

Minutes of the Chagford Annual Parish Assembly Meeting held at Endecott House on Thursday 11th April 2019 commencing at 7.30 p.m.

Present: The following Councillors; Parish Electors and Members of the Public were recorded as being present:-

Cllr: Mrs. Haxton
Cllr: J. McInnes
Mr. Steve Mullineaux
Alex Rehaag
Cllr: K. Coombe
Mr. David Lohfink
Mrs. Vanessa Garratt
Mr. Stuart Clarke
Mr. John Shears
Mr. T. Garratt

Cllr: P. Williams
Cllr: N. Lloyd
Cllr: Miss Stead
Mr. T. Bleakman
Cllr: R. Sampson
Mrs. Jenny Hill
Cllr: S. Lloyd Hill
Mrs. L. Wiseman
Cllr: A. Parrott
Cllr: Mrs. G. Hill (Chairman)
Mrs. S. Curtis (Clerk)

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Mr. Colin Haxton.

Speakers: Mrs. Liz Wiseman, Headteacher of Chagford Church of England Primary School
David Lohfink, CG Fry and Son
Alex Rehaag, Devon Home Choice
Steve Mullineaux, Interim Deputy Chief Executive, South Hams District Council/West Devon Borough Council

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced the Speakers.

2. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Parish Assembly Meeting held on Thursday 19th April 2018 were confirmed as a true record and signed.

3. **Mrs. Liz Wiseman, Headteacher of Chagford Church of England Primary School**

In the life of Chagford Church of England Primary School it has been an exceptionally busy year so far and much has been achieved by the whole school community. Our thanks go to our staff, teaching and non-teaching, our parents, the PTFA, Governors and our community, all of whom continue to make a significant contribution to an environment that is caring, happy and successful academically for our pupils.

Leadership and Management

Two keys areas of focus for this year continue to be the strategic direction of the school and our sustainability, set in an educational climate with reduced funding and challenges in teacher retainment. Our involvement as a school within the Dartmoor Multi Academy Trust has developed since joining in January 2018 and the newly formed Local Governing Body has been working collaboratively to ensure good outcomes and the highest standards in education for Chagford C E, South Tawton and North Tawton Primary Schools, who form the Three Hares Cluster of the Multi Academy Trust.

A new Executive Head, Mrs Elizabeth Underwood has been appointed to oversee the strategic direction of the three schools and the recruitment process for the Head of School positions in each school is currently in process. The Head of School position will be primarily responsible for leading the teaching and learning in each school and to be the day to day point of contact for pupils and parents. The teaching staff from all three schools have been working together to share good practice and the school pupil councils have also taken part in a Fair Trade Day to encourage shared thinking towards a more equitable school community in the future.

Teaching and Learning

In addition to opening a new school the whole teaching team have been creating a vibrant curriculum for our pupils and ensuring that the teaching standards are at their best in every class. We have had some staffing changes throughout the year but the inclusive and caring ethos of the school remains consistent throughout.

Our end-of-key-stage standards are in line with national expectations. Our Mathematics focus will continue to develop the Connective Model as an approach to teaching Mathematics across the school and to enhance our teaching for greater depth across the curriculum.

Our Writing focus this academic year has been to continue to meet the demands of the new curriculum standards for writing but to also extend our more able writers towards greater depth.

The school has recently registered with the Arts Mark, a national accreditation from the Arts Council in order to focus on the creative aspects of our curriculum and to develop and further enhance this provision for our pupils into the future.

Early Years

We have a very successful Early Years Unit, validated externally and demonstrated internally by the pleasing progress our children are making academically, socially and emotionally.

Personal Development, Behaviour & Welfare (Safeguarding)

E-safety is our School Improvement Priority this year and the E-safety policy was completed, to coincide with the second phase of our IT implementation across the classes. All pupils now have access to IT in all classes and can use mobile tablets to support their learning as part of the statutory computing curriculum requirements.

We review attendance statistics regularly and are pleased to note that school is exceeding its target of 96.5%. Attendance continues to be an area of focus for our school in order to ensure that we meet expectations set by Ofsted and safeguard our children's entitlement to a full time primary education.

Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural

The spiritual, moral, social and cultural needs and aspirations of our pupils and staff may be the hardest to squeeze into a box, but are at the core of what makes a good, caring and creative school.

So this year has continued to see regular collective worship, trips to St Michael's, termly worship, visits into school by Elva and others from the Church community and half-termly Messy Church afternoons in the school hall.

Premises/ Priority School Building Programme

Since our last report the school staff team have successfully packed an entire primary school into 450 crates and then set up the new school during the summer holidays, ready for the doors of our new building to finally open to the pupils and their families on 5th September 2019. The community were invited to see the new building on Saturday 15th September and over 300 people came along to share in this momentous occasion and to celebrate securing the future of Chagford C E Primary School within the community.

On 10th October 2018 Chagford Church of England Primary new school building was officially opened by the children's author Michael Morpurgo and blessed by Rt Reverend Robert Atwell, Bishop of Exeter. The doors were opened after almost four years since the initial acceptance onto the Priority Schools Building Programme, financed by the Education, Skills and Funding Agency. The building secures a school with a 240 pupil capacity in this vibrant and creative community and enables the primary curriculum to be delivered within a fit for purpose and technological efficient learning environment.

As the Headteacher of Chagford C E Primary, this has been both an exciting and challenging few years. The quality of the finished school which Kier Construction delivered and the extent of space and light which it provides for our current and future pupils, makes this design and construction exceptional. Teaching and learning have been propelled into the 21st century.

Although the construction phase of the school has been completed, the full extent of our outdoor learning environment is only beginning to be realised. This will provide a Sports England approved sports field, a newly resurfaced playground and access to our existing amphitheatre and wildlife area for all the children to explore and enjoy. As a community we have been extremely fortunate to have such an investment made into the educational future of our children and the finished school is an asset to the whole community to use and develop over the next few years.

For anyone wishing to keep up to date with news and events, please visit the school website: www.chagford-primarieschool.org

A newsletter is published every Friday.

David Lohfink – CG Fry and Son

Bellacouch Meadow is a stunning development of around 90 houses for sale in Chagford. The scheme has been the result of extensive collaboration with the local community, Parish Council and Dartmoor National Park Authority and a "masterplan" that was approved in March 2014. This development in a sought-after location will include a variety of properties ranging from 2 to 4 bedroom houses, both detached, semi-detached and terraced, and coach houses. Once complete, the development will also include some wonderful open green spaces

The construction of the new development, is well underway with the first phase on schedule to be completed the summer of 2021. Phase two will be underway by the end of this year. 3 and 4 bedroom cottage style homes will be for sale with prices from £325,000.

The new Fire Station is finished and handed over on 1st April 2019 and the Devon and Somerset Fire Brigade have now moved in. The official opening of the new Fire Station will be on 30th April 2019. The old Fire Station will have an Asbestos inspection and then demolished.

The Show Home is open with a sales adviser on site, the office is open from 10.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. weekdays and 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. weekends. Fowlers of Chagford will be the Estate Agent dealing with sales. No reservations have been made to date but 80 enquires have been received.

The Car Park and Business Units will be built from the 106 Agreement the CCT will be taking over the Business Units and CPC the Car Park at the end of the construction.

Alex Rehaag – Devon Home Choice

Following a visit to Chagford from Aster and Community Land Trust in January 2019 13 people have registered for homes in Chagford and have since been contacted.

Due for Completion: Phased – 1st phase comprising 2 x 1 bed, 2 person flats and 1 x 2 bed, 4 person house - for affordable rent and 2 x 3 bed, 5 person houses for Shared Ownership due for handover in Spring 2019.

Landlord: Aster Housing Group

Total Scheme comprises:

12 x 1 bed, max 2 person flats – Affordable Rent

10 x 2 bed, max 4 person houses – 6 Affordable Rent + 4 Shared Ownership

6 x 3 Bed, max 5 person houses – 4 Affordable Rent + 2 Shared Ownership

The S106 policy restricts allocation to applicants with a strong local connection to Chagford. There is still plenty of opportunity to register.

The properties being advertised on the Devon Home Choice web site from Monday are 1 x 2 bed and 2 x 1 bed. The expected handover date of the rental properties at Clerks Well Close is 29th May 2019.

For those wishing to downsize there is an incentive available from the Council of £1,000 to £1,500 to help with moving, furniture etc

Steve Mullineaux – Interim Deputy Chief Executive, South Hams District Council/West Devon Borough Council

West Devon Borough Council continues to have pressures due to reduction in funding. Budgeting is how the Council brings together its plans to implement strategies, achieve key objectives and improve performance WDBC plans to spend £20.5 million on providing services for 2019/20. A total of £15.8 million of this amount comes from income from grants, fees, charges etc. The amount of Council Tax that needs to be collected is £4.7 million.

The Councils net budget has decreased from £7.3 million in 2018/19 to £7.1 million in 2019/20. To secure the future of Council Services the Council is increasing the Council Tax. The Council continues to share staff with SHDC. WDBC is generating ongoing annual savings of £2.2 million savings are projected to be made from the recent leisure contract, proposals for the waste and recycling contract and income generation from investment in property.

The Council requested that the Local Government Association undertake a Peer Challenge of West Devon Borough Council and South Hams District Council in order to identify its strengths and any areas for improvement. The Peer Challenge is not an inspection, but an opportunity for colleagues from other Councils to review the work that we do and to suggest areas where we could be stronger. A team from the LGA spent 4 days on site during November 2018 during which time they spoke to more than 115 people including Council staff Councillors, external partners and stakeholders. South Hams and West Devon councils have been characterised by their energy and creativity, promoted by the political commitment to drive change. The councils' transformation programme was bold and required firm political leadership. It has secured the councils' immediate financial future with essential savings of £1.5m at West Devon and £2.93m per year at South Hams.

Finally Mr. Mullineaux informed the meeting that Cllr: Sampson was standing down as a West Devon Borough Councillor after 21 years and thanked him for all his hard work.

**4. The Audited Accounts of Chagford Parish Council for the period
1st April 2017 to 31st March 2018**

- a) The Chairman of the Finance Group presented the current Financial Statement for the year 1st April 2017 to 31st March 2018. These have been audited by the Council's Internal Auditor and District Auditor. The accounts were adopted.

**The Financial Statement of the Chagford Parish Council for the period
1st April 2018 to 31st March 2019**

- b) The Chairman of the Finance Group presented the current financial statement for the year 1st April 2018 to 31st March 2019. A statement of receipts and payments were circulated and attached to the Minutes.

5. The Annual Report of the Parish Council – Chairman Cllr: Mrs. Gay Hill

The Parish Council has once again had a busy year and has thankfully made some progress.

The Diamond Jubilee Clock is now firmly fixed on the Market House and appears to be working well.

The Devon Air Ambulance landing site on the Recreational Trust Field is completed and has proved to be an advantage to the area. The Government grant money was passed to the Recreational Trust to improve the lighting on the entrance and the rec trust and to maintain the site.

In response to a question from the Parish Assembly last year the Council asked that the Air Quality in the Square should be monitored, this was duly done over a period and the result showed that the amount of Nitrogen Dioxide was 14.64 micrograms per cubic metre of air. The Governments Annual Objective is that the amount of Nitrogen Dioxide should not exceed 40 micrograms per cubic metre of air.

At the Annual Assembly meeting last year there was a request from a parishioner that the Council should consider that a Cattle Grid should be placed on the northern side of Meldon between Little Thorn and Tunnaforde Cross.

The Council met representatives of the Chagford Commoner's Association, and then met the Parishioners who wish the Cattle Grid to be installed. The Parish Council contacted the landowners involved and liaised with Devon County Council who had advised that a planning application should be submitted. The Council supported the Planning Application with the proviso that the Grid should meet the Forestry Commission Standards as well as DCC Highways department rules.

I am sure that you are all aware that once again timber is being taken out of Fernworthy Forest and this will continue throughout the summer months.

The Council worked with the Parochial Church Council in order to improve the Cross Tree gravel path and entrance to the Churchyard.

The Recreational Trust applied for a lottery grant, and this involved the lease held with the Parish Council which had to be varied. This became a long tedious task but hopefully is now completed and the Grant has been given.

This last year the Town has looked lovely due to all the hard work of Angie Emberson, her flower ladies and the many other people who plant the troughs and continually water the baskets and pots through the summer months. The Chagford Conservation Group continues to work tirelessly in many areas of the Parish, as well as cleaning up the town and maintaining the Southcombe Street Garden. I am sure you are all very grateful for all their labours.

The Parish Council now contracts a lengthsman to work across the Parish for two days of eight months each year, this year he has worked hard maintaining drains and gutters. One Saturday night he came to the rescue of New Street when turnlake was blocked and in turn blocked the drain which flows under Cross Tee. It is a shame that rubbish and hedge trimmings get thrown into turnlake stream and then causes such havoc. The potholes, snow and the general state of the Highways within and without the town causes endless problems. The Parish Council has an allocation of salt to try and keep the roads in use during severe weather, but the Council relies on your help. There is nothing to prevent any parishioner clearing snow and ice and spreading salt as long as it does not increase the dangers ie pouring water on the ice to melt it. Likewise it is the duty of all road users to report the potholes which appear frequently and need repair.

The parking regulations continue to be burdensome for some individuals, the Council hopes to get some minor changes when the Traffic Regulation Order is next approved, but suffice to say that the parking bays were created with safety and traffic movement at the forefront. Persons who continually park outside the regulated bays day and night cause a lot of inconvenience for many people, particularly the larger vehicles. It is for this reason that the snow plough could not come up to the Square in the snow it could not pass a vehicle without trying to get onto the pavement which in turn displaces his load, and cause a hazard. It is worth remembering that the pavements and the island in the Square are part of our highway and all the many obstacles from a coffee table to a bag of logs and the many A boards are placed on the pavement at the owners own risk. It is hoped that they all have public liability insurance.

The Jubilee Field has had a severe haircut and all the shrubs and hedges have had a good prune which I am sure will enhance the field in due course. The Council will need to review the play equipment and with the Parish determine how to repair, replace and upgrade the Play Park.

The new School has arrived, I am pleasantly surprised that it has fitted in so well, and certainly provides a lovely building for a learning environment.

The Parish marked the centenary of the end of the First World War with a concert in the church, an archive exhibition throughout the week culminating in the Remembrance Service on Sunday Morning, followed later in the day with a Beacon on Meldon, Church Bells ringing and food and friends fun and laughter in the Jubilee Hall. A big thank you to everyone who made this possible.

What for the future, the Parish is still looking for land to create a new Burial Ground.

In this coming year the Development will hand over the open space, the carpark and the toilets to the Parish. The Affordable Housing will be occupied and hopefully the Business Units buzzing.

The Parish has completed transactions for the acquisition of the Market House and will now have responsibility for the Toilets and shops and the whole building. There is much to look forward to.

This brings me to an end of an era, as you will all know it is election year for the Parish and Borough Council. 2015 – 2019 has been a very hardworking Council, the team has pulled together to work as colleagues and comrades to do the best for Chagford working with other Parishes, the Borough Council, DCC and the National Park as well as many other local organisations. This year the Parish Council has six members who have decided to take a rest for whatever reason. Robert Sampson has served the Parish since 1973 on and off, but giving 38 years of service as a Parish Councillor and thirteen years' service as a Borough Councillor. His sense of humour, his knowledge of proper procedure and his wise words will be missed. Simon Hill, Barbara Stead and Anne Thorn have all served for eight years.

Simon who is a true countryman and who served on the DNPA always imparted an air of reason and practicality. Barbara was a true Councillor who would consider all aspects prior to making a decision. Due to her need for accuracy and attention to detail, Barbara prepared the Emergency Plan for the Parish, the one detail she omitted is a way of maintaining this as an up to date record nothing is forever. Anne Thorn kept us all firmly grounded and had an enormous knowledge about the Parish now and of years gone by. Ed Hamer joined the Council in 2015 and has provided sound information and knowledge, always interested in the other man's view. Nick Lloyd joined last year following the death of Jon d'Arch Smith, we are sad the Nick decided not to stand again.

We shall miss them all but wish them well.

As you will know, there are eleven candidates for twelve seats so there will not be a Parish Council Election. We are looking forward to being joined by Christine Malseed, Debbie Phelps, Gill Printy, Tony Pope and Yuli Somme.

This leaves me just one thing and that is to thank Sarah our Clerk, at times I wonder how she puts up with us, as it is a bit like herding cats. Her diligence, skill and determination serves the Council well.

6. Cllr: Robert Sampson – West Devon Borough Council

I introduced last year's report by saying it had been an interesting year for West Devon. Even without the One-Council controversy, I can say the same again this year.

I reported last year the resignation of Steve Jorden, one of the two Executive Directors. Sophie Hosking, the other Executive Director has been confirmed as Chief Executive following a re-arrangement of duties, with Steve Mullineaux as Deputy Chief. Steve has kindly covered West Devon's financial situation in his Report. In that context we should be aware that unlike some Councils, West Devon is coping with the financial constraints with which it is faced and has the benefit of a team of impressively able and committed senior officers. I am still of the opinion that creating one Council from South Hams and West Devon would have been good but even though that is no longer a possibility, we continue to work in partnership with South Hams creating considerable savings and yet maintaining our services.

There has been particularly close working with South Hams in my particular province of Waste and Recycling. A small group of Councillors (3 each from S.H. and W.D.) has been working for the last couple of years on the procurement of a new Waste Contract which came into operation on the 1st April. Hitherto, South Hams had an in-house workforce but is now joining West Devon in contracting out the service. The combined contract produces financial benefits for both Councils and maintains the standard of service which plans for future improvements. Although West Devon's recycling performance has been on a plateau, like many other authorities, for some time, we should not lose sight of the fact that West Devon is still one of the top performing authorities in Devon and is well up the national chart too. There is still too much recyclable material in the black sacks and we continue to find ways of addressing that. I am sure that as the new contract proceeds we shall see renewed efforts in that connection as well as other improvements.

I also mentioned last year the Leisure Contract which deals with Parklands at Okehampton and Meadowlands at Tavistock as well as four leisure centres in the South Hams. Improvements have been made at Parklands and I recently visited Meadowlands to see the completed alterations there. The Leisure Centres are run by Fusion and we reviewed Fusion's Annual report at a recent meeting in Tavistock. I took the opportunity of reminding Fusion that there is another pool in West Devon and that it would be good if Chagford might benefit from Fusion's outreach programme. I was assured that contact will be made before the Pool opens.

I have held the portfolio for Commercial Services for more year than I care to remember. It encompasses Waste and Recycling, Car Parks, and Leisure Centres, but also, somewhat curiously, Public Lavatories. Last year the Council decided to make a saving in the Public Conveniences budget by seeking a contribution towards running costs from the Town or Parish Council where the facilities were located or by transferring ownership to the local Council. If neither transfer nor contribution was forthcoming then the matter would be referred to the Borough Council with a recommendation for closure. As we had a round of closures some years ago our stock of Conveniences was small but that did not prevent these proposals being, to say the least, controversial. However, it is, I think, a different story here. Chagford Parish Council had been paying a contribution towards the running costs for many years and when offered the choice of increasing the contribution or taking a transfer of the Market House, I am glad the Council decided to take over the building.

Throughout my time on West Devon and on the Parish Council, the possibility of taking back the Market House was raised from time to time but there seemed little prospects of its becoming available, particularly at a nominal cost. It remains a mystery how the Market House got into the hands of Okehampton Rural District Council (West Devon's predecessor), although I hope some light may be shed when the old deeds reach us from the Parish Council's Solicitors. There was something of a campaign in, I think, the thirties for it to be returned to the Parish Council. Pictures of the old Shambles (there before the Market House was build) were circulated with references to old Charters and ending, "Justice must not only be done but must be seen to be done", I think that, many years on, we can say that justice has been done. I appreciate the way in which the transfer has been effect by West Devon.

As a Chagfordian it has been a great honour to represent Chagford on West Devon Borough Council. Chagford is the only single Parish, single Member Ward remaining in the Borough and a privilege to serve on the Parish Council. I have been proud to serve on the Borough and Parish Councils and particularly proud to have been able to serve as Chairman of the Parish Council. As well as my Commercial Services Portfolio, I have led the Independent Group for the last eight years and as such have been Leader of the Opposition.

I mentioned the quality of the senior officers at West Devon and I must record how much I have valued working with successive Chief Executives, Senior Officers and many members of the staff at Tavistock, with mutual confidence. It would be wrong to say that life as a Borough Councillor is devoid of tedium but it is interesting and rewarding. Whatever the outcome of the Election, Chagford will have, for the first time, a borough Councillor with a Party label. I hope my successor enjoys the role as much as I have and will be able, in due course to say, as I now wish to say, that I am grateful for the support I have received from my fellow Parish Councillors and fellow Borough Councillors of whatever persuasion and, most of all, I am deeply grateful for the support I have received from the Electors of Chagford.

7. Cllr: James McInnes – Devon County Council Hatherleigh and Chagford Division Annual Report 2019

The Budget

It has been challenging putting together the DCC budget for 2019/20. Since 2011 the County Council has had to make £250 Million in savings from its budget. The 2019/20 net budget has risen to £493,850 from 2018/19 £479,416. Budget savings have been identified of £13 million.

Children's Services have had a rise of 9.4% about £11.3 million and Adult services a rise of 2% about £11.75 million. There remain considerable pressures in Children's and Adult Services.

Highways has also had a small rise and this on top of the extra £18 million capital we received in 2018/19 for highways from central government.

Against the backdrop of changes to how Local Government is funded and the uncertainty of funding levels in the future we have reluctantly agreed a council tax rise of 3.9% which includes a 1% increase which will go to Adult care. The Council continues to re-model its services around people and is starting to reduce the barriers that get in the way.

Cabinet Member

I continue to be Cabinet Member for Children's Services and Schools and have in the last year also become Deputy Leader of the County Council. Child Social Care Services are continuing to improve, and we are investing extra money in Edge of Care Services and Crisis Care. The Children's Services budget is currently overspent, and we need to be forward thinking in how we can improve the services that can support the whole family when a child is in crises, where possible. Education funding is in crisis. We have seen 525 teachers and classroom assistants leave Devon schools in the last year. Schools are struggling to balance their budgets. Devon is working with schools to show government the pressures they are under. We are a Member of a group called F40. Over forty councils that are poorly funded for education are working together to campaign and put information and case studies to the Department of Education and H M Treasury. F40 has an education model for fair funding which we continually discuss with the Dfe. We were pleased to host Damian Hinds MP, the Secretary of State for Education in Devon, late last year and were able to have robust discussions about education funding. I find myself Chair of F40 and this gives Devon a central role in the F40's work. Some of our services for children have been delivered by Virgin Care in Devon. This contract is coming to an end and on the 1st of April we are bringing Health Visitors and School Nurses in-house to the County Council. This has been a big decision for us and the aim is to get the system of services for children and families as seamless as possible.

Highways

It has been an average winter and we are still seeing potholes. Please help by reporting them, don't presume that someone else has. As I mentioned earlier we received an extra £18 million capital from government for highways in 2018/19. This is very welcome but will not help with the many years of low investment. All Divisions will see some investment from this funding.

I remain a Member of Dartmoor National Park Authority and chair the Development Management Committee. The local Plan is progressing well and following public consultation late last year the updated version will be out for consultation and go to the inspector later this year. The DNPA has suffered from funding pressures just like other local authorities. The Moor Than Meets Eye project has been very successful, and we are looking at ways of continuing the best elements of the project going forward. The four County Councillors for West Devon Borough Council area sit on the local Highways & Traffic Order Committee and the local County Committee. Challenging issues at times.

We continue to have the Locality Budget. Not large sums of money, but very helpful to kickstart local project.

Climate Change

Many residents ask me, what is the County Council doing about climate change and the environment. Below are some actions we are taking.

- Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) – recommends 45% reduction by 2030 from 2010 levels, and 'net zero' by 2050.

- This will be an “unprecedented” and “rapid” change to the way we live:
 - How food is produced
 - How we travel
 - How we power our homes and businesses
 - What our countryside will look like
 - How often we use air travel
 - How many consumer items, like clothes and electronics, we buy
- The County Council’s emissions have reduced by 36% since 2012/13. Target set for 50% by 2030 – exceeding the IPCC recommendation by 5%. We have:
 - Installed LED lighting in buildings and streetlighting
 - Switched streetlighting to part-night as appropriate
 - Upgraded IT infrastructure
 - Replaced boilers
 - Replaced older fleet vehicles and started using electric vehicles
- Emissions pan Devon have reduced by 27% since 2005. Substantial effort in delivering energy efficiency and renewable energy is necessary to go further. We’ve applied, and are awaiting decisions, for funding to:
 - Install solar canopies on public car parks
 - Install a network of electric vehicle charging points at strategic locations
 - Help vulnerable households replace storage heaters with central heating
 - Install a solar farm on a redundant landfill site
- We have funding for projects that are:
 - Trialling innovative approaches from Holland to deep-retrofit homes and commercial buildings.
 - Testing the opportunity to produce and use energy produced locally, which is currently difficult due to the way the electricity grid works
 - Collaborating on energy initiatives with Plymouth, Exeter and Bristol councils
- All waste must be treated as a resource – recycling rate in Devon is 54%. In February the Brynsworthy transfer station opened enabling 100% of residual waste to be used to generate electricity. As a result, practically no waste in Devon goes to landfill, which limits methane production.
- Our Plastics Strategy aims to reduce the amount of single-use plastic consumed in Devon, which is a needless use of a material that is very energy intensive. The authority has already removed about 100,000 single-use plastic items each year from its food outlets.
- Every sector of society and the economy will have to help achieve these carbon targets – no one organisation in Devon is responsible.
- Devon has 23 community energy organisations – the most of any county in England – many supported by schemes run by the County Council. They have already invested £14 million in renewable energy.
- We’ll collaborate with partners to agree a carbon-neutral target for Devon and produce a plan to continue the work already done

8. Reports from The Friends of St. Michael’s, Chagford Combined Charity and Providence School Charity

Friends of St. Michael’s

At present the Charity is lying dormant, there are three Trustees nominated by the Parish Council, Barnaby Dickens who wishes to stand down, Belinda Hayter Hames and Terry Bleakman has replaced Jamie Jamieson as a Trustee and Treasurer.

Chagford Combined Charity

The Chagford Combined Charity has three Trustees nominated by the Parish Council Robert Sampson, Kevin Coombe and Rod Webber. The Rector of the Parish is the Chairman and there are three co-opted Trustees Julie Endacott, Gay Hill and Richard Perring. The Charity is responsible for the running and the maintenance and refurbishment of Endecott House. The Charity provides help for the relief in need of distressed people of Chagford who are suffering hardship. The Charity also gives grants to young people of Chagford Parish who are seeking educational or vocational training.

At present the Trustees are organising for the roof to be rethatched and re slated, windows at the back of the building to be repaired and the interior to be redecorated. The hire charges have been reviewed for the first time in five years, the hall has some regular bookings which help to keep a regular income and at times the hall and garden are well used.

The Parish Map project has been moved to the History Archive and we are waiting for the frame to be taken down. The MV Kestor is to be fixed on one of the window sills, this model of the ship was given to the Parish by the Harrisons who lived at Teigncombe Manor and had a shipping company. It had a sister ship the MV Chagford.

Providence School Charity

Providence School Charity for young people was set up following the sale of what became known as the Throwleigh Centre. There are Trustees nominated by the Parish Councils of Chagford, Drewsteignton and Throwleigh plus one trustee nominated the Gidleigh Parish Meeting. The nominated Trustees for Chagford is the Chairman of the Charity Robert Sampson and Gay Hill. The money has been invested and the Charity distributes grants for educational, social and physical purposes to enable young people under the age of 25 years to achieve a certification or qualification. The young people who are in financial need and live in the said parishes may apply. The Charity will also give a donation to a club or group who benefits the need of young people under 19 and enables them to have an educational or vocational trip or experience. During the last year the Charity has given out three grants, one for a disabled lad to go to South Africa on a School trip, one to attend the world Scout Jamboree in Canada and a young lady to go to Mumbai on a School trip. We ask that following these trips that the person comes back to the trustees and gives us a resume of what they saw and did.

9. Business Brought forward at the Chairman's discretion

Mr. Timothy Garratt being one of only a few Parishioners attending the Annual Assembly thanked the Parish Council, WDBC and DCC for all the hard work carried out by everyone concerned.

The Meeting Closed at 9.30 p.m.

Date **Signed**