# Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Chagford Parish Council held at Endecott House on Thursday, 29<sup>th</sup> May 2014 commencing at 7.30 p.m.

Prior to The Parish Council Meeting, there was a meeting held to consider the future of the library particularly if Devon County Council decide to close it.

The meeting as very well attended by members of the public. Peter Shields gave a presentation on the costs of running the library and the decisions which the County Council have to make in light of the current economic climate. Following discussion and many questions and suggestions it was decided that;

- **1.** The Parish Council be asked to consider the possibility of giving a grant to maintain the Library if necessary.
- **2.** It was suggested that each household be asked to pay an annual fee ie £10.00. The Parish Council will ascertain whether this is feasible...
- **3.** More members of the Friends of Chagford Library would be welcomed.
- **4.** A vote was taken as to whether the community would consider running the library with volunteers. There was no support for this idea.

**Present:** Cllrs: Coombe, Mrs. G. Hill (Chairman), Lloyd Hill, Parrott, Sampson, Shears, Ms Stead, Williams.

**Apologies:** Cllrs: Bleakman, d'ArchSmith, Mrs. Haxton, Ms Thorn

#### 31 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no interests to declare.

# URGENT BUSINESS BROUGHT FORWARD AT THE CHAIRMAN'S DISCRETION

## 32 DEVELOPMENT OF THE LAND BETWEEN LOWER STREET AND WESTCOTT LANE

The Chairman read correspondence from Blue Cedar Homes who state they are progressing well with the design details for the development of the land between Lower Street and Westcott Lane. In due course there will be a public consultation but prior to this they would like to speak to representatives of the Council. **Resolved:** to invite a representative to meet with the Parish Councillors, C.G.Fry and possibly representatives from the DNPA.

# **GROUP/REPRESENTATIVES REPORT Planning Control Matters – Clir Parrott**

### 33 0259/14 Higher Justments, Chagford

Erection of timber clad car port and store at Higher Justments, Chagford.

**Resolved:** To support the application

## 34 0268/14 Nattadon Hill House, Chagford

Proposed: Sub-division of house to provide a separate dwelling for holiday use at Nattadon Hill House, Chagford.

**Resolved:** Not to object to the application subject to conditions.

- i) The holiday home is ancillary to the main house and management of the tourism enterprise is undertaken from that dwelling as per DMD 44(ii)
- **ii)** The owner/operators of the accommodation maintain an up to date register of the names and main home addresses of all occupiers and that they make this information available to the Authority on request as per DMD 44 condition.

#### CORRESPONDENCE AND E-MAILS

An e-mail was received from Mr. William Todd-Jones regarding the effect the poor mobile phone signal and inadequate broadband internet coverage is having on those in the entertainment/gaming industry. **Resolved: i)** Reply to Mr. Todd-Jones stating that the Parish Council have been pushing for Superfast Broadband and that work has already started in the providing the service. **ii)** to forward copies of letter to DNPA and WDBC.

### 36 Fare Care Scheme

An e-mail was received from Mr. Ovenden (DCC Officer) confirming that the Western Greyhound bus service timetable between Exeter and Okehampton will change from Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2014. RS Taxis have been advised. RS Taxis informed Mr. Ovenden that nobody has used the service since December, therefore no costs to the Parish Council.

In the evening, the times completely change. A fourth journey has been added.

Bus arrival WD	1726 (from Ex)	1756 (from Oke)	1826 (from Ex)	1956 (from EX)
Fare Car Dpt WD	1730	1800	1830	2000
Fare Car Arr CHG	1745	1815	1845	2015

A re-print of leaflets will be available shortly. **Noted.** 

#### 37 WDBC Connect Service

WDBC Connect Service is on the road visiting Chagford in June. The Road Show will be offering advice on a range of housing issues from homelessness to affordable home improvements.

Encompass South West offer resident's information about helping people who are homeless or sleeping rough and helps to reduce the impact of poverty and financial exclusion in the local community.

Homeowners who need to make repairs or improvements to their properties can get information from Wessex Resolutions. They offer home loans and money management advice. **Noted.** 

THE MEETING	CLOSED AT	9.15 P.M.	

Dated	Signed