

**Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Chagford Parish Council held via
Video Conferencing “Zoom Us” on Monday 26th October 2020
commencing at 7.30 p.m.**

Present: Cllrs: Coombe, Mrs. Haxton, Mrs. Hill (Chairman), Mrs. Malseed (arrived at 7.45 p.m.) Parrott, Mrs. Printy, Ms Somme, and Shears.

In attendance: Cllr: Nicky Heyworth, WDBC Ward Member and five members of the public.

83. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllrs: Mrs. Phelps, Pope, Mrs. Stanbury and Williams.

84. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were not declarations of interest.

85. CLIMATE AND ECOLOGY WORKING GROUP

Gemma Mortensen and Tony Whitehead gave a presentation and short video regarding the work of the Climate and Ecology Working Group. Due to Covid-19 the group are restricted as to how and who they can reach out to. Residents are passionate about different things from protecting wildlife, planting trees, energy consumption, land management to name a few and the group will respect the community's thoughts. The group will work together with Chagford's community (residents, landowners, farmers and businesses) to reduce carbon emissions adapt to adverse changes in our climate and help nature and wildlife to thrive in the face of global ecological emergency.

The group wish to share evidence-based data with conversations and debates with the Parish and make things happen.

The video showed maps which identified priority species and habitats, and historical change within Chagford parish. It also identifies the amount of land in the parish that has statutory protection or is in some form of conservation management and what is being invested in this land and by whom.

The first phase will be to draw up a survey for the Parish so the group can ascertain the thoughts and ideas of the Parishioners. Leading on from the survey, when safe to do so, there will be community consultations.

Resolved: Councillors support a survey and await the draft. The Parish Council will fund the survey.

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

There was not urgent business

87. GROUP/REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS

a) Consultation – Settlement Profile Updates 2020 (Min:76(d) refers)

Members had looked through the Settlement Profile and suggested that the only changes which need to be made were on Map 3 Settlement Services. This should include the Spar, the Post Office within the Spar, the Library, and the New Primary School. **Resolved:** the Consultation Questionnaire will be completed.

88. ENVIRONMENT

a) Grass Cutting Contract

The Grass Cutting Contract is coming up for renewal. Members were asked if there should be any amendments made to the Specification prior to a Tender being advertised. **Resolved:** no alterations are needed to the specification but when the tender is allocated the Councillors will draw up a check list, in order that the contractor can complete this and send in with the invoice. Each Councillor will have a copy of the check list in order that the duty Councillor can monitor which tasks should be done,

b) Lengthsmans Contract

The Lengthsmans Contract is coming up for renewal. Members were asked if there should be any alterations made to the specification prior to the Tender being advertised. **Resolved:** no alterations to the specification were needed.

c) Play Equipment Inspection (Min: 79(d) refers)

The Play Equipment Safety Inspection and Risk Assessment has been carried out by Martin Smith Inspection Safety Consultant. The assessment had been circulated to the Members however Members were not impressed with the assessment carried out. There were differing dates of the inspection and the majority of the comments were the same as last year when work had been carried out on the play equipment. For example, the self-closing gate, the springs are regularly changed but there no answers to rectifying the problem. **Resolved:** to write to Martin Smith Inspection Safety Consultant expressing the Council dissatisfaction.

d) Health Centre Fence (Min: 79(a) refers)

Cllr: Mrs. Stanbury was going to obtain a quote for the fencing however as she was not at the Meeting this will have to be followed up. **Noted.**

e) WI Bench (Min: 79(a) refers)

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f) Grit Bins and Salt

As the winter is approaching the Council needs to make sure there is enough grit in the grit bins around Chagford. The Council still has plenty of salt stored. **Resolved:** to check the grit bins in Chagford and report to the Clerk if they need filling.

g) The Emptying of the Litter Bins in the Jubilee Field

It has been noted that the litter bins in the Jubilee Field has not been emptied for two weeks. The Council pay for these bins to be emptied on Mondays and Thursdays and the bin liner replaced. **Resolved:** the Clerk will report this to WDBC.

89. CLERKS/CHAIRMANS REPORT

- a) The Chairman reported that there will be a socially distance service at the War Memorial for Remembrance Day on Sunday 8th November 2020 where wreaths will be laid. **Resolved:** any Council Member may attend.
- b) The Chairman reported that she had received a response from Came and Company regarding the insurance for the toilets at Bellacouch Meadow. It was confirmed that the policy with Hiscox provides Public Liability Insurance automatically in respect the Parish Council's responsibilities towards either owning or maintaining any land, asset, or building. **Resolved:** the Chairman will inform Ashfords in order to draw up a lease with Michaelmores for the Public Conveniences at Bellacouch Meadow.
- c) The Chairman reported that she is still in correspondence with Ashfords regarding the new lease for No1 The Market House. **Noted.**

90. CORRESPONDENCE AND EMAILS

- a) An email has been received from Cllr: Nicky Heyworth (WDBC Ward Member) requesting support for a Cycle Route from Moretonhampstead to Chagford – an extension of the Wray Valley Trail. Cllr: Mrs. Heyworth feels a cycle route to Chagford would be beneficial to local businesses and it would encourage people travelling between Chagford and Moretonhampstead to cycle instead of using their car and could get more people exercising. The Government announced £2billion of additional funding for cycle and walking routes and Cllr: Mrs. Heyworth has been in contact with MP Mel Stride about access to funding. She hopes to engage as many people as possible and any local residents or interested parties who want to support the campaign should contact Cllr: Mrs. Heyworth **Noted.**

The Meeting Closed at 9.00 p.m.