

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Chagford Parish Council held at Endecott House on Monday 14th November 2022 commencing at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Cllr: Kevin Coombe, Cllr: Mrs. Gay Hill (Chairman), Cllr: Christine Malseed, Cllr: Jill Millar, Cllr: Paul Mortimer, Cllr: Marion Stanbury

In attendance: The Clerk, Mrs. Sarah Curtis.

Prior to the meeting a minute's silence was observed in honour of the late Alan Perrott who was a Parish Councillor in the 1990's

74. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr: Mrs. Margaret Haxton, Cllr Andrew Parrott, Cllr: Mrs. Gill Printy, Cllr: John Shears, Cllr: Rachel Short, Cllr: Stuart Wright.

75. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no interests to declare.

76. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES

a) The Minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting held on Monday 10th October 2022 were confirmed and signed as a true record.

77. MATTERS ARISING

a) Noticeboard outside the Birdcage (Min: 66(b) refers)

Quotes have been received for an outdoor double door wall mounted notice board. **Resolved:** to order a 6 A4 Portrait x 2 Aluminium notice board.

b) Bike Racks (Min: 66(a) refers)

The Chairman and Kirsty Howie have met with All Seasons and discussed the paving and suitable bike stands. All Seasons are providing a new quotation for the paving and installation of the bike stands. **Noted.**

c) Greenway Cycle Project (Min: 60 refers)

A letter has been received from the legal adviser to the former Greenway Project Group to clarify a number of issues which were discussed at the Chagford Parish Council Meeting on 12th September 2022.

The Greenway Project Group has now been disbanded and all social media accounts related to that group will be closed down. There are funds remaining which were donated to the Greenway Project. These funds will be held on trust. The Feasibility Study will be closed for comments. The Feasibility Study cannot be withdrawn. No further action in respect of the Feasibility Study will be taken by the Greenway Group. **Noted.**

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

a) The Chairman met with the Chairman of the Chagford Business Community. The Chagford Business Community has requested a Traffic Order to close the disabled bays and the road between the Market House

and the Newsagents for late night shopping on Thursday 15th December 2022 in order to provide entertainment during the evening.

The Chagford Business Community are requesting a grant for the Christmas Trees and lights around the Market House. **Resolved:** to give the Chagford Business Community a grant of £200.00.

- b) There will be a public consultation on the Devon Electric Vehicle Charging Strategy. Devon County Council declared a climate emergency in 2019 and helped publish the Devon Carbon Plan. The Devon Electric Vehicle Charging Strategy aims to help all residents and visitors overcome barriers to EV adoption and increase access to suitable infrastructure. The consultation will run between the 9th November and 16th December 2022. The best way to have your say is via the consultation questionnaire available at devon.cc/ev-strategy-consultation. **Noted.**

79. GROUP/REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS

Planning Control Matters

To Consider DNPA Planning Matters for Consultation

Grant of Conditional Planning Permission

a) **Ref: 0226/22 6 Manor Drive, Chagford**

Extensions and alterations to existing building. Subject to conditions.

Noted.

b) **Ref: 0316/22 2 Orchard Terrace, Chagford**

Erection of garden building. Subject to conditions. **Noted.**

c) **Ref: 0349/22 Yelfords Cottage, Chagford**

Replacement sheds and garage together with garden equipment shed and wood store. Subject to conditions. **Noted.**

d) **Ref: 0319/22 Hope Cottage, Chagford**

Store/Outbuilding. Subject to conditions. **Noted.**

Refusal of Planning Permission

e) **Ref: 0324/22 2 Maple Lodge, Moor Park, Chagford**

Retrospective permission for the erection of a new garden fence. **Noted**

Reports

f) **Dartmoor National Park Authority Forum**

Cllr: Marion Stanbury attended the DNPA Forum on Friday 11th November 2022.

The DNPA's money from DEFRA has been flat cash for the past ten years if it had kept pace with inflation DNPA would be receiving £7.3 million instead of £3.5 million. This is no longer sustainable. Staff have received letters of consultation with regard to redundancies. DNPA rent the building in Princetown from the Duchy of Cornwall on a full repairing lease. It is currently being debated whether this can be continued.

A presentation was given from Lee Bray, Archaeologist and Andrew Crabb, Archaeologist/Historic Environment Field Advisor regarding the

protection of the archaeology on Dartmoor. One of the biggest threats to the archaeology is the bracken erosion which has increased since English Nature restricted the number of cattle, sheep and ponies on Dartmoor.

Alex Gandy, Senior Policy Officer, Forward Planning gave an update on the Climate Change Policy and the Housing Supplementary Planning Guidance which is a policy for building. **Noted.**

80. FINANCIAL MATTERS

- a) Request from Chagford Film Festival for a grant. **Resolved:** to award Chagford Field Festival £100.00
- b) Approval to pay for the attendance of Cllr: Gay Hill to the DALC AGM AND Conference. **Resolved:** to approve payment.
- c) Approval to pay David Endacott for installing a metal clad double socket in the bus shelter (30/09/20). **Resolved:** to approve payment.
- d) Approval to pay David Endacott for replacing the strip light in the Gents Toilets. **Resolved:** to approve payment.
- e) Approval to pay Source for Business for services to the Market House. **Resolved:** to approve payment.
- f) Approval to pay All Seasons for cutting hedges and grass cutting. **Resolved:** to approve payment.
- g) Approval to pay the Clerk the National Salary Award 2022/23. **Resolved:** to approve payment.
- h) Donation to the Royal British Legion for the Poppy Appeal. **Resolved:** to give a donation of £40.00.

81. ENVIRONMENT

- a) **Jubilee Field Inspection Report – Cllr: Marion Stanbury**
Cllr: Marion Stanbury reported that the Jubilee Field was in good condition. Rubbish bins were empty, play equipment all in order, there were no issues. **Noted.**
- b) **Public Convenience Inspection Report – Cllr: Marion Stanbury**
Cllr: Marion Stanbury reported that the Public Conveniences were in good order. **Noted.**
- c) **Report from FCC regarding the Public Convenience in the Market House**
A report had been received from FCC who clean the Public Conveniences in the Market House stating that the toilet in the men's cubicle was coming away from the floor and the cistern is coming away from the wall.
Resolved: the plumber has screwed the toilet pan to the floor and the cistern to the wall.
- d) **Quote for a new see saw**
The Clerk has been looking for a new see saw and obtaining quotes. South West Play have quoted £3,700.80 and Sovereign have quoted £5,819.62 however this quote includes many extras e.g. grass guard tiles, removal of waste materials, providing fencing and signage for the duration

of the installation etc. Are awaiting a further quote from tk play.

Resolved: to continue to find suitable quotes.

e) Rural Skills and Lengthsman's Contract

The Rural Skills and Lengthsman's Contract is coming up for renewal in April 2023. For the past two years the Parish Council has not used the Lengthsman. Discussion was had as to whether the Parish needed a Lengthsman. **Resolved:** to tender for a Rural Skills and Lengthsman from 1st April 2023 until 31st March 2025.

82. CLERKS/CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

- a) The Chairman thanked Cllr: John Shears for his help in removing the leaves etc from Cross Tree in readiness for Remembrance Sunday. She proposed that the Parish Council give Cllr: John Shears a donation of £25.00 for his diesel. **Resolved:** to give Cllr: John Shears a donation of £25.00.

83. CORRESPONDENCE AND EMAILS

- a) Temporary Prohibition of Through Traffic, Monday 6th February 2023 – Tuesday 14th February 2023. Roads from Yeo Farm to Waye Cross, Southill Cross to Yeo Cross, Frenchbeer to Yeo Cross, Batworthy Farm to Southill Cross, Southill Cross to Yeo Cross, Chagford. UG Cabling, OH Cabling, tree cutting, pole changes, splicing. **Noted.**
- b) Reduced Council Tax Scheme West Devon – Have your Say on Proposed Changes. West Devon's Hub Committee agrees to ask the public for their opinion on changes to their Council Tax Reduction Scheme. The Consultation will open on Monday 7th November and run until 18th December 2022. To have your say visit:
www.engagement.westdevon.gov.uk/council-tax-reduction-2023-24.
Noted.
- c) Family tree planting at the Recreational Trust was an enjoyable community event on Sunday 6th November 2022. Twenty-one people of all ages planted fifty-six trees. There was sufficient room for fifty-six trees and that allows for mortality rates. All the trees were either grown from seed by Chagford Tree Nursery or given as saplings. The trees include, oak, cherry alder, beech hawthorn, birch and hazel. **Noted.**
- d) West Devon Borough Council will be sending out canvassers to certain properties within the Borough who have not yet returned a Canvass Form with regard to Electoral Registration. **Noted.**
- e) Avian Influenza has been in the country for over a year and since 1st October 2022 there has been ninety confirmed cases of highly pathogenic avian influenza in England alone. This strain of the AI is called zoonotic in that Humans can catch it, although very treatable. We need to get the message out to people who only have a few birds to let them know how to protect their pets and themselves from this virus. **Noted.**
- f) Temporary Prohibition of Through Traffic, Monday 16th January 2023 – Friday 27th January 2023. Road from Waye Cross to Parelly Hill and Manor Road, Chagford. Clearing blockages on existing BT duct. **Noted.**

84. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT	£
a) o/l Mrs. S. Curtis – Salary	673.35
b) 4744 HM Revenue and Customs – PAYE	181.00
c) o/l Mrs. S. Curtis – Expenses	20.00
d) DC Plusnet – service for the first month and any one-off charges	32.39
e) DD Plusnet – Telephone and Broadband Services	2.54
f) DD British Gas – Services to Ellis Drive 10/9 – 10/10	17.98
g) DD British Gas – Services to Market Hse 25/9 – 26/10	103.13
h) 4745 DALC – Attendance at AGM & Conference	42.00
i) 4746 David Endacott – Installation of socket	151.55
j) 4747 David Endacott – Replace strip light	81.99
k) 4748 Source for Business – Services to Market House	346.76
l) 4749 Royal British Legion – Donation	40.00
m) 4751 Chagford Film Festival – Grant	100.00
n) 4750 Chagford Business Community – Grant	200.00
o) 4752 John Shears – Donation	25.00
p) o/l All Seasons – Hedge and Grass Cutting	1,404.00

The Meeting closed at 9.30 p.m.