

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Chagford Parish Council held via Video Conferencing “Zoom Us” on Monday 8th February 2021 commencing at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Cllrs: Coombe, Mrs. Haxton, Mrs. Hill (Chairman), Parrott, Pope, Mrs. Printy, Shears, Ms Somme, Mrs. Stanbury (arrived at 8.00 pm) and Williams.

In attendance: Cllr: Nicky Heyworth, WDBC Ward Member and four members of the public.

124. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllrs: Mrs. Phelps and Mrs. Malseed.

125. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr: Mrs. Haxton declared an interest in Minute 129(a), 129(b), 129(c)

Cllr: Mrs. Hill declared an interest in Minute 129(b), 129(c)

Cllr: Coombe declared an interest in Minute 130(b)

Cllr: Mrs. Stanbury declared an interest in Minute 129(c)

126. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES

a) The Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on Monday 11th January 2021 were confirmed and signed as a true record.

127. MATTERS ARISING

a) The Greenway Project (Proposed Cycle Route from Moretonhampstead to Chagford) Min: 116(b) refers)

Cllr: Nicky Heyworth, Claire Ash Wheeler and Iain Stewart of Sustrans joined the Devon County Council Scrutiny Committee Meeting. They were able to ask DCC to revisit the Strategic Plan for Active Travel in Devon. All of the Councillors spoke of the strength of demand in their own areas for support of ‘Active Travel’ and the request for multi-use trails.

Twenty-five different cycle routes are waiting to go ahead and it makes sense to link them up, acknowledging the environmental and health benefits as well as to encourage tourism.

The team have had a crowd funding page over the last two weeks and 84% of the target has been raised. There is still two weeks to go to encourage more donations. There are prizes to be won if you donate.

The team have already raised the £7000.00 for the feasibility study which will be carried out by Sustrans who are ready to go and will be hands on hopefully during March. **Noted.**

128. URGENT BUSINESS BROUGHT FORWARD AT THE CHAIRMAN’S DISCRETION

a) The Chairman has received a letter from Mr. Tucker and Mr. Proctor regarding the quotes for the proposed Cattle Grid. They have received two of the three quotes which were not conclusive and are awaiting a final quote from Skanska. **Resolved:** to wait for the Skanska’s quote. The Parish Council are still minded to give a grant but need to see definite figures for carrying out the work to a certain DCC standard.

- b) The Chairman has received amendments to the new development planning application CG Fry.
- Plots 13 and 14 – the Chimneys are now on the left of the building instead of the right (from the front view). The two houses are now site level.
Plot 13 roof lower than 14.
 - Plots 51 and 56 – to reduce the garden of plot 56 to provide a private footway to serve Plot 51.
 - Plot 90 – garage, one parking space and green space with three trees to provide second parking space and move the three trees slightly.
- Resolved:** to support the amendments.

129. GROUP/REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS

Planning Control Matters – Cllr: Parrott

a) **Ref: 0003/21 Lower Corndon Barn, Chagford**

Proposed: Insertion of rooflights to dwelling. **Resolved:** to support the application.

Retrospective Planning

b) **Ref: 0036/31 Hollyberry Barn, West Corndon, Chagford**

Proposed: Erection of agricultural building (9x4m).

Resolved: to object to the application. The clauses from DMD34 summarise the Council's concerns. The new building is at the top of the hill and is visible from many directions. It does not look like a traditional agricultural building.

Prior Approval

c) **Ref: 0046/21 Land at Corndon**

Proposed: General agricultural store (18.2 x 12.2) **Resolved:** to support the application. Policy DMD34 applies.

Certificate of Lawfulness

d) **Ref: 0012/21 Lingcombe Farm, Chagford**

Replacement single-storey garden room on the rear of the house.

Resolved: to object to the application. Materials and design not in keeping with the rest of the building. The Parish Council feel the south elevation is the traditional front of the house, and not the rear elevation of the house.

Grant of Conditional Planning Permission

e) **Ref: 0548/20 20 Ellis Drive, Chagford**

Construction of single storey glass roof located on side elevation. Subject to conditions. **Noted.**

f) **Ref: 0556/20 Hope Cottage, Broomhill, Chagford**

Removal of garage and rear music room, replacement with single storey side/rear extension, replacement bedroom balcony and changes to fenestration. Subject to conditions. **Noted.**

g) **Ref: 0574/20 Longmynd, Broomhill, Chagford**

Single Storey side extension. Subject to conditions. **Noted.**

h) **Ref: 0078/20 Market Field, Crannafords Industrial Park, Chagford**

Removal of existing buildings and facilities and replace with a single building. Subject to conditions. **Noted.**

Refusal of Planning Permission

- i) Ref: 0599/20 10 Manor Drive, Chagford**
First floor extension to existing garage. **Noted.**

Tree Works

- j) Chagford Conservation Area: Proposed Tree Works, 23 New Street**
Schedule of Works – To coppice the willow and holly on the hedge boundary with Padley Common. **Resolved:** to support the application.
- k) Chagford Conservation Area: Proposed Tree Works, Eaglehurst**
Schedule of Works – Beech Tree – To cut back branches to give 2m clearance from the roof of the house. Ash – To fell the ash tree on the drive which is already slowly dying. **Resolved:** to support the application.

130. FINANCIAL MATTERS

- a) Approval to pay South West Water for services to the Market House.**
Resolved: to approve payment.
- b) Approval to pay Lee Miller for trimming and removing shrubs from Crossways Bank.** **Resolved:** to approve payment.
- c) Approval to pay Mike Northway for trimming the outside hedges on the Jubilee Field hedge.** **Resolved:** to approve payment.
- d) Approval to reimburse the Petty Cash.** **Resolved:** to approve payment.
- e) Approval to pay WDBC for servicing the Wallgates and cleaning of the Chagford Public Conveniences (Oct-Dec 2020).** **Resolved:** to approve payment.

131. ENVIRONMENT

- a) Jubilee Field Inspection Report – Cllr: Ms Somme**
Cllr: Ms Somme reported that the Jubilee Field was in good order with no issues to report. **Noted.**
- b) Public Convenience Inspection Report – Cllr: Ms Somme**
Cllr: Ms Somme reported the only issue was one of the toilet seats in the ladies had become unattached to the toilet pan. **Resolved:** Cllr: Williams will deal with this.
- c) The Devon Carbon Plan – Cllr: Ms Somme**
Cllr: Ms Somme reported that Claire Ash Wheeler had set up a Tree Nursery and would encourage others to do the same. When Covid restrictions are lifted it is planned to provide a series of talks and give advice where necessary.

Cllr: Parrott is setting up a dedicated page on the Chagford Parish Council Web Site for the Climate and Ecological Emergency. There will be a link to the Devon Climate Top Tips and links to the Devon Climate Consultation.

There will be an article in the next Whiddon Parishes Magazine.

Native Oak, Rowen and Field Maple saplings have been delivered to Chagford for planting and Chagford School have received 104 saplings to plant around the School.

Cllr: Ms Somme proposed and seconded by Cllr: Pope that Chagford Parish Council should Endorse the Devon Climate Declaration.

Resolved: to endorse the underlying principles of the Devon Climate Declaration.

132. CLERKS/CHAIRMANS REPORT

- a) DALC has informed Parish Councils that the legislation permitting councils to meet remotely will come to an end on 6th May 2021. As it currently stands, all council meetings held on, or after the 7th May 2021 must therefore return to a face-to-face format. Government bodies are stressing the importance of having these regulations extended to MP's and Ministers. However, Government has no current plans to extend these regulations. **Resolved:** Chagford Parish Council will prepare to hold the Annual Meeting in May and possibly the Annual Parish Assembly later in the month.

133. CORRESPONDENCE AND EMAILS

- a) A letter has been received from Kevin Bishop, Chief Executive, DNPA with an update regarding the current lockdown restrictions and work of the Authority.

The Authority offices remain closed to the public. Officers can be contacted by phone, email or post. The switchboard is operating as normal though the majority of staff are working from home.

The latest guidance from the Government regarding public access to the National Park makes it clear that you can only leave your home to exercise (once a day) and not for the purpose of recreation or leisure. You should not travel outside your local areas.

DNPA have not submitted the Local Plan to the Secretary of State, for Independent Examination.

As of 8th January 2021, Members have approved the new National Park Management Plan for adoption subject to some minor amendments.

DNPA are able to offer some small grants for up-front funding of initiative to provide support for community resilience, volunteer activity and general Covid support. **Noted.**

- b) A thank you letter has been received from the Hon. Treasurer, Chagford Parochial Church Council for the grant given by Chagford Parish Council towards the maintenance of the Churchyard. **Noted.**
- c) WDBC has launched a new public consultation on proposed changes to parking charges. It follows on the back of a 2019 consultation, which found that residents wanted more short-stay parking to be available. The hope is to introduce the changes before the main holiday season begins. **Noted.**
- d) Planning for the next DCC Elections are underway, which are scheduled to take place on 6th May 2021. Local people are invited to sign up now to fill a number of essential paid roles at polling centres across the Borough. If you are interest in joining the team please go to www.westdevon.gov.uk/elections/recruitment

For more details on the local elections go to
www.electoralcommission.org.uk/i-am-a/voter

Noted.

- e) On Sunday 21st March, 2021, the census is coming! The census is a unique survey that happens every 10 years and gives a snapshot of all the people in England and Wales. The information collected is vitally important for government and local authorities as it helps them plan services such as healthcare, education, public transport, libraries and support services. **Noted.**
- f) Temporary Prohibition of Through Traffic and Parking
Devon County Council hereby give notice that from Tuesday 9th February 2021 until Thursday 11th February 2021 that patching and walling will affect the road from Metherell to Hillhead Farm. **Noted.**
Devon County Council hereby give notice that from Monday 1st March 2021 until Sunday 31st October 2021 surface dressing and associated works will take place across the borough. The road from Higher Weddicott to Weddicott Cross will be closed at some point during this period. **Noted.**
- g) Local Bus and Community Transport Services – the latest letter from the Government to local authorities and bus companies outlines the principle of reducing services to eliminate empty capacity and to reflect the fall in passenger numbers which has inevitably occurred, whilst preserving links for schools, key workers and other essential travel such as shopping. The local bus will also be many people’s way of getting to appointments for COVID vaccinations and the latest Government guidance stresses the need for access to vaccination centres.

The school and college duplicate buses have been suspended because there is adequate capacity on the main services. There is also some schooldtime alterations on some services to reflect the reduction in school travel.

In general, the Community Bus schemes are continuing to operate their regular scheduled timetables. **Noted.**

- h) Email from Mrs. Marian Barnes thanking the Parish Council for the work carried out on the Crossways Bank. “It is a great improvement making it much easier to walk up”. **Noted.**

134. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

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| a) Direct Debit – BT Telephone and Broadband Services (Feb) | 56.63 |
| b) o/l Mrs. S. Curtis – Salary | 646.51 |
| c) 4583 HM Revenue and Customs – PAYE | 175.65 |
| d) o/l Mrs. S. Curtis – Expenses | 20.00 |
| e) 4584 South West Water – Services to Market Hse | 192.69 |
| f) 4585 Lee Miller – Trimming and removing shrubs | 150.00 |
| g) 4586 Mike Northway – Trimming Jubilee Field Hedge | 76.80 |
| h) o/l Mrs. S. Curtis – Reimburse Petty Cash | 90.19 |
| i) o/l WDBC – Wallgates and Cleaning Public Conveniences | 784.20 |

The meeting closed at 9.00 p.m.