable energy on the development, whether solar PV or air source or ground source heat. The proposal therefore does not meet the requirements set out in NPPF paras 159b and 160. NPPF para. 159b requires new development to be planned "in ways that ... can help to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, such as through its location, orientation and design". NPPF para. 160 identifies strategies and opportunities that should be used "To help increase the use and supply of renewable and low carbon energy". Electric vehicles: The proposal does not indicate any provision to "enable charging of plug-in and other ultra-low emission vehicles in safe, accessible and convenient

locations" (NPPF para. 116d) and therefore does not meet the requirement set out in the NPPF.
Foul drainage: The applicant has not provided any details regarding the disposal of foul drainage
Application 24/00136/OUT | Erection of three detached dwellings, Former Cock Inn Car Park, Stableford. To register an objection to this application: The proposal does not meet the criteria set forth in policy HG1 of the Chapel and Hill Chorlton, Maer and Aston, and Whitmore Neighbourhood Plan.

Update on application 22/01105/FUL Woodside: There have been no further developments on this application.

085.06/24 Croft Farm construction site

The "Caution site access" warning signs on the A51 have become overgrown and are no longer visible to road users. The developers have not taken any action to rectify this. The public footway has not been kept clear and debris is causing a problem for people walking dogs, with children and elderly people. Verge outside the site is overgrown and contractors' signage is impeding visibility of the highway. The Council has received complaints from residents that highway visibility has been adversely affected.

086.06/24 Meadow project

The land has been graded and seeded; nest boxes have been installed. Agreed to purchase an engraved oak sign "Chorlton Meadow" for an estimated cost of £100. A similar sign will be purchased for Chapel Chorlton green.

087.06/24 Parish appearance

Kennels Lane layby: Cllr Davey has been monitoring the CCTV. The litter and fly tipping is significantly reduced. Anti-social activities have stopped. Councillors agreed that the cost of the CCTV was money well spent. To speak with Cllr Corbett of Whitmore Parish Council regarding the cost of the new litter bin recently installed at Jubilee Gardens in Baldwins Gate.
Chapel Chorlton green: The green has been mown. Cllrs Oppenheimer and Humphries have recently inspected the green. The oak tree needs trimming and the overgrown hawthorn scrub next to the phone box needs to be removed. Quotes will be obtained from a couple of tree surgeons.

088.06/24 Highways matters

Possible closure of Woodside/Sandy Lane during Baldwins Gate Farm site development:
No information was available on this. There has recently been a traffic survey on Woodside, which has raised speculation.

089.06/24 Public engagement

Draft Newsletter: The Newsletter was approved for printing and distribution.

090.06/24 Councillors' planned absences

Cllr Humphries will be absent for the meeting on 10 July.

091.06/24 Councillor training

No dates for councillor training were announced.

092.06/24 Urgent business

There was no urgent business.

093.06/24 To confirm the date of the next Parish Council meeting as 10 July 2024

The Meeting closed at 21.15hrs.

Signed

CHAIR

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