

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Chagford Parish Council held at Endecott House on Monday 8th October 2018 commencing at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Cllrs: Coombe, Hamer, Mrs. Haxton, Mrs. Hill (Chairman), Lloyd Hill, Lloyd, Sampson, Miss Stead, and Williams.

89. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies had been received from Cllrs: Parrott, Mrs. Stanbury and Mrs. Thorn.

90. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr: Lloyd declared an interest in Minute 98(g).

91. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES

- a) The Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on Monday 10th September 2018 were confirmed and signed as a true record.
- b) The Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting held on Monday 24th September 2018 were confirmed and signed as a true record.

92. MATTERS ARISING

a) Lesley Smith MBE, DALC County Secretary (Min: 74(d) refers)

Lesley Smith officially retired at the DALC AGM Conference held on 3rd October 2018. Gifts were presented to Lesley at the Conference. **Noted.**

b) The Grass Cutting and Grounds Maintenance Contract 2019 -2021 (Min: 87(b) refers)

The Grass Cutting and Grounds Maintenance Contract has been amended and the Tender is ready to go out. **Resolved:** the Tender will go on the Parish noticeboards and the Clerk will inform local businesses of the tender.

93. URGENT BUSINESS BROUGHT FORWARD AT THE CHAIRMAN'S DISCRETION

- a) The Chairman informed the Parish Council that the National Park Forum will be held on Friday 23rd November 2018. **Noted.**

94. GROUP/REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS

Planning Control Matters

Refusal of Planning Permission

a) Ref: 0405/18 22 Mill Street, Chagford

Change of use of ground floor restaurant and associated accommodation to a single dwelling together with works to the building including removal of shop front. **Noted.**

Group Reports

b) DALC AGM, Conference 3rd October 2018

The Chairman and Clerk attended the DALC Conference on 3rd October 2018 at Exeter Racecourse, Kennford.

Following the AGM the first speaker was David Ralph, Heart of the South West LEP. The purpose of LEP is to lead and influence economic growth, job creation and prosperity across the Heart of the South West area covering Devon, Plymouth, Somerset and Torbay.

Next was a speaker from Brixham Town Council informing the meeting how they had set up a Mental Health Group in Brixham working and supporting young people with mental health issues. They has started a Well Being Day, Working Groups and Training awareness.

Okehampton Town Councillor Dr Michael Ireland gave a passionate speech on reinstating the railway. Reinstating regular Exeter to Okehampton rail services is a key part of the ambition for a phased development that would include links serving Plymouth and Tavistock. It will bring great benefits for local connectivity serving West Devon and North Cornwall and additional tourism revenue.

The Chairman attended the morning Workshop – CIL and S106 a workshop to help local councils understand how CIL and S106 agreements come about and how they can benefit the communities where development is taking place.

The Clerk attended the morning Workshop – Highways – working at a local level. Devon communities are thinking of many ways they can keep their highway networks in good condition – this workshop explored options such as Roadwarden scheme to using contractors, working in partnership with DCC Highways.

In the afternoon David Fursden, Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant spoke to the members. Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenants role involves hosting the Royal Family on visits to the County, attending events and meetings to bring together various aspect of work in the county be it voluntary groups, charities, business or social networking.

The Chairman attended the afternoon Workshop – Strategic conversations – work together. Across public and voluntary sector we are experiencing significant financial pressures and strategic changes. The Devon Strategic Partnership is seeking a conversation on how we can work together with a focus on caring for people in our community.

The Clerk attended the afternoon workshop – Social Media. How modern means of communication can be used by local councils to help them work with the community.

At the close of the meeting members celebrated Lesley Smith's work with DALC.

95. FINANCIAL MATTERS

a) Financial Group Report – Cllr: Mrs. Hill

The accounts had been scrutinised and approved to date.

Two requests for grants had been received; Chagwood and Okehampton District Community Transport Group. The Finance Group proposed a grant for £350.00 for Chagwood and £100.00 for Okehampton District Community Transport Group. **Resolved:** to allocate the grants.

The Parish Council should be mindful that although the bank accounts are healthy we are still looking for land to purchase for a new burial ground. Also the play equipment will need replacing in the near future. **Noted.**

Councillor Williams reminded members that Chagford Parish Council gave a grant towards the Film Festival's insurance. However the road was not closed for an event in the High Street. **Resolved:** Chagford Parish Council should check that the organisation meets the legal requirements before giving a grant for insurance to the Film Festival.

The Parish Council has an outstanding bill for the repair of the Crosstree Path and parking space. The Council own part of the drive to the Recreational Trust and is responsible for the gates and fencing around the Cricket field. **Resolved:** to give a grant when the time is right.

The Fir Trees, Japonica and Apple Tree in Southcombe Garden will need topping at some stage. **Resolved:** to seek advice and a quote for the work.

b) Approval to pay WDBC for the emptying of litter and dog bins.

Resolved: to approve payment.

c) Approval to pay the Lengthsman for hedge trimming, clearing the leat and drain clearing. **Resolved:** to approve payment.

d) Approval to reimburse Cllr: Mrs. Hill for the re-subscription of the Garden Waste Collection (Southcombe Garden). **Resolved:** to approve payment.

96. ENVIRONMENT

a) Jubilee Field Inspection Report – Cllr: Miss Stead

Cllr: Miss Stead reported that the Jubilee Field was in good order. There was very little litter. The trees, hedges and shrubs were in need of attention which is being dealt with. The Multi Play is still loose. **Noted.**

b) Public Convenience Inspection Report – Cllr: Miss Stead

The Public Conveniences were in good order. **Noted.**

97. CLERKS/CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

There was no Clerks/Chairman's Report.

98. CORRESPONDENCE AND EMAILS

- a) The next Dartmoor National Park Development Management Committee will be held on Friday, 2nd November 2018 at Parke, Bovey Tracey.
Noted.
- b) The draft Local Plan will be published on 3rd December 2018, with the consultation period running from this date until 4th February 2019. Four public drop-in events will take place across Dartmoor - Ashburton, Yelverton, Whiddon Down and Moretonhampstead, to raise awareness about the Local Plan consultation.
- c) The next Resilience Forum Event will take place on 22nd November 2018 at Broadclyst. **Resolved:** to reserved Cllr: Miss Stead a place on the forum.
- d) Proper Job is planning a music day on Sunday 5th May 2019 to raise funds for the planned Proper Job community workshop space. The plan is to have local musicians/bands performing in a marquee in the square.
Resolved: to request more detailed information regarding the marquee in the square.
- e) The Community Safety Partnership is trying to increase the number of residents who are signed up to Devon Alert. Devon and Cornwall Alert is a free community messaging system to inform members of the public about crimes and incidents affection their local area. **Noted.**
- f) The Clerk to the Chagford Combined Charity has written to confirm that the Trustees will be pleased to display the model MV Kestor in Endecott House. **Noted.**
- g) Further issues have been received regarding the entrance to Hares Close and children playing and riding bikes along Brettville Close. **Resolved:** to write to the Director of Blue Cedar inviting him to attend the Extraordinary Meeting of the Chagford Parish Council on Monday 22nd October 2018 to discuss the issues at the Blue Cedar Development.

99. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

a) Direct Debit – BT Telephone and Broadband Services (Sept)	52.81
b) 4340 Mrs. S. Curtis – Salary	547.21
c) 4341HM Revenue and Customs – PAYE	136.80
d) 4342 Mrs. S. Curtis – Expenses	20.00
e) WDBC – Emptying Litter and Dog Bins	502.94
f) 4343 Mr. J. Shears – Lengthsmans Duties	460.40
g) 4344 Mrs. G. Hill – Reimbursement of Garden Waste re-subscription (Southcombe Gardens)	40.00

The Meeting Closed at 8.40 p.m.