

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Chagford Parish Council held via Video Conferencing, "Zoom Us" on Monday 11th January 2021 commencing at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Cllrs: Mrs. Haxton, Mrs. Hill (Chairman), Mrs. Malseed, Parrott, Mrs. Phelps, Pope, Mrs. Printy, Shears, Ms Somme.

In attendance: Cllr: Nicky Heyworth, WDBC Ward Member and 1 member of the public.

113. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllrs: Coombe, Mrs. Stanbury and Williams.

114. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr: Mrs. Haxton declared an interest in Minute 118(e).

115. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES

a) The Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on Monday 14th December 2020 were confirmed and signed as a true record.

116. MATTERS ARISING

a) Proposed Cattle Grid (Min: 45(a) refers)

Mr. Proctor has emailed the Council with an update on the proposed cattle grid. There have been delays in getting firm confirmation of the extent of the contributions from the Commoners Association towards the cost of installing the cattle grid. The Commoners will contribute £4,000.00. A contribution of £1,000.00 from Devon County Council and to date pledges totalling £3,440.00 from local residents.

A quotation from Robinson Plant for installing the grid together with the association works of £9,940.00 plus VAT has been received, making a total of £11,938.00.

A request is being made to Chagford Parish Council asking for a grant towards the project. **Resolved:** that before the Parish Council are able to debate giving a grant, it is necessary for the Cattle Grid Group to present three quotes for the installation of the grid. To ask Mr. Proctor to produce three quotations.

b) Proposed Cycle Route from Moretonhampstead to Chagford (Min: 105(b) refers)

The Steering Team, a combination of Chagford and Moretonhampstead residents, met with Moretonhampstead Parish Council. The Council is supportive of the cycle route and will discuss giving a grant at a future meeting. Devon County Council have given a grant of £2,000.00.

WDBC Cllr: Nicky Heyworth has a team meeting with DCC representatives when the cycle route will be discussed. DCC will revisit what was decided in 2015/2018 regarding proposed cycle routes.

The survey and questionnaire has now closed with nearly a thousand completing the questionnaire with 98% positive about making a safe route for multi-use, which includes walkers, wheelchairs, cyclists and horse riders.

The Crowd Funder is being set up to raise the necessary money to commission a feasibility study from Sustrans. **Noted.**

c) COVID-19 (Min: 96(a) refers)

Following the Government announcement on Monday 4th January 2021, the whole of England is now in National Lockdown. You must stay at home. West Devon has no new case of COVID-19 to date and West Devon is the lowest in the country. However, we still need to abide by the rules and keep safe. **Noted.**

d) Public Conveniences at the New Development Min: 80 refers)

Chagford Community Trust are waiting to take over the new Business Units at Bellacouch Meadow. The Chairman has been in touch with Ashfords, the Solicitors regarding the lease for the Public Conveniences situated on the ground floor of the Units. The solicitors are communicating about various clauses. **Noted.**

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

a) Two further planning applications have been received which will be discussed in Agenda Item 6.

b) Public Space Protect Orders – Dog Control

A Consultation was held from 1st June 2020 until 31st July 2020 regarding dog controls. Following the consultation WDBC decided that the majority of residents were happy with the status quo which has been in place, in general since 2014.

On all land which is in the administrative area of the Borough Council and which is: open to the air; and, to which the public are entitled or permitted to have access with or without payment (except Forestry Commission lands). This land is referred to as 'the restricted land' in the rules.

- Dog walkers must pick up the faeces (and dispose of in a responsible manner) if their dog defecates on land in the restricted area
- Dogs must be kept on leads on all areas covered by Rule 56 of the Highway Code which includes the road, the pavement or on a path shared with cyclists or horse riders (this rule supports the Traffic Act(s) enforced by the Police)
- Dogs must be kept on leads on: Areas with retail premises designated as zone 1 under the Environmental Protection Act 1990, i.e., where there are 2 or more commercial / shop premises; in Car Parks; Cemeteries and Churchyards; Any fenced, hedged or walled pond, area of water or nature reserve; Marked sports fields whilst organised sport is in progress; and, Areas delineated as formal gardens.
- Dogs must be put on leads by direction, i.e., when so asked by an authorised officer.
- Dogs are excluded from any fenced, hedged or walled site delineated as a children's play area; bowling green; tennis court; putting green; and any sporting or recreational facility pitch when sport is in play.

The only difference is that the proposed new Oder will include a control that dog walkers must carry the means to pick up faeces if their dog defecated on land in the restricted area. **Noted.**

118. GROUP/REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS

Planning Control Matters – Cllr: Parrott

a) Ref: 0599/20 10 Manor Drive, Chagford

Proposed: First floor extension to existing garage. **Resolved:** to object to the application. The extension is not in keeping with the area. The height of the building will affect the outlook of the properties in the Market Field. Policies DMD 7 and COR 4 apply.

b) Ref: 0626/20 Teign Cottage, Chagford

Proposed: Addition of 3rd wire (electrical conductor) to an existing 2 wire overhead electricity line installed between the 2 existing wires. **Resolved:** to support the application.

c) Ref: 0003/21 Lower Corndon Barn, Chagford

Proposed: Insertion of rooflights. **Resolved:** as the plans were, to date, not on the DNPA Website the Chairman proposed that the Chairman and the Chairman of Planning should ask for delegated powers to deal with this application. **Resolved:** the Chairman and Chairman of Planning will make comments on the above planning application.

Listed Building Consent

d) Ref: 0624/20 Chagford House, Chagford

Proposed: New enlarged gates to the walled garden in place of an existing pedestrian pass gate. **Resolved:** the Council supports this application however recognise that it does not have the necessary skills to comment on the specific details of a Listed Building.

Refusal of Planning

e) Ref: 0380/20 13 Lower Street, Chagford

Retention of one dwelling separated into two dwellings. **Noted.**

Reports

f) Zoom Superlink Meeting – Cllr: Mrs. Hill

Cllr: Mrs. Hill attended the Zoom Superlink Meeting on 17th December 2020 Chaired by Cllr: John Hart, Leader of Devon County Council. The target budget for 2021/22 is £571 million. £43 million to support COVID-19 systems. DCC is responsible for five colleges of Further Education, 330 cares homes equalling eight and a half thousand residents. Adult Services received £20 million and Children Services £10 million with £19 million going to special needs.

Over the next three years half of the reserves will have gone leaving a deficit of £45 million. DCC have been making savings by selling farms, and premises as well as reducing the number of staff.

The money has been ring fenced for the proposed Okehampton Railway.

There is a change in dealing with potholes they will now be patching instead of filled.

Quarter of a million pounds has been set aside for the Climate Emergency.

There are 800,000 eligible for free school meals in Devon. **Noted.**

119. FINANCIAL MATTERS

- a) To Set the Precept for year commencing 1st April 2021
The Council had considered the up to date accounts and the projected budget for this year and an estimated budget for 2021/22. Following discussion with regard to the impact on a Band D equivalent household if the precept was increased. **Resolved:** that the precept for the year 2021/22 should be set at £50,000.00 which means that for a Band D equivalent property it will cost £68.47 per year an increase of £1.93 or 2.90%.
- b) Approval to pay WDBC for the servicing of the Wallgates at Chagford Public Conveniences June-September 2020. Recharge for FCC Management Fee at Chagford Public Conveniences June-September 2020. **Resolved:** to approve payment.
- c) Approval to pay EDF for services to the Market House. **Resolved:** to approve payment.
- d) Approval to pay ZOLL for one pair of PEDI-PADZ II Electrodes. **Resolved:** to approve payment.
- e) Approval to pay Chagford Combined Charity for the use of Endecott House Sept - March 2021. **Resolved:** to approve payment.

120. ENVIRONMENT

- a) **Jubilee Field Inspection Report – Cllr: Mrs. Printy**
Cllr: Mrs. Printy reported that the Playing Field was in good condition. The fence adjoining the road had been flattened and the fence by the tennis court was down. The gate to the tennis court was open and the lock broken, Cllr: Mrs. Printy reported this to the Tennis Club. In the top corner of the field black plastic matting had been put down. There was a break in the hedge and stones and wood in the sand trap. There were many mole hills in the field. **Noted.**
- b) **Public Convenience Inspection Report – Cllr: Mrs. Printy**
Cllr: Mrs. Printy reported that the public conveniences were in good order and very clean. She recommended that deodorising tablets should be used in the men's urinals as the smell was very bad! **Noted.**
- c) **Devon Carbon Plan – Cllr: Ms Somme**
The Interim Devon Carbon Plan is DCC's roadmap to addressing the climate emergency and creating a net-zero Devon where people and

nature thrive. DCC want to hear the views of businesses, community groups and all individuals on the plan. This is an opportunity for all Devon residents to have your say. It is also a go to place to find helpful tips and information, join webinars etc on how to contribute to a net-zero carbon Devon.

<https://www.devonclimateemergency.org.uk/interimcarbonplan/?fbclid=IwAR3YYzF4LooyTedbn99SNTJNQWC9-4ARokyqkP0a6l2aKofJK0cSW88wLBo>

Information has been added to the Parish Council Web Site, Posters have been displayed, published in the Parish Magazine and a Facebook Page is being set up. **Noted.**

d) Crossways Bank Shrubs

The Chairman reported that arrangements are being made with Lee Millar to cut back the shrubs on Crossways Bank. **Resolved:** a date to be confirmed.

121. CLERKS/CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

There was no Clerk/Chairman's Report

122. CORRESPONDENCE AND EMAILS

- a) A thank you letter has been received from the Chagford Business Association for the grant towards the Christmas Trees and Lights. **Noted.**
- b) A thank you letter has been received from the Rector, the Churchwardens and the PCC for the grant towards the upkeep of the graveyard. **Noted.**

123. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

a) Direct Debit – BT Telephone and Broadband Services (Jan)	56.63
b) o/I Mrs. S. Curtis – Salary	646.71
c) 4578 HMRC – PAYE	175.44
d) o/I Mrs. S. Curtis – Expenses	20.00
e) o/I WDBC – Wallgates/Cleaning	1550.40
f) 4579 EDF – Services to Market House	141.07
g) 4580 ZOLL Medical UK Ltd – Electrodes	66.00
h) 4581 Chagford Combined Charity – Endecott House	360.00
i) 4582 HMRC – PAYE	8.02

The Meeting Closed at 9.00 p.m.