

## **Minutes of the Regular meeting of the Chagford Parish Council**

**held at Endecott House on Monday February 10<sup>th</sup> 2014 commencing at 7.30pm.**

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

**Robert C.Young:** Prior to the start of the meeting the Councillors had two minutes silence to reflect on the life of the late Bob Young who was a Parish Councillor from 1970 -2007. During this time he was Chairman from 1973 -1976 and 1989-1992. Cllr: Sampson paid tribute to Mr Young who had given valued service to the Parish in many ways including being Chairman of the Chagford Recreational Trust and a bell ringer at the Parish Church. Bob's wise counsel and his ability to deal calmly and clearly with every situation made him a great statesman. The Chairman has written a letter of condolence to Mrs Lorna Young and his family on behalf of the Parish Council

### **339. DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

Cllr: Williams declared an Interest in Minute

### **340. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES**

- a) The Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on January 13<sup>th</sup> 2014 were confirmed and signed as a true record.
- b). The Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting held on January 27<sup>th</sup> were confirmed and signed as a true record.

### **341. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

#### **a). Moretonhampstead/ Chagford Health Issues.**

Cllr: Mrs Haxton attended a meeting at Moretonhampstead Community Club on 21<sup>st</sup> January 2014. The meeting consisted of representatives of the Northern Devon Healthcare Trust, the NEW Commissioning Group, representatives from the Local Health Centres and Voluntary Services and all other interested parties. The thrust of the meeting was to say that Moretonhampstead Hospital would no longer have in patient beds but would be used instead as a Health Hub offering services such as podiatry, audiology, out patient clinics, treatment clinics and other services deemed necessary.

**b** Cllr: Mrs Hill and Cllr: Ms Thorn attended a meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> January called by Moretonhampstead Parish Council to liaise with all the neighbouring Councils with regard to the proposed Health Hub. The Meeting was attended by Alex Degan from the Commissioning Group, Dr Dudgeon, and Philip Fowler from the Friends of Moretonhampstead Hospital. It was explained that there is to be a steering group to develop the Health Hub concept and therefore it was necessary to disseminate information to the Parish Councils and wider Community. It was proposed and seconded that there should be two Parish Councillors to represent all the Parish Councils involved Cllr: Foxwell from Moretonhampstead and Cllr Mrs Hill from Chagford will attend the meetings and disseminate the information. **NOTED**

## GROUP REPRESENTATIVES REPORT

### 342. Planning Control Matters.

a) **0047/14 Holy Street, Chagford.** Retrospective application:

Formation of a lake and associated works **Resolved** To Support the application

b) **0356/13 Crossways Chagford**

Formation of a new vehicular access through the exiting paddock and change existing access to pedestrian only ( re-submission of application ref: 0524/12

**Resolved:** To Support the application

**Withdrawal of application:**

c) **0658/13 Percy's Chagford.** Notification from the DNPA that the application has been withdrawn. **Noted**

### Refusal of Planning Permission

d) **0636/13 Rushford Mill Farm, Chagford:** The proposed agricultural building by reason of its prominent location and divorced relationship with other building groups will have a detrimental impact on the character and appearance of this part of the Dartmoor National Park **Noted**

## GENERAL PURPOSES AND POLICY MATTERS

**343. Affordable Housing in the Dartmoor National Park.** The Councillors considered the draft Supplementary Planning Document with regard to affordable Housing The document defines 'Housing for Local People' this is persons who have lived in the Parish for more than five years or has lived in the Parish for more than five years and has not been away for more than three years or people with a strong local connection which has not been defined. The eligible household will be one where there is a clear need for accommodation with an inability to afford local accommodation at current open market prices. Community Land Trusts and 106 agreements may well determine other criteria.

**Resolved** To respond to the consultation stating that it was clear and concise but the Parish Council would like clarity on Cross Subsidy, Commuted sums and 106 agreements.

**344. The proposed Chagford Development between Lower Street and Westcott Lane.** The Parish Council now has to consider what part that the Council plays as the development comes on line. **Resolved** To consider the way forward at the next meeting, when the Councillors have been able to gather background information.

**345. The Chagford Community Trust.** (Min 353/12 refers) The Chairman informed the Council that the Community Land Trust now the CCT has been incorporated. The question now is how does the Parish Council work with the Community Trust.

**Resolved** To ask for a copy of the CCT rules and consider the Council's position at the next meeting.

**346 Chagford Church of England Primary School** (min 106 refers) The Chairman has spoken to the Vice Chairman of governors Mrs Catherine Mount. There is now a working party looking at the way ahead whether refurbishment or new build. The one thing which has been acknowledged is that the School needs a second entrance to allow deliveries and other traffic coming into the school. Terry Bleakman is a member of the working party as an individual not as a Councillor. He was able to report that the Working Group is seeking more information from DCC. Following further discussion it was **Resolved:** To write to the governing body and ask that when there is next a vacancy for a Community Governor that a representative from the Parish Council may be considered.

## **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

**347. Chagford Swimming Pool** The Council reviewed the swimming pool accounts for the last season and noted that the gate takings had risen but in turn that meant an increase in costs to run the pool and pay lifeguards. **Resolved:** To continue to give a grant this year towards the training of Lifeguards

**348 Computer Solutions** The Chairman presented an account from Computer Solutions for printer ink; **Resolved** To pay the account tonight

## **ENVIRONMENT**

**349 Jubilee Field Inspection report** **Cllr Coombe**, Cllr Coombe reported that there was a lot of rubbish which needed collection but considering the weather the field was in reasonable condition. **Noted**

### **350 a) Report of Environment Meeting held on Sunday 02/02/2014**

Cllr Coombe reported that the group had met on the Jubilee Field, the drains on the entrance path were blocked, the gate post to the playing field was loose. Many of the fence panels around the skate park were missing and there was still graffiti on the equipment. When looking around the field the safety surfaces require cleaning and the shrubs require pruning the general condition of the field was reasonable. The train requires repairing and the tractor is still missing awaiting painting. There are three small trees which have come down across the stream and there was concern about the top chain link fence and also the amount of sand and gravel in the stream.

**Resolved:**

- i)** To get quotes to clean off the graffiti and the safety surfaces
- ii)** To contact Ben Pell with regards to the shrubs and the trees
- iii)** Cllr Williams will repair the fence and Cllr Coombe will carry out general maintenance
- iv)** To consider having a grating made for the stream to try and curtail some of the plant waste which blocks Turn Lake.

Cllr Williams declared an Interest in the following item and left the room

**b)** To consider two quotes from Jeff Williams one in the sum of £250.00 to clean off the graffiti and a second quote of £250.00 to clean the safety surfaces

**Resolved;** To accept the quotes and ask Mr Williams to carry out the work between half term and the Easter Holidays.

Cllr: Williams returned to the meeting.

**351. Public Convenience Report –Cllr Coombe** Cllr Coombe reported that the Public Conveniences are clean and in good condition despite the wet weather.  
**Resolved:** to write to WDBC to congratulate the Cleaners.

**352. Street Sweeping.(min 317 refers)** The Chairman reported that there had not been any tenders for the street sweeping contract. **Resolved:** To contact North Tawton Town Council and try and determine a way forward, it was suggested that maybe the Council hires a contractor occasionally to sweep the main part of the town.

**353 The Lengthsman.** Cllr: Lloyd Hill reported that he had liaised with the Lengthsman about the work required and this had been done unfortunately with the current bad weather some of the work is abortive. The Chairman stated that she had sanctioned an extra days work to try and solve some of the blocked waterways.  
**Noted**

#### **CLERK /CHAIRMAN’S REPORT**

**354: Notice of Road Closure:** Temporary Road Closure from Woodcote to the Library for repair of Road subsidence. March 3<sup>rd</sup> 2014 until September 2<sup>nd</sup> 2015  
**Noted**

**355. Projector:** Following the Masterplan Meeting when there was no projector available to display the plans It was noted that if the Parish Council had a projector it could show the planning applications and many other reports for consideration.  
**Resolved** Cllr Bleakman to investigate the possible purchase of a projector to use with the laptop

#### **CORRESPONDENCE AND E-MAILS**

**356. WDBC Dog Control** WDBC are reordering the Dog control regulations  
**Resolved** To consider these at the next meeting, they have been circulated to members

#### **357.DCC Consultation on Youth Services, Day services, Devon Heritage Service Meal Services**

The Youth Service provided in this area is Room 13 at Okehampton and Tavistock Youth Café. Both will have services reduced

The Day Service affected is the Poppy Day Service at Okehampton which is under used, and can be provided for by independent providers. The Puzzle Tree at Okehampton will no longer provide overnight care.

The Meals Service Apetito is heavily subsidised and it is proposed to find alternative ways of providing meals.

The Devon Heritage Service at North Devon and Exeter is thought to be more efficiently run if independent because it is then eligible for grants etc.

**Noted**

**358. message on the website.** Mr Derek Emerson posted a message complimenting the lengthsman Rob and Ryan for the work they did on Waye Hill.  
**Noted**

**359Traffic from Crossways to Rushford** A letter was received from Mrs Ruth Bint concerned about the quantity and speed of the traffic which use this stretch of road and the danger it poses for children in particular.

**Resolved** i)to thank Mrs Bint for her letter ii) To look in the file as there has been previous correspondence with Highways about this stretch of road and make decisions at the next Regular meeting.

**360. WDBC Mayoral awards** Nominations are being sought for this years' Mayoral Awards. Members were asked to consider if there was a group or person that they wish to nominate. **Noted**

**361. Street Naming** WDBC notice of an advertisement with regard to street numbering and naming. **Noted**

**362. Thank you letters** Letters of thanks and appreciation of the grants were received from the PCC and The Community Transport Group.

**363.WDBC Boundary Review.** A copy of a letter from Cllr Sampson( the Ward Councillor at WDBC) which he sent to the Boundary Commission with regard to the warding of WDBC. **Noted**

**364. Fare Car Scheme.** Mr David Ovenden from DCC contacted the parish to inform them of the bus timetable changes which commence from the 01/03/2014. The Western Greyhound bus which leaves Exeter at 18.50 will now be leaving at 19.20 which means that it will arrive at Whiddon Down at 20.06 instead of 19.40 Mr Ovenden offered to reprint the leaflets

**Resolved** :To accept Mr Ovenden's offer and then distribute leaflets to remind people about the service.

**365. Chagford Flower Festival July 25<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>** The Council has received information about the Flower Festival to be held in the Parish Church and asking if the Parish Council wish to take part. **Resolved** The Parish Council to reply and agree to take part.

#### **ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

<b>366.</b> The following accounts were approved for payment	£
Direct Debit –BT. Broad band Services	41.69
3830 Janet Anderson honorarium in appreciation of work on the Southcombe garden	50.00
3831 Grant to the Local History Society	500.00
3832 Grant to Chagford Swimming Pool	1000.00
3833 Computer Solutions	46.20

**The Meeting ended at 22.10hrs**

**Dated**.....

**signed**.....

