

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Chagford Parish Council held at Endecott House on Monday 11th February 2019 commencing at 7.30 p.m.

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

In attendance 1 member of the public.

151. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies were received.

152. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr: Coombe declared an interest in Minute 155(c)

Cllr: Mrs. Haxton declared an interest in Minute 155(a)

153. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

a) The Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on Monday 14th January 2019 were confirmed and signed as a true record.

b) The Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting held on Monday 28th January 2019 were confirmed and signed as a true record.

154. MATTERS ARISING

a) Proposed Cattle Grid (Min: 122(a) refers)

The Clerk had written to the land owners but had only received a reply from the Secretary to the Chagford Commoners' Association. Chagford Commoners are supportive of this grid acknowledging that the ponies will still find a way around. **Resolved:** to ask the Secretary of the Commoners for a date of the Meeting when the cattle grid was approved and the minute number.

The Forestry Commission has sent a specification for a cattle grid to be installed on the approach road to Fernworthy Forest.

- Load capacity of 50 tonnes or over
- Width of at least 6 metres
- Installed by highway authority only
- Compliant with BS 4008:2006 which would mean
 - the well of the grid must be property drained
 - ramp(s) to allow small animals to escape from well
 - the carriageway maximum gradient should be restricted to 5% to aid traction and reduce the amount of material entering the grid well
 - regular inspections and maintenance is required

b) Proper Music Day (Min: 98(d) refers)

The Proper Music Day will be held on Saturday 4th May 2019. There will be a marquee in the Square and the dimensions will be 6m x 3m. Permission will be sought for the closure of the disabled parking bays in the centre of the Square from Devon County Council, Highways Department. **Resolved:** members are in agreement for the Proper Music Day to go ahead.

c) SHDC and WDBC Peer Review (Min: 122(c) refers

At the end of 2018, a team of eight officers and councillors from councils around the country, spent four days in Totnes and Tavistock. They met Council staff, interviewed residents, met businesses and reviewed how the Councils' work.

The Peer Review team has published its report and the leadership team of both Councils say it demonstrates the enormous journey that the Councils have been on in the last five years and the relentless commitment of the staff to make a difference. "SHDC and WDBC have been characterised by their energy and creativity, promoted by the political commitment to drive change".

The Peer Review were particularly complementary about the waste and recycling contract and the Leisure contract. **Noted.**

155. GROUP/REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS

Planning Control Matters – Cllr: Parrott

Cllr: Mrs. Haxton left the room

a) Ref: 0022/19 West Cordon, Chagford

Modification of existing dwelling including re-establishment of second storey to store. **Resolved:** to support the application.

Cllr: Mrs. Haxton returned to the meeting

Grant of Listed Building Consent

b) Ref: 0649/18 Lower Withecombe Farm, Chagford

Remedial works to cottage and barns. Subject to conditions. **Noted.**

Cllr: Coombe left the room

Refusal of Planning Permission

c) Ref: 0484/18 22 The Square, Chagford

Re-instatement of one dwelling back to two cottages. **Resolved:** to clarify from the planning officer the reasons this application was refused.

Cllr: Coombe returned to the meeting

Group Reports

d) Recreational Trust Meeting – Cllr: Mrs. Hill

The Tennis Club will be responsible for the day to day running of the tennis facility in Chagford.

The Swimming Pool benefited from the excellent summer weather. It was noted that the pool was a very expensive facility to operate and maintain and even in a good year such as 2018 any operating surplus generated was not adequate to cover repairs and renovations. Essential improvements were required for 2019.

The gym and studio refurbishment is ongoing. More than 40 members have so far signed up and attended induction sessions. The development of the top floor studio had been delayed following the discovery of bats.

It was agreed that maximising income from the bar is key to the ongoing economic viability of the Recreational Trust.

Improvement to the fencing, hedging, gates etc to the playing field has been discussed with a possibility of a grant from the Parish Council.

Resolved: no mention of installing lighting along the lane was mentioned. To remind the Recreational Trust that the Devon Air Ambulance grant was passed to the Recreational Trust for this purpose.

156. GENERAL PURPOSES AND POLICY MATTERS

a) Chagford Public Toilets (Min: 147(a) refers)

b) The Market House

A General Purposes Meeting was held on Thursday 7th February 2019 to discuss the way forward with the Public Toilets and the Market House. Negotiation were going ahead with WDBC. **Resolved:** to seek advice from the Insurance Company as to the costs of Insurance.

c) It was also noted that the Square was not cleared when we had the snow. **Resolved:** this was reported to DCC however the gritter was unable to access the Square due to vehicles parking outside the parking bays.

d) Following the meeting with Mr. Fayers from Blue Cedar the General Purposes Meeting proposed that Chagford Parish Council wrote to Dartmoor National Park informing the Head of Development Management member's views on the Blue Cedar Development and the attitude of the Director. **Resolved:** a letter will be sent to the Head of Development Management, DNPA.

157. FINANCIAL MATTERS

a) Approval to pay Zoll Medical UK Ltd for the Pedi-Padz II Electrodes. **Resolved:** to approve payment.

b) Approval to pay Chagford Combined Charity for the Hire of Endecott House. **Resolved:** to approve payment.

c) Approval to pay the Chairman's Allowance. **Resolved:** to approve payment.

d) Request for a grant from the Chagford Bulletin. **Resolved:** to approve a Chagford Bulletin a grant of £150.00.

158. ENVIRONMENT

a) Jubilee Field Inspection Report – Cllr: Hamer

Cllr: Hamer reported that there was litter around the field after the thaw. The Trim Trail was slippery after the snow. The surface under the big swing needs attention.

A gate panel from the skate park gate had been found which needs putting back.

The grass will need cutting when dry. **Resolved:** the surfaces should be pressure washed and the surfaces repaired in the spring.

b) Public Convenience Inspection Report – Cllr: Hamer

Cllr: Hamer reported that the Public Conveniences were in good order.

Noted.

159. CLERK/CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

a) Cllr: Lloyd Hill reported that he had attended a meeting at DNPA Parke with the Police specifically with regard to Raves on Dartmoor. The Police are asking for as much information as possible from the public – location, numbers, number of cars, if children are present, if drugs are present and if fires have been lit. They require factual information. They are also asking the Parish Council for “Impact Statements” – the impact of raves on our Community. The best way to report any incident is on line <https://www.met.police.uk/ro/report/ocr/af/how-to-report-a-crime/> **Noted.**

b) In May 2019 elections will be held for the District, Parish and Town Councils. There will be an Extraordinary Meeting of the Parish Council on Monday 25th February 2019 for those interested in becoming a Councillor to find out more about the role. **Noted.**

160. CORRESPONDENCE

a) A letter has been received from the PCC informing the Parish Council that a young Horse Chestnut tree in the Churchyard opposite the Three Crowns Hotel is diseased and in due course will become dangerous. The Tree Surgeon and the DNPA Tree Officer have concluded that the tree should be removed immediately. **Resolved:** if the tree is to be replaced it should be replaced with a tree native to this part of the world.

b) The next Development Management Committee at DNPA, Parke will be on Friday 1st March 2019. **Noted.**

161. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

a) 4371 Mrs. S. Curtis – Salary	547.21
b) 4372 HM Revenue and Customs	136.80
c) 4373 Mrs. S. Curtis – Office Expenses	20.00
d) 4374 Zoll Medical UK Ltd – Pedi-Padz II Electrodes	66.00
e) 4375 Chagford Combined Charity – Hire of Endecott Hse	174.00
f) 4376 Chairman's Allowance	500.00
g) 4377 The Business Association (Christmas Trees/Lights)	150.00
h) 4378 Chagford PCC (Churchyard Maintenance)	700.00
i) 4379 Chagford Swimming Pool (Lifeguard Training)	1,000.00
j) 4380 TNMWD Citizens Advice	100.00
k) 4381 Chagford Bulletin	150.00

The Meeting closed at 9.02 p.m.

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