

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Chagford Parish Council held at
Endecott House on Monday 9th January 2023 commencing at 7.30 p.m.**

Prior to the meeting representatives from Wildanet introduced themselves to Chagford Parish Council. Wildanet is an internet service provider who will be starting construction work in Chagford soon.

From 2025 the existing copper wire telephone network is going to start being switched off, and Wildanet will be starting to replace it with a new ultra-fast fibre-optic network.

Present: Cllr: Kevin Coombe, Cllr: Mrs. Gay Hill (Chairman), Cllr: Jill Millar, Cllr: Paul Mortimer, Cllr: Andrew Parrott and Cllr: Marion Stanbury.

In attendance: The Clerk, Mrs. Sarah Curtis.

96. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr: Mrs. Margaret Haxton, Cllr: Christine Malseed, Cllr: Gill Printy, Cllr: Rachel Short, Cllr: John Shears and Cllr: Stuart Wright.

97. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

a) Cllr: Marion Stanbury declared an interest in Minute 101(a).

98. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES

a) The Minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting held on Monday 12th December 2022 were confirmed and signed as a true record.

99. MATTERS ARISING

a) Bike Racks (Min:88(a) refers)

All Seasons have confirmed that the quote for the 4-metre paved area for the Bike Racks includes the paving. **Resolved:** to ask All Seasons to go ahead with installing the Bike Racks.

b) Forthcoming Coronation of King Charles III

The Coronation of King Charles III will take place on 6th May 2023. The Clerk has sourced Coronation Mugs for the children of the Parish.

Resolved: to go ahead and order the mugs.

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

There was not urgent business.

101. GROUP/REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS

Planning Control Matters

To Consider DNPA Planning Matters for Consultation

Cllr: Marion Stanbury left the meeting.

a) Ref: 0486/22 58/60 The Square, Chagford

The siting of two fresh milk dispensers within a portable timber shed.

Resolved: to support this application. Strategic Policy 5.1 Non-residential Business and Tourism Development and Policy 5.4 Signs and Advertisements apply.

Cllr: Marion Stanbury returned to the meeting.

b) Ref: 0489/22 West Corndon, Chagford

Removal of attached store/replacement extension. **Resolved:** to support this application. Policy 3.7 Residential Alterations, Extensions and Buildings applies.

c) Ref: 0509/22 Hollow Meadow, Chagford

Replacement dwelling, relocation of field entrance and change to domestic curtilage to include kitchen garden. **Resolved:** to support this application. Strategic Policy 1.2 Sustainable Development in Dartmoor National Park, Strategic Policy 1.5 Delivering Good Design, Strategic Policy 1.6 Sustainable Construction and Policy 3.8 Replacement Homes.

Grant of Conditional Planning Permission

d) Ref: 0368/22 26 Ellis Drive, Chagford

Install PV panels to roof of dwelling. Subject to conditions. **Noted.**

e) Ref: 0436/22 48 New Street, Chagford

Replace existing garden shed with new larger garden shed. Subject to conditions. **Noted.**

102. FINANCIAL MATTERS

a) To Set the Precept for year commencing 1st April 2023.

The Council had considered the up-to-date accounts and the projected budget for this year and an estimated budget for 2023/24. Chagford Parish now has 798.49 Band D equivalent properties this is an increase of 33.92. Following debate with regard to the impact on a Band D equivalent household if the precept was increased. **Resolved:** that the precept for the year 2023/24 should be set at £60,000.00 which means that for a Band D equivalent property it will cost £75.14 per year an increase of £4.51 or 6.39%.

b) A Payment has been received from Chagford Commoners' HLS Association for the sum of £67.22. Noted.

103. ENVIRONMENT

a) Jubilee Field Inspection Report – Cllr: Paul Mortimer

Cllr: Paul Mortimer reported that the Jubilee Field was in good order, due to the wet weather the field had been very quiet. An abandon wooden chair had been removed. The plaques to commemorate the late Queen's Platinum Jubilee are in the process of being mounted. **Noted.**

b) Public Convenience Inspection Report – Cllr: Paul Mortimer

Cllr: Paul Mortimer reported that the Public Conveniences were in good order. **Noted.**

104. CLERKS/CHAIRMANS REPORT

There was no Clerks/Chairmans Report.

105. CORRESPONDENCE AND EMAILS

- a) An email has been received regarding the possibility of getting a rail installed on the steps at the top of the Bellacouch Estate onto Bretteville Close, ideally to help carry a bike up the steps. **Resolved:** after walking the estate it was noted that the steps do have rails. There are rights of way through the Estate for cyclists.
- b) Temporary Prohibition of Through Traffic and Parking
Monday 20th March 2023 until Wednesday 22nd March 2023
Road from Batworthy Farm to Southill Cross, Chagford
Cattle Grid Replacement. **Noted.**
- c) An email has been received from an HGV Delivery Driver who makes deliveries to Chagford on a daily basis. He is upset by the attitude of local people and if the local snobbery and infrastructure does not change, he will be refusing to deliver the Chagford. **Resolved:** to reply apologising for his experiences in Chagford.

106. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

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| a) o/l Mrs. S. Curtis – Salary | 725.55 |
| b) 47 HMRC – PAYE | 201.73 |
| c) o/l Mrs. S. Curtis – Expenses | 20.00 |
| d) DD British Gas – Services to Market Hse | 47.38 |
| e) DD Plusnet – Broadband and Calls | 27.19 |

THE COUNCIL MOVED INTO PART II, WITH THE EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

- Chagford Parish Council review of the TRO which was sent to DCC in 2018. **Resolved:** to meet with the Highways Officer and the Devon County Councillor for Chagford.
- Parish Elections – There will be an open meeting in Endecott House on Monday January 30th at 19.30hrs for those who would like to learn more about being a Parish Councillor. **Noted.**
- Specification for the Grass Cutting and Grounds Maintenance Contract. The specification was discussed regarding suggested changes. **Resolved:** It was proposed, seconded and carried to continue with the present specification.
- Climate and Ecological Working Group. Following debate, it was proposed, seconded and carried that the Working Group should be dissolved. The Parish Council will continue to support the Devon County Climate Emergency Group. The Parish is represented by DALC, WDBC and DNPA. The Parish Council will remain committed to reducing its Carbon Footprint. **Noted.**
- The Tenders for the Grass Cutting and Grounds Maintenance Contract were opened. Following due consideration of the three tenders received, it was proposed, seconded and duly carried that the contract to be awarded to All Seasons. **Noted.**

The Meeting closed at 9.30 p.m.