

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Chagford Parish Council held at Endecott House on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2018 commencing at 7.30 p.m.**

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

**147. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies had been received from Cllr: Miss Stead.

**148. DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

Cllr: Mrs. Stanbury declared an interest in Minute 152(b)

**149. URGENT BUSINESS BROUGHT FORWARD AT THE CHAIRMAN'S DISCRETION**

- a) A letter from Jo Burgess, Planning Officer for Dartmoor National Park, to Grainge Architects regarding the School had been received. This letter was an 'Application for approval of details reserved by condition 12'.

**Condition 12**

Prior to the building hereby approved being substantially complete and ready for occupation, the stone-faced hedge banks to be constructed along the south east boundary of the land shall have been formed in accordance with the approved details and a sample section of new stone walling which has previously been inspected and approved.

Following a visit to Chagford by the Planning Office she examined the photo of the amended sample in comparison with the retaining wall and was satisfied that provided the large stones are kept to a minimum and the stone is mixed in size but laid in the tight fashion shown on the sample, the new stone faced hedge banks will be appropriate. **Resolved:** to write back to Miss Burgess expressing concerns that the Chagford Parish Council had not been consulted with regards to the retaining wall.

- b) Street Lighting – Development off Lower Street. CG Fry have recently received correspondence from Western Power which includes an updated plan showing the route of their High Voltage cable. This cable runs under the car park and in terms of its location, this is a fixed route which (CG Fry) have no control over.

Because the wire requires a 9m exclusion, the result is that Western Power is going to have to amend the location and quantity of some of the lighting in the car park. This means that the lighting positions have been updated. The total number of lights has been reduced from 8 lamps to 6 lamps and some of the remaining lamps have moved position slightly. **Resolved:** to reply stating Chagford Parish Council support the proposed plans for the lighting. The Parish Council asked when the electricity cables would be laid for the pay and display machines and the car hook ups. It would not be ideal to have to damage a new surface at a later date.

**150. GROUP/REPRESENTATIVES REPORT**

**Planning Control Matters – Cllr: Parrott**

**a) Ref: 0018/18 Land to the East of Nattadon Common, Chagford.**

Proposed: Installation of mobile telecommunications and ancillary equipment involving the erection of 8m high telegraph pole with four consumer antennae and two backhaul radio antennae and association radio housing and trenching. **Resolved:** to support the application.

**Grant of Conditional Planning Permission**

**b) Ref: 0566/17 War Memorial Playing Field, Chagford**

Erection of lighting column for Air Ambulance. **Noted.**

Toby Russell, Community Landing Sites Development Officer has requested a site meeting with MAT Electrics, a representative from the Recreational Trust and the Parish Council so that everyone is happy with the final plans. **Resolved:** Cllr: Coombe will attend the site meeting on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2018.

**Tree Works**

**c) Proposed Tree Works – Millholme, Chagford.**

The National Park Authority has received an application to carry out works to trees at Millholme, Chagford. 3 Larch Trees, 1 Fir Tree and 1 Pine Tree are in need of work. **Resolved:** no objection.

**151. GENERAL PURPOSES AND POLICY MATTERS**

**a) To Set the Precept for year commencing 1<sup>st</sup> April 2018**

The Council considered the up to date accounts and the projected budget for this year and an estimated budget for 2018/19. After some discussion with regard to the impact on a Band D household if the precept is increased and the increasing demands being made on the Parish Council with the prospect of costs. **Resolved:** that the precept for the year 2018/19 should be set at £44,000.00 which means that a Band D equivalent will pay £60.32 per year an increase of £3.62.

**b) Post box in the Square (Min:129(d) refers)**

Royal Mail have apologised for the Post box being full at times over the Christmas period. Royal Mail has arranged for an additional collection to be made earlier in the day which should resolve the problem. With regard to the free standing Pillar box, Royal Mail has confirmed that this box is due to be removed permanently. **Resolved:** to reply to Royal Mail stating that it is hoped that the extra collection is a permanent collection.

**152. CLERKS/CHAIRMANS REPORT**

**a)** The Chairman had received £200.00 from Charlotte Goodwin being money raised from the Christmas Bingo. The money was raised for the DAA Night Landing Site. **Noted.**

**b)** Representatives from the Council met with the owners of the proposed land for a new Burial Site. The proposed site was looked at and discussed. The owner's only stipulation was that an entrance would be needed from the road to access the adjoining field if it were to go ahead.

**Resolved:** to draw up plans showing the boundaries and the acreage so everyone knew which bit of land was proposed.

**153. CORRESPONDENCE AND EMAILS**

- a) Temporary Prohibition of Through Traffic and Parking  
Devon County Council hereby give notice that from Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2018 until Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2018 a temporary restriction is considered necessary on New Street to carry out new service works. **Noted.**
  
- b) Temporary Prohibition of Through Traffic and Parking  
Devon County Council hereby give notice that from Monday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2018 until Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2018 a temporary restriction is considered necessary at Factory Cross to Way Down Cross, Murchington to rebuild parapet wall works. **Noted.**
  
- c) Battle's Over – A Nations Tribute 11<sup>th</sup> November 2018  
An email from the Pageantmaster regarding the celebrations of 11<sup>th</sup> November 2018. Local Churches will take part in 'ringing out for peace' as part of the event this year. Chagford Parish Council will light a beacon on Meldon. As the event is in November maybe an event should be organised in the Jubilee Hall. **Noted.**
  
- d) West Devon Recycling Crew Shortlisted for Award  
The waste collection crew on one of the largest rounds in West Devon are celebrating after being shortlisted for a Recycle Devon "Thank You" Award. **Noted.**
  
- e) Mrs. Janet Anderson thanks Chagford Parish Council for her Honorarium after her retirement of tending Southcombe Gardens for the last ten years. **Noted.**
  
- f) An email has been received from Jane Baldock stating that she is interested in taking over the work of Southcombe Gardens. **Resolved:** if a volunteer is not found the work for Southcombe Gardens will go out to tender.
  
- g) An email has been received from residents of Chagford who are concerned that Dartmoor National Park are not overseeing the size, design, colour and overall impact of the shopfront of the alleged new Spar Shop. **Resolved:** DNPA have given planning permission for the building work of the old Webbers Shop but as a Council we have not seen any plans relating to a Spar Shop. If signage is needed planning permission will have to be sought from DNPA.

**h) Mayoral Awards Scheme**

The Mayor of West Devon Borough Council is seeking nominations for individuals and groups for the Mayoral Awards. Recognising a West Devon individual or a firm or other organisation who/which:

- has done something particularly noteworthy within the Borough or
- has enhanced the reputation of the Borough on the national state or,
- made a significant contribution to the conservation and protection of the natural environment of West Devon. **Noted.**

- i)** Entries are open for the prestigious 2018 Prince of Wales Award. The Award is open to community organisations and small farms in Devon which are seeking to educate and involve young people in sustainable initiatives. Applications are invited from community organisations, including schools and small farm business diversification projects. **Noted.**

**The Meeting Closed at 8.50 p.m.**