

CHAGFORD AND DISTRICT BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 3rd October 2007 at The Old Forge Tea Rooms

Present:

Sue Kendall	Chairman - Gidleigh Park Hotel
Andrew Parrott	Secretary - Round Ash Associates
Tim Garratt	Rendells
Amanda Clarkson	Vanilla
Phillip Parker	Old Forge Tea Rooms
Colin Kotz	Old Forge Tea Rooms
Colin Smith	Bowdens
John Holmes	J.T Designs – Jewellers
Sarah Holmes	J.T Designs – Jewellers
David Turnbull	Design Centric Ltd
Colin Davey	The Ring O'Bells
Robert Sampson	WBW Solicitors (on behalf of Jubilee Hall)
Jenny Grist	
Jan Arlett	30 The Square

1. Apologies for Absence

Dawn Whitfield	Treasurer - The Big Red Sofa
Alan McGeorge	The Big Red Sofa
Kevin Ginsberg	Miniature Pony Centre
Susan Powell	Susan @ Number Ten
Clare Stanton	Beechlands Holiday Cottages
Phil Fowler	Fowlers
Catherine Mount	Blacks Delicatessen
Jonathan Richards	Best Cellars
Su Bowater	Helpful Holidays
Jill Pendleton	All Found in Devon
Sue Price	Linden Spinney
Chris Webber	Webber & Sons

2. Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of the 6th September 2007 were confirmed.

3. Matters arising

Jubilee Hall

Robert Sampson attended the meeting on behalf of the Jubilee Hall. The committee were asking for the views of the Business Association as to what if any development should be carried out on the hall. It was indicated that the trustees had not decided on a way forward following the failure of their proposal to redevelop on part of the Jubilee Field.

Resolved: Members felt that the Business Association as a whole should not have a view but that as individuals they could express their opinions at any time to the committee.

Robert Sampson updated members on proposed increases in parking charges in Chagford for the period 2008 to 2010. These were as follows:

Current Charges					
½ Hour		2 Hours		4 Hours	All Day
£0.20		£0.60		£1.00	£1.50
Proposed Charges					
½ Hour	1 Hour	2 Hours	3 Hours	4 Hours	All Day
£0.20	£0.30	£0.60	£0.90	£1.20	£1.50

It was also proposed to increase season tickets prices by £10.00 to £65.00 for 3 months, by £15.00 to £110.00 for 6 months and by £25.00 to £180.00 for 12 months.

After some discussion the meeting asked Robert Sampson to take the following back to the committee:

The first half hour should be free.

The season ticket price is too expensive.

Signage to the Car Park from the Square should be improved.

4. Christmas 2007

Following on from the previous meeting there were some further ideas for the Late Night Shopping evenings.

Resolved: The first of the two evenings would be on Friday 7th December and would be advertised more as a Christmas Festival.

The second evening would be Tuesday 11th December and be more like the traditional late night shopping events.

Advertising rate for Exeter Living would be investigated and adverts would go to the Parish Magazine.

Any other organisation would be by a small committee rather than a full meeting.

5. A – Z directory

It was reported that a 40 page A5 laminated directory with glossy cover would cost £3600.00 for 2000 copies. The cost for 24 pages would be £2800.00.

Resolved: Tim Garratt to investigate other sources in an attempt to get a cheaper quote.

David Turnbull to quote for a smaller, simpler layout with 1 line entry and 75 words description (12 pages in two colour)

6. Date of Next Meeting

It was decided to leave the date of the next meeting until after Christmas and hope that the late night shopping organisation could be organised without another full meeting.

7. Any other Business

Following a meeting between representatives from the Parish Council and the Business Association the chairman reported that the Business Association would be consulted before any more drop kerbs were installed in the town. The only other item of note was that the Highways Authority was unhappy with some of the signs outside of the shops in town and could enforce removal if they felt they were dangerous or an obstruction.

Thanks were expressed to Colin and Philip at The Old Forge for their hospitality.