

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Chagford Parish Council held at
Endecott House on Monday 9th March 2015**

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

Apologies: no apologies were received.

451. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

There were no interests to declare.

452. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

- a) The Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on Monday 9th February 2015 were confirmed and signed as a true record.
- b) The Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting held on Monday 23rd February 2015 were confirmed and signed as a true record.

453. Dr. Peter Beale – Padley Common

Dr. Beale is leading the project on behalf of Natural England on the vision for the next twenty five years for Padley Common. A Public Meeting will be held on Monday 16th March 2015 at Endecott House to discuss Dr. Beale's ideas and the parish will have a chance to voice their ideas.

It was felt that as money had been donated for the Diamond Jubilee path work must go ahead as soon as possible.

Dr. Beale felt that the willow and birch cut down should be resourced to make the path. The clearing of the scrub should not be done all at once but divided up in to sections and should be cleared in rotation. **Noted.**

MATTERS ARISING

454. WW1 (Min: 440 refs)

Mr. Ben Jones has confirmed he will be using Williams and Triggs to carry out the cutting of the inscription on the War Memorial. He requires confirmation of the size and type of font. **Resolved:** it was agreed the font needed to be simple, members were asked to report back at the next meeting with their ideas.

455. CELT Meeting (Min: 441 refs)

Terry Bleakman from CELT reported that the specification of the improvements to be done at the Skate Park with regard the fence, the bin and the removal of the willow shelter is being prepared. **Noted.**

URGENT BUSINESS BROUGHT FORWARD AT THE CHAIRMAN'S DISCRETION

- 456.** The Grant of Conditional Planning Permission for the Erection of 15 specialist Dwellings for the elderly (9 houses and 6 flats) together with garages, gardens and a communal area for residents, at the land at Bretteville Close, Chagford had been received. Subject to conditions.

A copy of The Planning Obligation Agreement pursuant to Section 106 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 relating to land on the south side of Lower Street, Chagford between Dartmoor National Park Authority, Dennis Wilkinson Ltd and Blue Cedar Homes Ltd had also been received. **Noted.**

Dartmoor National Park Authority has also sent the Council plans of the Landscape proposals. **Noted.**

GROUP/REPRESENTATIVES REPORT

Planning Control Matters

457. 0082/15 Waye Hill House, Chagford

Full Planning Permission for new garage and modification to existing entrance. **Resolved:** to object to the application.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

458. Approval to pay Rob Turner for the Safety Inspection of the Play Equipment and Risk Assessments for the Jubilee Park. **Resolved:** to approve payment.

459. Approval to pay Ben Pell for Chagford Sweeping on 26th January and 10th February 2015. **Resolved:** to approve payment.

460. £33.61 has been received from Chagford Commoners HLS Association. **Noted.**

ENVIRONMENT

461. Jubilee Field Inspection Report – Cllr: d’ArchSmith

Cllr: d’ArchSmith reported that the Jubilee Field was generally in good order. Due to the rain recently certain areas were muddy. The pathways need clearing; however the grass was in good condition and has just been cut. The litter bins were not full apart from some bottles and cans left in the field. **Noted.**

462. Public Convenience Inspection Report – Cllr: d’ArchSmith

The Public Conveniences were in good order; the Gents has a new lock. **Noted.**

463. Quotation for work at Jubilee Field from South West Play

A quote has been received from South West Play for the removal of the Old Train and replace with Tunnel and Access Net. Also the removal of the Multiplay, reusing slide, and replace with 3 Tower Unit.

To attend site, remove and dispose of the old blue train, replacing with Tunnel and Access Net - £976.00.

To attend site, remove and dispose of old unit, reusing the stainless steel slide and install new 3 Tower Unit repairing wetpour where needed - £13,997.00. **Resolved:** members to look at South West Play web site and others for ideas of play equipment and report back at next meeting.

- 464. Quotation for the felling of the Oak Tree overlooking the Tennis Court**
One quote had been received “to dismantle to ground level 1 x splitting Oak Tree from over the tennis court. All arising’s to be removed from site £300.00 + VAT. **Resolved:** Clerk to write confirming the quotation is accepted, stating the tree should be felled by the end of the month.
- 465. Community Notice Board**
The Community Notice Board next to the Bird Cage is in need of repair. Rain seems to be getting in and the board is slowly going into dilapidation.
Resolved: the Clerk would ask Mike Webber who made the noticeboard to advise.
- 466. Report on repair of See Saw – Cllr: Coombe**
Cllr: Coombe confirmed that the See Saw had been repaired by South West Play. **Noted.**
- 467. Chagford Footpaths**
Pete Rich, DNPA Sector Ranger, has confirmed that the stepping stones and footpath from Teignmarsh to Chagford Bridge are on his list for repair. The stepping stones are subject to a bid for external funding to repair them. The footpath is awaiting funding and better weather. **Noted.**
- 468. Tender for Rural Skills Worker**
The Chairman reported that the tender for the Rural Skills Worker for South Tawton and Chagford had been chosen. The preferred tender is” The Branch Manager” from South Zeal. He will work one day each month in each parish for 11 months, he will start work at the end of April and Councillors will instruct him on the work to be carried out. He will be required to take the Chapter 8 Training. **Noted.**

CORRESPONDANCE AND EMAILS

- 469. DALC E-Bulletin March 2015**
Annual General Meetings
In an election year, the AGM (the first meeting of the council) must take place on or within 14 days after the day in which newly elected Councillors take office.

There are many items for the Agenda at the AGM and paperwork to be carried out by Councillors. **Noted.**

New funding for Community Rights Programme

The Government has announced new funding for the Community Rights programme which it says will give even more people greater control and influence over what happens locally. **Noted.**

Community Clear Up Day

Last month, Government announced their first ever Community Clear Up Day. This ‘national spring clean’ is to be held on Saturday 21st March 2015, the first day of Spring, with the aim of sprucing up the country’s high streets, residential and business areas, villages and parks. **Noted.**

Royal Garden Party

The following members have been drawn from the “hat” to go to a Royal Garden Party: Diptford Parish Council, Newton St. Cyres Parish Council, South Brent Town Council and Bideford Town Council. **Noted.**

First World War commemorative events

Throughout the centenary Civic Voice want to ensure that they are a fitting tribute to those who gave their lives in the First World War and subsequent conflicts. Over the next four years, volunteers throughout England will record the condition of their local war memorial and take steps to ensure they are conserved and protected for the future. **Noted.**

470. Next Fingle Talk

Andy Bakere of the Devon Wildlife Trust and Jenny Placket of Butterfly Conservation will be at Fingle Bridge on 12th March at 7pm to talk on some of the special insects and butterflies of the Teign Valley. **Noted.**

471. Update on the Parking Space Outside Moorlands

A resident who requested to review the location of the parking space outside the Dental Surgery, Mill Street and next to the entrance of Moorland has asked for an update. **Resolved:** the Clerk has responded stating that there are several parking issues in Chagford which members have discussed with Cllr: James McInnes, Cllr: McInnes will speak to Highways.

472. White Lining of Southcombe Street

Steve Dawe, Neighbourhood Highway Officer is chasing up the White Lining gang which should be carried out a maximum of 7 days after surfacing. There is another site that has been selected for surfacing, this being High Street from the Square towards the Library. **Noted.**

473. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

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a) Direct Debit – BT Telephone and Broadband Services	36.36
b) 003297 Mrs. S. Curtis – Clerks Salary	478.75
c) 003298 Mrs. S. Curtis – Clerks Expenses	20.00
d) 003299 RJ Turner – Safety Inspection and Risk Assessments	90.00
e) 003300 Ben Pell – Chagford Street Sweeping	336.00

The Meeting Closed at 9.30 p.m.

Date: **Signed:**