

**Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Chagford Parish Council held at  
Endecott House on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2019.**

Prior to the meeting Tony Whitehead gave a talk on the Climate and Ecological Emergency.

97% of Scientists believe that Climate Change is a settled fact. We are causing climate change making the weather more extreme which has changed over the years. Crop yields are falling which affects migration and it will only get worse if we do not take action now it will mean the extinction for certain plants, animals etc on which we depend.

This is a job for everyone – it is an emergency compared to 1939 and needs action at all levels. Mr. Whitehead encourages Chagford Parish Council to declare a Climate and Ecology Emergency and establish working groups to discuss how and what Chagford can do. How to make the community more resilient.

**Present:** Cllr: Coombe, Mrs. Haxton, Mrs. Hill (Chairman), Parrott, Pope, Mrs. Printy, Shears, Ms Somme, Mrs. Stanbury and Williams.

**95. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies had been received from Cllrs: Mrs. Malseed and Mrs. Phelps

**96. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr: Mrs. Hill declared an interest in Minute 98(a)

Cllr: Coombe declared an interest in Minute 98(b)

Cllr: Shears declared an interest in Minute 98(a)

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

There was no urgent business.

**98. GROUP/REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS**

**Planning Control Matters – Cllr: Parrott**

**a) Ref: 0453/19 Braeside, Mill Street, Chagford**

Proposed: Demolition of existing bungalow and out-buildings. Erection of a new single-story dwelling with attached garage, greenhouse, separate potting shed and landscaping to grounds. **Resolved:** to support the application.

**Certificate of Lawfulness**

**b) Ref: 0471/19 Percys, Chagford**

Erection of single storey rear extension and outbuilding. **Resolved:** to support the application.

## **Grant of Conditional Planning Permission**

### **c) Ref: 0387/19 1 Manor Drive, Chagford**

Alterations and extensions to form a new front entrance and extension to garage and single storey extension on the north-west gable. Subject to conditions. **Noted.**

## **Reports**

### **d) Devon Highways Parish and Town Council Conference**

Cllr: Mrs. Hill attended the drop in at Merton on 15<sup>th</sup> October 2019.

Cllr: Mrs. Hill reported that she had been able to speak to many of the Officers regarding issues such as parking in Chagford particularly around the island and outside parking bays and on the pavement. Climate Change with regard to planting more trees, and introducing wild flower meadows. Potholes, Snow Wardens and salt for the roads. **Noted.**

### **e) DALC AGM and Conference**

Cllr: Mrs. Hill and the Clerk attended the Conference on 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2019 at Haldon Race Course which was sponsored by Came and Company. The day started with the AGM with speakers Phil Norrey CEO of Devon County Council who spoke about budgets - 73% of the DCC budget is spent on 3% of the population being the most vulnerable people in Devon. There are 20,000 people in Devon with dementia. Services scaled down are the Libraries, the Youth Centres and the highways. DCC heavily invest in Highways as Devon has the largest road network, 8,000 miles of road. He spoke of the many challenges ahead with an ageing population, climate change, preparation for Brexit and gaining the public's trust and confidence.

Eifion Jones from the Heart of the South West. The Heart of the South West Local Enterprise Partnership covers Devon, Plymouth, Somerset and Torbay and is one of the 38 LEPs in England. They are a business-led partnership between the private sector, local authorities, university and colleges. The Heart of the South West seeks investment for the South West and attracts resources and investment.

Three opportunities for potential in the South West are

- High Tech Engineering, Photonics Aerospace  
Clean Energy
- Digital and Data

Workshops attended

- I. Operation London Bridge – the codename that refers to the plan for what will happen in the days after the death of Queen Elizabeth II.
- II. Good Governance and Ethical Standards – regarding standards and conduct of Councillors and employees.

In the afternoon Dr. Jonathan Owen CEO of the National Association of Local Councils spoke of the forty three County Associations who consist of 10,266 Parish and Town Council providing 100,000 Councillors who are all volunteers contributing £600,000.000 million precepts. Parish Councils need

to be the centre of the community with regards to housing, well-being and the economy of the Parish.

Pete Bond from Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Service – Devon and Somerset is the largest non-metropolitan service. It has 85 fire stations and 67% of on-call fire fighters who contribute 84 hrs on call each week.

Workshops attended –

- I. Parish Mapping Online - an online mapping system for mapping parish assets which involves mapping property owned by the Parish, footpaths, and boundaries throughout the Parish and placing seats, troughs and other items on the map.
- II. Legal Updates – accessibility of the Parish Websites. The need for Councillors to claim Carer's Allowance, the General Power of Competence.

**Noted.**

**f) Proper Job Consultation**

Cllr: Mrs. Hill attended the public consultation of Proper Job on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2019 where they revealed their plans to the public to redevelop the current site in Chagford. **Noted.**

**99. GENERAL PURPOSES AND POLICY MATTERS**

**a) Quote for fencing at the Recreational Trust (Min: 57(a) refers**

Chagford Parish Council have received a quote from Mr. M. Guscott to remove old fencing materials, clean out ditch, cut back undergrowth, supply and erect new fence using chestnut posts and stock proof fencing, repair gate latches and burn brash on site. To trim the hedge on the track side of the pitch and make good any damaged fencing which provides gaps through the hedge. The quote being £2,650.00. **Resolved:** as the other contractors approached had not responded, to ask Mr. Guscott to carry out the work.

**b) The Emergency Plan**

The Emergency Plan has been updated on the Web Site with the new Councillors contact details. **Resolved:** the Clerk will circulate to Members for information and to check details.

**c) Dead Tree in Jubilee Field**

Cllr: Mrs. Hill and Pope have looked at the tree in the Jubilee Field and believe it is not dead but needs cutting back. **Resolved:** to ask Lee Miller to have a look at the tree and suggest the best course of action.

**100. FINANCIAL MATTERS**

**a) Approval to pay WDBC for the cleaning of Chagford Public Conveniences and servicing of the Wallgates from April to end of September...**

**Resolved:** to approve payment.

**b) Approval to pay Mr. J. Shears for Lengthsmans Duties. **Resolved:** to approve payment but remind Mr. Shears that his year is April, May and**

September – March working outside the 30mph limit unless asked specifically to work in town.

#### 101. CLERKS/CHAIRMANS REPORT

- a) The Devon Climate Emergency Response Group chaired by Phil Norrey (Devon County Council's Chief Executive) and comprising of public and private sector organisations, has appointed a Net-Zero Task Force to deliver a Devon Carbon Plan. The Task force has issued an invitation – a 'call for evidence' - to all Devon residents to submit their ideas about how Devon can reduce carbon emissions as quickly as possible.

For information there is a link to the Net-Zero Task Forces' press announcement about the 'call for evidence'.

<https://www.devonclimateemergency.org.uk/category/media-releases/>

A new Devon Climate Emergency website detailing the work of the Devon Climate Emergency Response Group and the Net-Zero Task Force can be viewed at <https://www.devonclimateemergency.org.uk/>

- b) The Play Equipment Safety Inspection and Risk Assessment had been carried out and a report and certificate has been received. **Resolved:** Cllr: Coombe and the Environment Group will work through the inspection and arrange an Environment Working Group Meeting.
- c) Reminder that the Remembrance Day Service is on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2019 and all Members and Partners are welcome to join the parade. To meet at Cross Tree at 10.15 a.m. **Resolved:** Members asked to meet on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November to help clear up leaves from Cross Tree prior to the parade. **Noted.**
- d) The Clerk was asked to contact Mr. R. Austin to remind him to cut the inside of the Jubilee Field hedges and prune the shrubs. To contact Mr. M. Northway to trim the road hedge and the outside of the car park hedge and ensure that the hedge by the car park is decreased in height. Remind Mr. Austin to prune the shrubs along the Crossways Bank and reduce the height and the sides of the shrubs so that they are not overhanging the pavement nor much higher than the fence behind. The Council are concerned that the shrubs will displace the granite wall. **Resolved:** the Clerk will contact Mr. Austin and Mr. Northway.
- e) There will be a Food Fair in Chagford on 12<sup>th</sup> July 2020. **Noted.**

#### 102. CORRESPONDENCE AND EMAILS

- a) Devon Community Resilience Forum Event – 27<sup>th</sup> November 2019 at Rattery Village Hall, Rattery. **Resolved:** Councillors wishing to attend should inform the Clerk.
- b) Devon County Council (Traffic Management) Permit Scheme Order. As required by Regulation 17(1) of the Traffic Management Permit Scheme, notice is given that Devon County Council is proposing to introduce the Devon Permit Scheme for Road and Street Works. **Noted.**
- c) South West Water has asked R&M Utilities to carry out a large-scale sewer rehabilitation scheme in Chagford to alleviate flooding and pollution incidents. The Square, Chagford between 25<sup>th</sup> November and 20<sup>th</sup> December 2019; New Street/Meldon Road, Chagford between

4<sup>th</sup> November and 29<sup>th</sup> November 2019. **Resolved:** Chagford Parish Council have raised concerns with these dates due to it being so close to Christmas and could potentially affect businesses.

**The meeting closed at 9.20 p.m.**

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