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### **Message from the Chair**

This will be the last Newsletter edited by Gill Singh who has done a great job over the years. So thank you Gill for all your hard work. Hazel Gibb will be taking over and we hope you will have lots to write about! In between Newsletters we will be sending out an email Bulletin. Apologies for those who do not have email, but we don't have the resources to send out more frequent printed copies. If you would like to go on our email list, let me know.

Hasn't the summer has been fantastic? But it doesn't bode very well for climate change and Manchester's ability to meet its Climate Change targets. Indeed, at the recent Manchester Climate Action Conference where the *Climate Action Plan* was reporting on progress, it was made clear that Manchester was already falling short of its climate change targets. Whilst these are seen by some to be ambitious for Cities in the UK, they still need to be met if climate change is to be slowed down. Over the past year we have had talks from some of the projects that are working on ways to make changes to our ways of living, in order to make a contribution to the changes. We have heard,

for example, from Carbon Coop about retrofitting houses; Stitched up about responsible clothing and re-use of textiles; a local beekeeper about urban beekeeping and the threats to bees and crop pollination; Cracking Good food about suing food waste and developing cooking skills and use of fresh food; and Simply Cycling about a local project encouraging greater use of cycling in a fun way. Chorlton has a great record of environmental activities and projects – in this newsletter we include some more ways we can all contribute to this important agenda. Read on to get some ideas, whether this is about responding to the consultation on cycling and walking in Greater Manchester, joining the new Chorlton Community Led Housing Group or thinking about one CV member's ideas about the precinct development. If you have something to share in a Newsletter, please do get in touch with me . Chorlton Voice is the chance to have your voice heard, so come along to a meeting (second Tuesday every other month, 7.30, Community Room, Chorlton Library from September).

Chris Boardman – the Greater Manchester active travel Tsar and Olympic cyclist- says (see item below) that crossing a road shouldn't require bravery. Nor should walking along the cycle path from Chorlton to Fallowfield. But the other day when I was out blackberry-ing, a cyclist ran straight into a little girl who was with her brothers and sisters and Grandma. The girl was standing still as a statue while one cyclist whizzed past, then stepped out to cross back to her Grandma, only to be knocked over by another going in the other direction. Should pedestrians even have to stand still like statues? Shouldn't cyclists always be able to stop, even if someone steps out? I wonder what makes some of the cyclists on the path treat it as a race or fitness track and forget the Highway Code Rule 62 on Cycle Tracks: *Take care when passing pedestrians, especially children, older or disabled people, and allow them plenty of room. Always be prepared to slow down and stop if necessary.*

Here's to a lovely, climate and cycling -safe Autumn.

Carolyn, Carolyn Kagan, Chair Chorlton Voice

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## **BEELINES**

### Walking and cycling plan for Greater Manchester

Chris Boardman was appointed by Mayor Andy Burman to work on an active travel plan and the changes needed to achieve this, for Greater Manchester. There are now detailed plans a map of what these might mean across the whole area. See <https://tfgm.com/made-to-move> for more details, of the plans and for how to respond to the consultation. As the site says:

*Crossing a road shouldn't require bravery and Chris Boardman has unveiled his proposals to achieve that aim. Made to Move, a 15-step plan to transform Greater Manchester, outlined the need for a detailed walking and cycling infrastructure proposal. Beelines is just that: a vision of a fully joined up cycling and walking network covering 1000 miles for Greater Manchester. In true Mancunian style, [Beelines](#) in a vision for Greater Manchester to become the very first city region in the UK to have a fully joined up cycling and walking network; the most comprehensive in Britain covering 1000 miles.*

*This proposal sets out our vision to connect every neighbourhood and community in Greater Manchester, as well as a clear strategy for effective delivery of a network that will make cycling and walking a viable choice for those that don't do so now.*

*Crucially, the proposed network is not for people who already cycle or walk for the majority of their journeys. Its focus is to enable the two thirds of people who currently use their car as their main mode of transport, to walk or cycle.*

*One of the keys to unlocking walking and cycling's potential across Greater Manchester will be building major, fully segregated cycle ways on key routes. These must be safe, attractive spaces alongside high quality footways. But they are not the only requirement and not even the first.*

*We can unlock the potential of our local roads and communities by providing easy crossing points, thereby unlocking opportunities to walk and cycle. These strategically-placed crossing points will feed local bike traffic into the costlier, fully-segregated routes, enabling even longer journeys to be made actively.*

*Synonymous with industry, and more recently*

*with unity, the design of the Beelines network uses the symbol of the worker bee and once applied, will be a trusted symbol promising good quality. It will also be a crucial aspect of the proposed wayfinding system.*

The detailed map of Manchester (page 18/19 of the Beeline report) shows the complicated plans for Manchester, that include, for example, changing some crossings, reducing motorised access to some roads. The plan proposes 279 new or upgraded crossings, enabling 94% of the population to use Beelines Now, if all this could be achieved, wouldn't that be something!

### **Manchester Bee Trail**

Talking of bees. You might remember the fascinating talk we had from a local beekeeper earlier in the year. Well, now the Manchester Bees have swarmed. If you haven't already, try and catch some of the Manchester Bees, buzzing around the City Centre and beyond until 23<sup>rd</sup> September. Then if you fancy buying one, they will be auctioned on 17<sup>th</sup> October. Interest has to be registered at <https://beeinthecitymcr.co.uk/auction/> . Proceeds to We Love MCR Charity. (The site says 'serious bidders only' – what makes a bidder serious?)

A trail map is available at [https://beeinthecitymcr.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/07/180723-BITC\\_TrailMap\\_A4Online.pdf](https://beeinthecitymcr.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/07/180723-BITC_TrailMap_A4Online.pdf)

School children have produced some little bees too. A trail map of these can be found at

<https://beeinthecitymcr.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/07/Bee-in-the-City-school-map.pdf?x22541>

Fantastic to see such a large public art display in the City.

### **Gardens in Chorlton contribute to Greater Manchester's Green space**

Many of us in Chorlton responded to the *My Back-Yard* project, run by MMU. The main objectives of the project were to assess the contribution of domestic gardens to urban ecosystem services in Manchester; to estimate the benefits of Green Infrastructure in relation

to reduced risks from heatwaves and flooding; and to co-develop an action plan to improve the benefits provided by gardens.

The project found that Manchester's Green and Blue Infrastructure Strategy (2015) overestimated the amount of green infrastructure (an interconnected network of green space), assuming that 100% of domestic gardens was green and blue space. They showed that this is not the case. In a typical garden, only 50% is green infrastructure. Less green space means fewer ecosystem benefits than previously estimated.

In total, 49% of Manchester's land cover is made up of green and blue (water) spaces, and 20% of this is made up from gardens. Wards differ in the percentages of garden green and blue space. Chorlton has 15-16% coverage, which is above the average. Chorlton Park has a little less – 11-14%, which is average. Whalley Range, Old Moat and Didsbury West all have between 17-27% coverage, which is high for the City. In some wards, up to two-thirds of green infrastructure is private garden space, controlled and managed by residents – decisions we make about our gardens, therefore, has a huge impact on Manchester's green infrastructure. The less we pave our gardens (usually but not only to make space for cars) the better for us, for the City and for our wildlife. Some of the tips for a wilder garden, given by the Lancashire, Manchester and N Merseyside Wildlife Trust, include:

Leave a patch of wild in the garden, letting nettles, holly and ivy grow for butterflies to lay eggs on;

Plant some wildflower seeds or create a mini-pond;

replace hard surfaces with green space allowing water to seep into the ground – if this is not possible, try planning some potted herbs;

make your own compost – get a bin from the Council;

make a wormery from plastic boxes and use the 'worm wee' for superfood for your potted plants; organise a cleanup or get together to go on a wild life identification trip. Record your sightings and send to Greater Manchester Local Records Centre at [gmwildlife.org.uk](http://gmwildlife.org.uk)

The project also found that the City's residents value their gardens; and the more green and blue space in a garden, the more people value their garden. Furthermore, older age groups value their gardens markedly more and there is, therefore, a need to engage younger groups and, particularly, private rented tenants in the benefits of their gardens.

You can find more information at [www.mybackyard.org.uk](http://www.mybackyard.org.uk) or [www.mmu.ac.uk/mybackyard](http://www.mmu.ac.uk/mybackyard)

### **Chorlton Developments**

We hope to have an update of developments from one of the councillors at the Chorlton Voice meeting on September 11<sup>th</sup>, so come along and hear what they have to say and, of course, have your say. In the meantime, we have responded to the planning application for a change of use of the former Shareen Fashions to a restaurant/hot food takeaway by saying the density of hot food takeaways in that stretch of the road is already too dense, and that a further outlet would seriously detract from the vitality and viability of the district centre. We requested that permission not be granted. Planning application no.: 120314/FU/2018

Also, see other news items below.

#### **Chorlton Community Led Housing group**

This new group has formed in response to the consultations on potential housing redevelopments in Chorlton. It has a focus on the Ryebank Road proposals. The aims of the group state:

"Manchester Metropolitan University proposes a housing development on Ryebank Fields, Chorlton, and has agreed with Manchester City Council that the development process will be participatory. This group is for those who wish to be involved, including those who prefer no development on this site but who wish to participate if it goes ahead. We will be working for an imaginative, innovative, environmentally sound and socially useful scheme, in line with our principles".

If you are interested in finding out more, or contributing to the group, you can access its Facebook Group, or through its website or

Twitter account.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/CCLHousing/about/>

<https://twitter.com/CCLHousing>

The group held a public meeting on 23 July, followed on by a meeting with local councillors. Councillor John Hacking, one of the three councillors for the Chorlton ward, took on board numerous points from the meeting and spoke at the Council's executive meeting on 25 July which considered a report on the housing developments. The Council has agreed that "any planning application process should be informed by a meaningful participatory based approach involving local residents' groups"

The group is pursuing an early meeting with Council representatives and Manchester Metropolitan University who own the land, known locally as Ryebank Fields.

The group is committed to keeping people informed of progress and anticipates a further open meeting of interested residents probably in September. Please do get in touch if you have a particular knowledge or expertise about community led housing, or related interests or skills, and are willing to contribute to the activity of the group. If you wish to be informed of the next meeting, please let us know. You can do this through the website's Leave a Reply space found at the bottom of each page - <https://chorltoncommunityledhousing.org>

### **Chorlton Precinct - Refurbish low energy or Demolish and Rebuild:**

#### Thoughts from a Chorlton Voice Member

Our recent heat-wave over the northern hemisphere and the reports and warnings about climate change\* have raised the question of our profligate use of energy, particularly in buildings, to the top of the agenda. We can look again at the Precinct Centre and conclude that we will be serving our and future generations by adopting a low energy refurbishment approach. This approach can lead to as much as a 90% reduction in CO2 emissions.

Members will recall the recent consultation and

the five objectives\*\* of the owners of the Precinct, the Greater Manchester Venture Property Fund. All those objectives can be achieved in a low energy refurbishment being attractive landscaping, pleasant pedestrian routes, a retail frontage to Barlow Moor Road, more attractive parking, and inclusion of housing. One can imagine a low energy Precinct that will reduce costs to the traders as well as with more retail outlets.

The question is how can this be done? First of all, without demolition, the energy embodied in the buildings as they exist will be retained. Concrete, steel, and aluminium all require vast amounts of energy to produce; construction uses energy to build and put in place walls, slabs and windows and other components. This energy will be lost to useful purpose on demolition, just so that more energy is expended in materials and construction of the new. Refurb will reduce or avoid disruption to existing traders.

Renewable energy is now mainstream, the owners can put extensive ground sourced heat pump piping underneath the car park, which would have a new layout and landscaping. Solar photovoltaic panels can be installed over the whole south gable of Graeme House with air sourced heat pumps on the roof and other roofs. Imagine the reduction in energy costs from these sources such that it will affect the lease terms of the traders and increase the profitability for the Precinct owners. Of course, there is a cost of these energy sources but there is also a payback long term and the possibility of subsidies.

Then one can imagine the effect of increasing the energy efficiency of the Precinct buildings by improved insulation. This can be external and clad with modern attractive materials (fire resistant) such as ceramic panels or stainless-steel panels, whilst roofs can also be upgraded by better insulation. These improvements can be applied to Graeme House that can be converted to spacious flats with attractive balconies to provide for the housing element that is politically and economically desirable. The needs of Social Services are said to be reducing and space can become available.

The precinct, whilst being very popular, is nevertheless gloomy particularly on wet days and in winter. This concept proposes removing the projecting canopies, which invariably are

shadowed underneath, and covering the malls and court with a semitransparent tensile membrane canopy. This will be supported by the existing building and steel pylons in the pedestrian mall with uplighters and will be clear of the roofs to allow ventilation with appropriate bird protection. New additional shops will be formed out of the single storey building already vacated by social services and provide an opportunity to rehouse traders whose business may be affected by the upgrading. It is envisaged that the current traders will not, in the main, have to be rehoused during work.

In terms of landscape and environment for shoppers we can imagine a much-improved car park with tree planting and block paving marking pedestrian priority routes. The former public highway, which was Manchester Road, through the Precinct car park does not have any pavements and always seems threatening to pedestrians. Pavements will be included and the route through will be tree lined providing a safe and attractive pedestrian way. No design effort has been expended on the service area behind the old frontage shops/bars on Wilbraham Road this can be screened and planned to give a better appearance and organized access for the traders fronting on to Wilbraham Road. Surely it is not beyond the legal wit to work out a solution to the land ownership and rights of way problems given the will.

Similar problems exist on the Barlow Moor Road frontage where redesign can add shop units, improve the bus stop provision and add vitrines to advertise and display. The current landscape efforts are to be praised and can be enhanced in conjunction with the additional retail possibilities.

All these ideas are feasible and would transform our Precinct into an attractive place to work and shop with its low energy character ensuring it will be future proofed. The Stern report on climate change indicated that that to respond with CO2 reduction is the most economical approach.

\* 1. Findings from 26 research institutes around the world, including the WHO and the UN's World Meteorological Organisation. Carbon dioxide in the air is now measured in concentrations not seen for 3m years.

2. Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, August 2018 reports from universities

of Cambridge, Stockholm, Exeter and Arizona. 2 degrees C is too hot.

\*\* Five of the six objectives can be achieved in a refurbishment, green project:-

Improved connections to surroundings plus retail frontage to Barlow Moor Road.

Sufficient carparking provision.

Better, pleasant pedestrian access through the site.

Creation of an attractive public realm.

Graeme House, as housing, remains a gateway building.

## **Frank Williams**

### **Chorlton Lifesavers Update**

#### Cath Brownhill and Jenny Slee

The summer months of July and August have seen a lull in community CPR and defibrillator training sessions, but we are gearing ourselves up to get busier as autumn approaches. Our first session will be on Monday 10th September 7pm. at the Bowling Green pub, Brookburn Road. If you wish to attend then let Jenny know on 07570 879091

#### Restart a Heart Day 2018 - October 16<sup>th</sup>

A further reminder that the Resuscitation Council (UK) are hoping to document 200,000 UK citizens trained in CPR as part of the global Restart a Heart Day. Any Chorlton residents we train in the week before and after October 16<sup>th</sup> will be credited to that register.

Our first booking has come from Chorlton Good Neighbours on October 18th. The session will start with describing the signs of symptoms of a heart attack, followed by a demonstration of chest compressions and how to use a defibrillator. Attendees will have the chance to 'have a go' at the practical skills and use a training defibrillator.

If you would like to host a training session for family, friends or colleagues at any time then please contact myself or Jenny for more

information.

Cath - [catherine.brownhill@ntlworld.com](mailto:catherine.brownhill@ntlworld.com)  
07722958541

Jenny - 07570879091

Sessions will also be advertised on the Chorlton Voice Facebook page.

If attending a practical session is not for you then consider visiting [www.life-saver.org.uk](http://www.life-saver.org.uk) this is a game-in-a-film which gets you to make choices in four action packed scenarios. It throws you into the heart of the action as you make crucial decisions and learn essential life-saving skills. For further information on resuscitation in the community visit the Resuscitation Council (UK) website at [www.resus.org.uk](http://www.resus.org.uk)

Below is a list of known defibrillators currently available in Chorlton:

Wilbraham Road Co-op - Available when open

Edge Theatre and Arts Centre, Manchester Road - Available when open

St. Johns Boxing Club, Chequers Road/High Lane - Available when open

Ludo Deli, Beech Road - Available when open

Bowling Green Pub, Brookburn Road - Available when open

Morrison's supermarket - Available when open

St. Ninian's Church, Wilbraham Road - Available when open

Ellesmere Cricket Club, Ellesmere Road - Available when open

Hardy Lane Football and Sports Club - Available when open

Unicorn grocery store - Available 24 hours

Manchester Crematorium Office - Available when open

Manchester Southern Cemetery staff office Available when open



## Social Events

On August 14<sup>th</sup> we gathered at the community room for the Cheese and Wine Summer get together.



Contributions to the food fayre and drinks were varied, making for a delicious food tasting experience. It appeared to be enjoyed by all who attended, we even attracted some passers-

by who saw our pull up banner outside, came in and signed up as members! There was a lot of chatter around the tables as folk reviewed topics of interest, caught up on matters of the past and probably the future. There was a convivial atmosphere and it has left me wondering that we should do something similar in December to celebrate a Chorlton Christmas. Watch this space!

Monday September 24<sup>th</sup> 2pm. Barlow Hall Afternoon Tea and short history talk. Join us at Barlow Hall, now home to Chorlton-cum-Hardy Golf Club and previously the Barlow family residence for over 500 years. Anybody wishing to attend please contact Cath on 07722958541 or email [catherine.brownhill@ntlworld.com](mailto:catherine.brownhill@ntlworld.com) Cost is £7.95 payable in cash on the day. Final numbers will be required by Friday 21<sup>st</sup> September.

Tuesday October 23<sup>rd</sup> 10am. St. Clements history talk. Ida, one of our long-time members has kindly offered to deliver what promises to be a fascinating insight into the history of St. Clements church. We will meet at the church at 10 am. It is highly likely that we will be able to provide light refreshments - tea, coffee and biscuits.

### Tuesday meeting speakers

Due to different reasons the coming months speakers schedule has had to be re-arranged. Speakers will present to members at 7.30pm for approximately 30 minutes.

September 11<sup>th</sup> Speaker yet to be confirmed.

November 13<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm Chorlton Library Community Room - Alan Turing Talk by Paul Morris, Author. Paul will give us an interesting insight into the life of Alan Turing.

January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019 7.30 pm Chorlton Library Community Room – Claire Mooney, singer songwriter. Something of a change to have a musical intro to our meeting and the New Year. Claire will be certain to give us an entertaining time. She started writing songs when she was 9 years old and has worked on many community projects, as well as developing her own singing and song writing career.

Future trips:

Victoria Baths, Manchester

Robinsons Brewery, Stockport,

Elizabeth Gaskell's House, Manchester

The Police Museum, Manchester

If you are interested please let me know or any committee member, either face to face, email:

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### Chorlton Community Events

The Edge Theatre, Manchester Road always has an interesting season of drama for all ages. They also provide a variety of classes and workshops with an excellent café on site. For more information contact the Box office on 0161 282 9776 or [info@edgetheatre.co.uk](mailto:info@edgetheatre.co.uk)

Cracking Good Food - September 12<sup>th</sup> 5.30pm – 8.30 pm. Autumn Fungi Fun on Chorlton Ees. Event details at [www.crackinggoodfood.org](http://www.crackinggoodfood.org)

More events are advertised in the Chorlton Open Up magazine.

### **Chorlton Developments**

#### **Update from Councillor John Hacking**

A report on the frameworks for development of the Precinct, Leisure Centre and Ryebank Fields sites went to MCC Executive Committee on 25<sup>th</sup> July.

The full report can be read here [Chorlton Developments Report to MCC Executive 25th July 2018](#)

At the Executive Meeting I was given 5 minutes to make a statement on behalf of local councillors and the gist of what I said is below.

*(Note: I asked for, and got, an assurance that a fuller version of the results of the consultation carried out at the end of 2017 be published. At the time of writing this has not been published but we are pressing MCC to make the fuller findings of the consultation available.)*

"12 months ago this Executive received a report on the proposed developments in Chorlton.

At that meeting we set out two clear "asks" of the process about to be undertaken.

The first "ask" was that there should be an extensive and meaningful consultation.

We content that this was, in the main, delivered.

Our second "ask" was that a number of concerns and issues were addressed as part of the process of developing the Frameworks against which any future planning applications would be set.

In brief these concerns were:

1. A desire to see an increase in the affordable housing offer in Chorlton. In particular on the former Leisure Centre site which of course is the only one of the three sites owned by Manchester City Council.

We also expected that full consideration be given to the provision of affordable housing on the other two sites in line with the Councils affordable housing policy.

2. The need to ensure that social infrastructure such as primary health provision and schools places were developed in line with the inevitable increased in demand.

3. That local businesses were supported and enabled to continue to trade in Chorlton both through the development of the Precinct.

4. That serious and workable solutions to traffic and parking issues were developed in line with any developments.

5. That the design of the buildings and the public spaces were high quality and reflected the vibrant, diverse and active community of Chorlton.

After looking at the results of the consultation and subsequent meetings with residents, there are four points which we would like to be considered.

Firstly. It is clear that there is some opposition to any development at all on Ryebank Fields.

Secondly. Whilst we welcome the offer by MMU of a participatory process involving residents in

the development of any proposal for Ryebank Fields, we believe that that process should involve a rethink about the type and tenure of the housing offer on that site. (We, as local councillors, are working closely with Chorlton Community Led Housing Group to take this forward.

<https://chorltoncommunityledhousing.org>

Thirdly. Whilst we are open minded at this stage about the housing development on Ryebank we are united with the overwhelming majority of residents who want to see a workable, viable plan to mitigate a future increase in traffic in that immediate and surrounding area.

If such a plan is not forthcoming in the planning application, or before, then we as local councillors will find it very difficult to support any scheme on Ryebank Fields."

Fourthly there is a need to deliver more affordable and social rented housing **across all three** developments.

## **Minutes of the Chorlton Voice meeting**

**10<sup>th</sup> July 2018**

20 members present. Apologies: Jennie Slee; Dianne Moss; Cath Brownhill; Molly Thummand

### Simply Cycling

Jeff from Simply Cycling spoke about this organisation based in Longford Park. Jeff spoke passionately about what Simply Cycling can do. They provide bikes for everybody- including those who are elderly or disabled. They have a session on Friday, Monday and Sunday Afternoon.

They have hundreds of bikes of all different varieties; tricycles, hand, tandem bikes- and for all ages too. Their youngest regular is just a baby and their oldest is a lady in her 90's!

The sessions cost £2.00 and you can ride around the track and the park.

They also have a cafe on site if you need a brew after all the cycling!

Jeff said anyone who wants to have a go on a

bike can just pop down during a session

## Planning

Steve Goslyn spoke about 3 main housing developments in the planning process:

Ryebank Fields -70 executive homes were in the pipeline but there's been some backtracking as plans aren't appropriate for needs of residents. Residents round Ryebank Rd had a meeting with their 3 Cllrs – and the update is that it's taken time for the Council to analyze responses to this consultation due to a high response rate with lots of comments. There is a report to the Council exec. 25/07/18 from the planning officers based on this consultation. Public can attend but not speak

Our Cllrs are trying to influence a new Chorlton planning framework to include things like the need for sustainable development and affordable housing and to have a development strategy that involves our community.

For example, questions are still open about the safety of building on the fields due to the old clay pits. Could impact profits and therefore affordable housing provision.

There is Public meeting two days prior to the Council executive committee meeting - \*23<sup>rd</sup> July 7-9pm Chorlton Library\* for the 1<sup>st</sup> hour residents can come and speak, and the final hour is for Cllrs.

Link to planning officers' report is here for those who want to have a look:  
[www.manchester.gov.uk/meetings/meeting/3294/executive](http://www.manchester.gov.uk/meetings/meeting/3294/executive)

Chorlton Baths- the baths are owned by Council. Local groups' proposals under community right to buy/bid were turned down. It is thought a local Housing Trust is involved with this development – it will possibly include a shared ownership model for housing.

The Precinct – owned by GM Pension Fund. There have been complications with this due to the long length of some shop leases. This means progress has been delayed.

## Planning applications

Stone masons on Barlow Moor Road, corner of Aldermary road – plans for a commercial property and apartments

Trees being looked after on precinct, including some cutting of branches, crown raising and removal of sycamore.

Lowry House next to Hough End Hall – the Government have agreed this can be used for a temporary high school. This will be a new High School from Prospere Academy Group which Chorlton High School is part of – to be known as Chorlton High School South. It is taking first intake in September. The final school building is likely to be by the police stables on Hough End but a full planning application will be needed..

Mauldeth House has already received permission to be turned into flats.

Drawings for plans are on the school's website.

Post office Cafe – planning permission to extend forward and turn into a Kurdish restaurant, and the trees have been cut down Apparently with the proviso that they are replaced).

## Treasurer's Report

We are spending more money than we are earning – printing of leaflets is our main expense at the moment.

## Events

Leaflets were handed out listing the next events and members asked to distribute.

Possible trips suggested by ☐Cath included a guided tour around St. Clements Church or a tour of all the Chorlton churches; tor and afternoon tea at Barlow Hall (Golf Club). Anyone interested in events please contact Cath via the website or Facebook page

A history walk to be run by Andrew Simpson will take place on July 22<sup>nd</sup> 1pm. The Walk starts Southern Cemetery gates 1.00pm and the route is Maitland Ave/ Hardy Lane / Water Park/ Coop/ Carrington's. See Facebook page.

The following walk will be on the 23<sup>rd</sup> Sept and starts at Ken Fosters Cycles, going along Albany Road, Morrison's etc. See Facebook page.

Beer Festival 14<sup>th</sup> July

Community market outside Sue Ryder. Saturday, 10-4pm. Tea coffee cake and music, Jewellery and books stores. Profits to Sue Ryder and St Clements.

Beech Road trader's fun day Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> July  
on Beech Road 11-4

Plans for a Chorlton trail – a walk around  
Chorlton sites – was approved. The Committee  
will work on this

### Newsletter

The current editor is stepping down. So, a  
replacement editor is needed. Anyone interested  
should contact the Chair (Carolyn) –  
Chair@ChorltonVoice.org

Next newsletter – deadline for news - 16/08  
ready to come out for September meeting.

### Date of Next meetings:

August 14<sup>th</sup> Bring and Share Wine and Cheese  
(or finger snacks) Gathering. Community Room,  
Chorlton Library. 7.30

September 11<sup>th</sup> 7.30, Community room,  
Chorlton Library. A guest will give a talk about  
Alan Turing.

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