

Dear parishioners of Chapel & Hill Chorlton

You may not be aware that the whole of your elected Parish Council stood down in September 2020, due to (in their words) "an unwarranted and abusive attack that resulted in the Councillors position's being made untenable".

On 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2020 the full Newcastle-under-Lyme Borough Council appointed myself, Paul Northcott and Barry Panter to take over the duties of Chapel & Hill Chorlton Parish Council, until the next elections, which will be on the 6<sup>th</sup> May 2021. We will seek the support of those that live within the Parish or within three miles of it to be co-opted onto the Council, until May 2021.

We cannot underestimate the importance of a Parish Council. It brings democracy right to the doorstep. Although unpaid, the Parish Council gets to have an important say on such matters as planning and Council Services. It is responsible for keeping the public parts of the parish in good order, such as the parish notice boards, benches, BT phone box, defibrillator, village green, speed indicator devices and flower tubs.

Parish Councillors have to abide by the public office code of conduct <http://chapelandhillchorltonpc.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/NALC-Code-of-Conduct-for-Chapel-and-Hill-Chorlton-PC-adopted-July-2012.pdf> and work as a collective to achieve results for the parish. So before you nominate yourself, please read the code of conduct as you will be asked to sign that you both accept it and are prepared to abide by it. You will be a part of the team.

We will continue to conduct the business of the Parish Council, until the next election, when parishioners will again get the chance to stand and be voted in as the duly elected members of the Chapel & Hill Chorlton Parish Council.

So please come forward if you are interested. You will be made very welcome. Please e-mail the Parish Clerk for further details and an application form.

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I would like to finish by thanking the retiring Parish Council for its unstinting support of the parish and its members. I have enjoyed working with them over the last few years.

Yours faithfully,

Graham Hutton, Maer & Whitmore Borough Councillor, Chapel & Hill Chorlton Parish Councillor, Deputy Chair Local Action Partnership (Newcastle Rural)