

CHAPEL AND HILL CHORLTON PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Chapel and Hill Chorlton
Parish Council held on 11 September 2024**

Present:

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

Borough Councillor: Amy Bryan

1 member of the public was present.

094.09/24 To receive and approve apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Richard Montague.

095.09/24 To consider applications for co-option or resignation

There were no applications for co-option or resignation.

096.09/24 To receive Councillors' declarations of pecuniary interest in items on the agenda

There were no declarations of interest.

097.09/24 To consider approving and signing the Minutes of the last Regular Meeting

The chairman signed the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on 12 June 2024.

098.09/24 Public participation (open forum)

There were no public participation items.

099.09/24 Reports from Borough and County Councillors

Borough councillor: A monthly surgery is now being held in the Function Room at Slater's for half an hour prior to the Parish Council meeting.

County councillor: No report had been received. Councillor Oppenheimer noted that he had had some contact with County Councillors Northcott and Tagg regarding the county council's EV charging strategy, and had met with SCC's designated officer last week. SCC has been awarded £4.5m of government funding and is working with neighbouring counties, with combined funding of £17.5m.

100.09/24 Police report

There was no police representative at the meeting. Borough Councillor Bryan will contact the designated officer with regard to attendance.

101.09/24 Correspondence received

An inquiry was received regarding a broken tree branch overhanging Footpath no. 1. The inquirer was advised to contact to the County Council. It was noted that the tree is on private property.

102.09/24 Financial matters

Financial report: Current expenditure for the fiscal year is £3,050.55.

Bank balances: Reserve a/c £17,119.69; current a/c £6.42. The September 2024 bank reconciliation is appended to these minutes.

Schedule of payments:

BACS/CHQ NO.	TO WHOM PAID	DETAILS	Total inc VAT
06/24/25	A Humphries	Tub Plants	44.84
07/24/25	R Montague	CCTV camera and signs	201.72

08/24/25	Black Rose Solutions	Internal audit	105.00
09/24/25	J Oppenheimer	Hawthorn Hedging	27.95
10/24/25	Viking Workshop	Meadow and Green Signs	200.00
11/24/25	Creative Bee	Notice Board Letters	12.00
12/24/25	Homebase	Notice Board Fixings	22.00
Total			613.51

The above items authorised to be paid following this meeting.

103.09/24 Planning

No new planning applications had been received.

Update on active applications

- *22/01105/FUL Woodside*: New drainage proposals have been rejected by SCC Flood Team; Staffs Wildlife Trust has requested a further information including hydrology surveys to determine impacts on Chorlton Moss Wildlife Site and how these will be mitigated, evidence and justification for why development is exceptional to loss of irreplaceable habitat, botanical surveys of the woodland and condition scoring of habitat; SCC Highways objects to the substation access on the A53 and requires the substation to be accessed from within the site.
- *24/00313/REM Baldwins Gate Farm*: No major comments; SCC Highways has requested further information or changes regarding internal roads; it appears that Bellway Homes have now acquired the site.
- *24/00471/FUL Rose Cottage Woodside*: Refused by SCC Highways on road safety grounds.
- *24/00136/OUT Stableford*: Refused.

Public Consultation on Newcastle-under-Lyme Draft Local Plan: It was decided not to respond to the consultation.

104.09/24 Croft Farm construction site

Construction work has recently restarted. Statutory signs that were removed from the site entrance have not been replaced. The usual problems have restarted: early morning deliveries outside conditioned working hours; noise outside of conditioned working hours. The overgrown grass verge and notices outside the site are blocking highway visibility for neighbours. Absence of liaison with the local community was also noted, including failure to notify neighbours of planned and disruptive “essential” work in the public realm involving digging up the road, the footway and adjacent lanes. The enforcement officer needs to revisit and do some actual enforcement – Councillor Bryan will request this.

105.09/24 Meadow project

Many positive comments have been received from local residents about the wildflower display and the general concept of the project. The parish noticeboard has been installed. Fencing has been installed for the viewing area and one of the two benches has been made and is ready to be installed. Hawthorn quicks planted in the spring have been growing well. It was decided to purchase 100 wild daffodil bulbs and 100 English bluebell bulbs to plant on the site.

106.09/24 Parish appearance

Kennels Lane layby: The layby has been monitored regularly. Str8edge will be approached to

install the litter bin, to be purchased direct from Broxap. Some overhanging trees need trimming. The CCTV camera recently helped in tracing some stolen property that was left in the layby.

Chapel Chorlton green: Work to eradicate the docks and hogweed has been continuing. Inclement weather has prevented regular mowing during the summer. A couple of quotes will be obtained from tree surgeons for a crown lift of the oak tree and to remove the scrub hawthorn and sycamore growing near the telephone kiosk.

107.09/24 Highways matters

RTI at A51/Sandy Lane junction: The police attended a serious accident on 20 June, caused by an overtaking vehicle hitting a vehicle as it turned right into Sandy Lane. The driver and passenger of the turning vehicle were badly shaken. Data from the SIDs was downloaded to assist the police investigation, but did not provide any evidence of speeding as the overtaking vehicle had been travelling in a column of vehicles.

Report on traffic speeds: No data analysis was available at the meeting.

108.09/24 Public engagement

A parish newsletter was distributed to all households in June. The Council's new noticeboard at Chorlton Meadow has been well received by local residents.

109.09/24 Councillors' planned absences

Councillor Humphries will be absent for the meeting on 9 October.

110.09/24 Councillor training

No dates for councillor training were announced.

111.09/24 Urgent business

There was no urgent business.

112.09/24 To confirm the date of the next Parish Council meeting as 9 October 2024

The Meeting closed at 20.37hrs.

Signed

CHAIR

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CHAPEL AND HILL CHORLTON PARISH COUNCILFinancial year ending 31st March 2025 Half Year ReconciliationPrepared by Cllr Mark Humphries , RFO Date 9th September 2024

Balance per bank statements at 8 th September 2024:	£	£
Current Account (04629280)	6.42	
High interest account (30632390)	17,119.69	
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Petty cash float (if applicable)	N/A	
Less: any unpresented cheques 30 th August 2024 (current acc)	0	
Cheque number	0	
Add: unbanked cash at 30 th August 2024	0	
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Nett balances at 30 th August 2024	17126.11	17126.11
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The nett balances reconcile to the Cash Book (income and expenditure)**CASH BOOK**

Opening Balance at 1 st April 2024	13130.31	
Add Income (receipts)	7046.35	
Less Expenditure (payments)	3050.55	
Closing balance per cash book at 30 th August 2024		17126.11
(must equal nett balance above)		