

Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Chagford Parish Council held at Endecott House on Monday 23rd March 2015 at 7.30 p.m.

Prior to the meeting a Parishioner provided information with regards to the fact that he is considering purchasing 22 Mill Street with the intention of running an upmarket Indian Restaurant, this may include providing pre-ordered take away food. The purchaser is aware that he will need to obtain the appropriate licence to do this.

Present: Cllrs: Bleakman, d'ArchSmith, Mrs. Haxton, Mrs. Hill (Chairman), Lloyd Hill, Parrott, Sampson, Shears, Miss Stead, Ms Thorn and Williams.

Apologies: Cllr: Coombe

474. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

There were no interests to declare

URGENT BUSINESS BROUGHT FORWARD AT THE CHAIRMAN'S DISCRETION

475. The Chairman had received an e-mail from the Church Warden regarding the state of the ground at Cross Tree. There is a patch that is in need of more gravel as the ground gets wet and muddy making it slippery. **Resolved:** Members will look at the area on the "tidy up day".

476. The Chairman reported that the Conservation Group are holding a "Clean Up Day" on Wednesday 1st April at 10.00 a.m. and have invited the Council to join in. **Resolved:** Cllr: Sampson will check with WDBC that the rubbish will be collected. Cllr: Shears will collect if there is a problem.

GROUP/REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS

Planning Control Matters

477. 0095/15 Teigncombe Cleve, Chagford

Erection of greenhouse. **Resolved:** No Objection

Refusal of Planning Permission

478. 0707/14 Rushford Mill Farm, Chagford

Erection of 14m x 4.5m timber-framed agricultural barn to enable the successful operation of established market garden enterprise. **Noted.**

Group Reports

479. Eastern Links Meeting – Cllr: Mrs. Hill

Cllr: Mrs. Hill attended the Eastern Links Meeting on Thursday 12th March at Spreyton.

Public Transport - there was much discussion about the DCC Public Transport Consultation which is still ongoing.

Boundaries of Link areas – WDBC and the Links Chairs and Clerks are seeking views with regards to possibly changing the current Link Group Boundaries.

WDBC Update – Steve Jorden, Executive Director of West Devon Borough Council. Changes being made at West Devon and South Hams have a national profile as a new way of working. The key is to improve services,

save money and be efficient. A new role within the new structure will be Locality Managers, who will work within a specific area.
Dartmoor National Park Authority Update given by Jo Burgess - provided discussion with regard to the proposed S106 thresholds for developments of less than ten houses. Vanguard Self Build Housing Project, Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment 2014 Report and Greater Dartmoor LEAF. **Noted.**

FINANCIAL MATTERS

- 480.** Approval to pay Ben Pell for Street Sweeping on 27th February 2015.
Resolved: to approve payment.
- 481.** Approval to pay Ben Pell for Grass Cutting of the Jubilee Field on 3rd March 2015. **Resolved:** to approve payment.
- 482.** Cheque Number 003287 £1,000.00 payable to Ben Jones in respect of a deposit to secure the granite for the base of the War Memorial was not listed in the Accounts for Payment in the Minutes. (Min: 371 refers). **Noted.**

Cheque Number 003270 £30.00 payable to Royal British Legion in respect of a donation for a poppy wreath was not listed in the Accounts for Payment in the Minutes. (Min: 288 refers). **Noted.**

Cheque Number 003278 £208.00 payable to Exeter Diocesan Registry in respect of a lodging fee for an Archdeacon's Faculty was not listed in the Accounts for Payment in the Minutes. (Min: 347 refers). **Noted.**

Cheque Number 003292 £168.00 payable to Ben Pell in respect of Street Sweeping was not listed in the Accounts for Payment in the Minutes. (Min: 409 refers). **Noted.**

GENERAL PURPOSES AND POLICY MATTERS

- 483. Report on the Dartmoor National Park Parish Workshop**
The Chairman and Clerk attended the workshop at Parke on 11th March 2015.
Superfast Broadband – a very in depth presentative as given by Connecting Devon and Somerset.
Aim to reach at least 90% of premises with 'Superfast'.
Currently in Phase 5 of roll-out out of 11 Phases to end 2016/17.
Approximately 75% premises within DNPA will see speed improvement/be capable of receiving 'Superfast' broadband.
Additional grant from Rural Community Broadband Funding will assist 300 premises.
Many areas have already been enabled. Further details about the roll out of superfast broadband can be obtained from
www.connectingdevonandsomerset.co.uk **Noted.**

State of the National Park - report from Dr. Kevin Bishop, Chief Executive and Ally Kohler.
Kevin Bishop asked members to go on the web site "Save our National Parks" and sign an on-line petition.

Nomination of Parish Members to Dartmoor National Park Authority should be completed by 28th May 2015.

The Dartmoor Community Fund is available to communities across Dartmoor and offers grants for Community infrastructure projects.

Further projects which Dartmoor National Park are involved in include: The Mire Project, Hill Farm Project, Moor Than Meets the Eye, Cuckoos. **Noted.**

Managing public rights of way - report from Andrew Watson and Rob Steemson

The Rights of Way are looked after by DNPA on behalf of DCC Highways Authority, however DNPA will be looking to increase community involvement in the up keep of these paths. Residents can sign up to a Community Path Scheme. **Noted.**

Christow Community Land Trust gave a presentation on the Layne Fields Housing Development.

Planning permission for 18 affordable houses was secured in Christow with four for sale to disabled or older people and fourteen available for rent. Work is planned to start in September 2015. The houses will be built to PaddisvHaus standards and they will be available to Christow people first and then to those in surrounding areas.

Finally Stephen Belli (Director of Planning) gave an update on planning. **Noted.**

484. Draft Agenda for Parish Assembly

The Draft Agenda for the Annual Parish Assembly to be held on Thursday 23rd April 2015 in Endecott House at 7.30 p.m. was presented to the Council for approval. Steve Jorden the new Executive Director of WDBC/South Hams will be the main speaker. **Resolved:** to approve the Agenda for the Parish Assembly and place notices on the Parish Noticeboards, on the Parish Website and on the Hub. The meeting is open to everyone.

485. Plans of the Proposed Junction alterations at Bretteville Close

Detailed plans have been received from the Highways Officer Phil Townsend with regard to the proposed junction alterations and other works prior to the development being commenced at Bretteville Field. **Resolved:** that members should look at the entrance with the plans the following day and pass their comments to the Clerk to report back to the Highways Officer.

486. Proposed Lighting for Chagford Car Park on the New Development

C G Fry has forwarded the lighting design for the public carpark at the new development. **Resolved:** to endorse the plans.

487 War Memorial Inscription

A decision was required with regard to the font and size of lettering on the plinth of the War Memorial. **Resolved:** Members agreed that the font and size of the lettering should be the same as the stone in Southcombe Garden. The Clerk would take a picture of the stone and measure the size of the lettering.

ENVIRONMENT

- 488. Specification of Improvement to Skate Park**
The specification is in hand, Terry Bleakman is waiting for a meeting with the Contractors. **Noted.**
- 489. Works to the Jubilee Field**
To date the Oak Tree had not been felled. **Resolved:** the Clerk would remind Ben Pell.
- 490. 32 New Street**
The work on 32 New Street is now finished, and the contractors have replaced the fence between the Jubilee Field and the track to the allotment. The section of fence that was taken down will now be replaced with a new fence. **Noted.**
- 491. Play Equipment – Jubilee Field**
Discussion was still on going for ideas for play equipment required in the Jubilee Field. **Resolved:** Members to report back at next meeting with recommendation.

CORRESPONDENCE AND E-MAILS

- 492. Chagford Post Office**
Dr. Roger Stokes has replied to the Councils letter regarding the future of the Post Office. This will be looked into and the CCT will report back. **Noted.**
- 493. Smoking Ban in Play Parks**
Devon County Council wants to encourage a voluntary ban on smoking in play parks, and has developed a number of signs suitable for play parks. West Devon has been allocated money for funding of these signs. Parish Councils can apply for funding. **Resolved:** it was agreed that there was not a problem in Chagford.
- 494. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**
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| | £ |
| a) Direct Debit – BT Telephone and Broadband Services | 35.84 |
| b) 00330 1Mr. Ben Pell – Chagford Street Sweeping | 168.00 |
| c) 003302 Mr. Ben Pell – Grass Cutting Jubilee Park | 168.00 |

PART TWO

No Tenders were received for the upgrade to the Chagford War Memorial.

The Meeting Closed at 8.50 p.m.

Date: **Signed:**