

**Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Chagford Parish Council held at
Endecott House on Monday 24th October at 7.30 p.m.**

Present: Cllrs: Coombe, d'Arch Smith, Hamer, Mrs Haxton, Mrs. Hill (Chairman), Lloyd Hill, Parrott, Sampson, Mrs. Stanbury, Ms Thorn and Williams

Apologies: Cllrs: Hamer and Miss Stead

286. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

There were no interests to declare.

URGENT BUSINESS BROUGHT FORWARD AT THE CHAIRMAN'S DISCRETION

287. Roadway at Cross Tree

A complaint has been received from a resident of Chagford regarding the state of the road surface at Cross Tree. Not only is it uncomfortable to drive over but it constitutes a real hazard for pedestrians, especially the elderly.

Resolved: to find out from Devon County Council if any planned resurfacing work is due.

288. Okehampton Hospital

Cllr: James McInnes has emailed to encourage residents to sign the on line petition objecting to the removal of the 16 beds at Okehampton Hospital.

<http://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/169206>. **Noted.**

289. Chagford Film Festival

The Clerk has heard back from Chagford Film Festival who are willing to have a meeting with Councillors regarding traffic orders for the future. **Resolved:** Cllrs: Sampson and Williams will meet with the Film Festival. The Clerk will arrange the meeting.

290. New Chagford Fire Station Plan

CG Fry have sent an amended plan of the new fire Station. This follows some further comments from the Fire Authority. The Highway Officer has some concerns with the new plans. **Resolved:** Chagford Parish Council note the Highway Officers concern, but have no objections to the plans.

GROUP/PRESENTATIVES REPORTS

Planning Control Matters – Cllr: Parrott

291. Ref: 0549/16 Proposed: Padley Hey, Manor Road, Chagford.

Replacement of three 16KW air source heat pumps with one 16KW and one 9KW air source heat pumps. **Resolved:** no objection.

Grant of Conditional Planning Permission

292. Ref: 0448/16 Apartment 4, Moorlands, Mill Street, Chagford

Installation of timber window. **Noted.**

- Grant of Listed Building Consent**
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Group Reports

294. **DNPA Local Plan Consultation**

DNPA are taking the first step in reviewing Dartmoor's local plan. The local plan is the starting point when decisions are made on a planning application in the National Park. The first consultation is an opportunity for residents, communities, visitors, businesses and other organisations to offer views on how the new local plan should guide future development on Dartmoor.

DNPA are organising a focused workshop for Parish Councils to discuss the Local Plan Review. The meeting will be held in the meeting room at Parke on 8th November between 2pm and 5pm.

There will also be a series of consultation events, this will include some community drop in sessions at a few of Dartmoor's larger towns and villages. There will be a drop-in event in Endecott House, Chagford on Thursday, 10th November from 4.30 pm until 8.00 pm. **Resolved:** Cllrs: Parrott and Mrs. Stanbury will attend the focused workshop at Parke.

CLERKS/CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

295. **DALC AGM and Conference 2016**

The Chairman and Clerk attended the DALC AGM and Conference on 11th October 2016 at Newton Abbot Racecourse. Following the AGM Cllr: John Hart, Devon County Council spoke on 'Working towards Devolution in the South West.

Dr. Johnathan Owen from the National Association of Local Council spoke on how the work of local councils is changing across the country.

Newton Abbot Town Council gave a presentation on how they had saved a historic artefact for the town and how partnership working and creative thinking brought the project together.

After lunch the Clerk attended a workshop 'Making changes to your council to help meet modern challenges'. Cllr: Mrs. Hill attended 'Improving your council through good governance'. **Noted.**

GENERAL PROPOSES AND POLICY MATTERS

296. **Remembrance Day Service**

Members were reminded that the Remembrance Day Service will be on Sunday 13th November 2016. Please meet outside the Church at 10.20 a.m. **Noted.**

297. **Council Tax Support Grant**

It has been approved that Town and Parish Councils will receive an annual grant reduction of 8.6% for the next three years in the Local Council Tax Support Grant. **Noted.**

298. Consultation: The 2017/2018 Local Government Finance Settlement (Min: 246 refs)

The Clerk and Chairman are in the process of compiling a response to the Consultation. The deadline is 28th October 2016. **Noted.**

ENVIRONMENT

299. Lane from Meldon to Yelland Cross (Min: 278 refers)

The Clerk reported that she had informed Darryl Jagger with regard to the lane from Meldon to Yelland Cross. He will write to the land owners asking if they would clear the vegetation to allow safe passage for pedestrians and horse riders. **Resolved:** to include this item on the December Agenda.

300. Damaged Door in the Ladies Public Convenience

The damaged door in the Ladies Public Convenience has been reported on several occasions. The hinges have now been replaced and the door is back in working order. **Noted.**

301. Play Equipment Safety Inspection and Risk Assessment

Elizabeth Rose Inspections have completed the Play Equipment Safety Inspection and Risk Assessment and sent a full report to the Parish Council. Generally the play equipment was in good order. Ms Rose's main issue was with the Multi Play which the Parish Council will monitor. **Noted.**

302. Annual Highway Maintenance Conferences

The Chairman reminded members about the Annual Highway Maintenance Conferences. There are 4 events at different locations across the County. If any Councillor wishes to attend please inform the Clerk. **Noted.**

CORRESPONDENCE AND EMAILS

303. Devon Communities Together Information and Advice Surgeries

Devon Communities Together are holding Information and Advice Surgeries on what matters to our communities, community resilience, rural housing health and wellbeing, sport and play and much more at St. Boniface Centre, Crediton on Tuesday 8th November and Bridestowe Village Hall on Wednesday 30th November 2016. **Noted.**

304. DNPA Forum

The next meeting of the DNPA Forum will be held on Friday, 25th November, commencing at 14:00 at Parke. **Resolved:** Cllrs: Parrott and Hamer will attend.

The Meeting Closed at 9.15 p.m.