

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Chagford Parish Council
held at Endecott House on Monday 10th September 2012 commencing at 7.30pm.**

Present: Cllrs Bleakman; Coombe; d'Arch Smith; Mrs Haxton; Mrs Hill (Chairman); Lloyd Hill; Parrott; Sampson; Shears; and Williams.

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. Miss Stead; Ms.Thorn; and the Clerk.

In Attendance; Mr. S.Belli (Director of Planning DNP) and one member of the public

119 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES

The minutes of the Regular Meeting held on 13th August were confirmed as a true record and signed.

120 REPORT ON THE DNP DMD BY Mr. Belli.

Mr. Belli explained that following the procedural meeting held in July, the Dartmoor National Park had to reply on the issues raised. The DNP have now had a response from the Inspectorate and a further procedural meeting will be held in November/December, with the focus being on transport, site allocations and housing. The whole process has to be completed by February 2013.

Mr Belli went on to say that the DNP are intending to have a Masterplan for Ashburton Buckfastleigh and Chagford, this exercise may be undertaken by the private sector within the next few months.

The Masterplan will require consensus support from the Parish Council, the Community and then be endorsed by the DNP. Following this the accepted Masterplan will be presented to out- side bodies such as Water, Highways, Natural England, Archeology and Technology. Thirdly the Master Plan will be presented to the public in open sessions in order that everyone can have a say. Following this, changes may be made and the final Masterplan will have to be endorsed once again by the DNP. It is hoped that the plan will be available by early summer.

The Parish Council has been asked to make a list of aspirations prior to the initiation of the Masterplan.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

121 Car Park; (Min 91 refers)

The new car parking charges have now been implemented from 10.00 hours – 18.00hrs. each day Monday–Saturday. A complaint has been received stating that the sign on the machine next to Long Park is too small. **Resolved:** Cllr:Sampson the WDBC Ward Member has spoken to Cathy Aubertin (the Officer at WDBC).

122 DCC Skip Service;(Min: 94 refers)

The Clerk has contacted the Clerk of Moretonhampstead Parish Council, who reports that the skip was acquired from Teignbridge District Council, for one day in the year only. **Noted:**

123 Road Lighting;(Min;95refers).

e-mail from the Team Leader Street Lighting, stating that the lights in Chagford will turn off at approximately 12.30am in the winter and 01.30.am in the summer. This may vary slightly due to the light levels around midnight.

The car park lights will remain on all night. **Noted:**

124 Throwleigh Parish Beating the Bounds (Min;96 refers)

The Chairman reported that she was contacted by the Beating of the Bounds Group on the evening of August 26th 2012, to say that due to the stormy weather predictions a decision had been made not to have the usual ceremony but to have lunch in the village hall. Persons wishing to walk to Wild Tor and back did so at their own risk and carried their own refreshment. The decision was made not to attend. **Resolved:** To write to Throwleigh and thank them for their invitation.

125 Dog Warden Partnership.(Min: 111 refers)

The Dog Warden questionnaire was completed and it was **Resolved:** to ask the Dog Warden to attend a Council meeting and talk about his role.

126 Overgrown verges.(Min: 109a. refers)

The Clerk has contacted DCC and S.W.Highways with little success, all of whom deny responsibility for Crossways bank and the bank alongside the Roman Catholic church. The bank by the church has been trimmed by local residents.

Resolved: i). The Parish Council to trim the Crossways Bank as a matter of some urgency because the shrubs are growing over the pavement pushing people into the road.

ii) To continue to pursue the matter with DCC who claimed ownership of the bank in 2002

127 Car Fare Scheme (Min 81 refers)

A response was received from Mr. John Richardson Dawes, stating that he had negotiated with RS Taxis. The cost of a booked journey to Whiddon Down would be £9.57. The cost per customer for one way will be £3.50. hence some journeys may have to be subsidized, but if there are three passengers the scheme will be in credit on that journey.

The price for extending the 359 last bus from Moretonhampstead to Chagford would

be £6500 per annum, which would be approximately £20.00 per day.

Resolved: i) To inform Mr. Richardson Dawe that the Council would be interested in piloting the scheme.

ii) To ask Mr Richardson Dawe if it is possible to negotiate with RS Taxis to provide a similar service to Moretonhampstead as well as Whiddon Down hopefully for the same price.

128 DALC Conference: (Min:99 ii. Refers)

Cllr. Sampson to attend DALC Conference alongside Cllr. Mrs Hill who will be attending as a Vice-President. **Resolved:**To book the places for Saturday October 6th.

129 The Queen Elizabeth Field Challenge. (Min: 104 refers)

Cllr. Sampson reported that the paperwork is currently with the Land registry.

Noted:

URGENT BUSINESS BROUGHT FORWARD AT THE CHAIRMAN'S DISCRETION

130 Tour of Britain Cycle Race.

The Chairman reminded members that the Tour of Britain Cycle Race was going

from Barnstaple to Dartmouth on Saturday September 15th2012. It will be passing through Okehampton onto Tavistock and over the moor to Dartmeet via Princetown. **Noted:**

131 National Insurance Contributions

A demand has been received for National Insurance contributions in respect of the Clerk. The Chairman sought agreement to pay this account of £39.54.

Resolved :To agree payment tonight.

132 White Lines on Manor Road

Manor Road was resurfaced some weeks ago and the white lines indicating the parking bays have not been reinstated hence there is parking chaos, resulting on Sunday morning with a car obstructing the road for several hours.

Resolved: to contact Highways with regards to re instating the white lines.

133 GROUP/REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS

Planning Control matters.

a. 0488/12 Holystreet Manor, Chagford.

Proposed new pedestrian gate, alterations of existing gateways, glasshouse and associated works.

b. 0489/12 Holystreet Manor, Chagford. (Listed Building Consent)

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Agreed: To postpone the above items to the Extraordinary Meeting on 24/09/2012 because an appointment was unable to be made with the Agent prior to this meeting.

Grant of Conditional Planning Permission:

c. 0605/11 Holystreet Manor, Chagford

Internal and external alterations including; construction of atrium, garden room, pool house and pool. **Noted:**

d. 0377/12. Crossways, Chagford.

Demolition of single storey extensions, and conservatory; erection of 2 two- storey extensions and conservatory. **Noted**

GENERAL PURPOSES & POLICY MATTERS

134 Tap Funding.(Min; 100 refers)

The Chairman contacted Drewsteignton and Throwleigh Parish Council Chairmen The response from both Councils were that they could not partake in the Lengthsman project proposed. Drewsteignton suggested buying the necessary equipment in order to project planning applications when they are presented digitally in the future.

Throwleigh were interested in purchasing cameras which could be used at specific sites to target potential thefts.

Resolved; To contact both Councils again and offer to meet with the Council or their representatives in order to attempt to come up with a project, as neither of the ideas were acceptable to the members of Chagford Parish Council.

135 Report of the Eastern Links Meeting. Cllr: Mrs Hill

The Police report was given by Corrine Sargeant (Neighbourhood Support Officer) Inspector Keneally has been seconded for six months. She reported that the car thefts continue particularly at places such as Fernworthy, likewise the thefts from outbuildings across the area. The police have had several leads and hope that they will get to the ring leader.

The introduction of Nick Clarke the Part-Time Localism Officer at WDBC, his role is to link with Parish Councils and have an understanding of the Localism Act. Nick is willing to attend a Parish Council meeting.

Richard Sheard CEO of WDBC was encouraging Communities to get involved with the Tap Funding, on the basis that it is use it or lose it. Equally it provides Parishes opportunities to work together to pilot projects, this does not mean that Parishes are committed when the pilot scheme is completed.

The dog warden scheme is being reviewed, more parishes are being encouraged to join. There is consideration being given to the fact that the parking control officers could also monitor the dog warden scheme.

Parishes are being encouraged to become involved with Community Planning, and preparing a Parish Plan.

The CEO also highlighted the difficulties with the Council Tax Support Benefit, WDBC has been given £400.000 to perform this duty which is 10% less than was previously granted hence the whole process has to be reviewed. Pensioners are being protected which are 44% of the caseload leaving 2300 household to pick up the shortfall. It was originally thought that Parish Councils would be expected to contribute to this, but the most recent information is that they will be exempt.

ENVIRONMENT

136 SW Play Equipment:

- i. The Chairman reported that she had contacted S.W.Play with regards to the seesaw being unstable but events had overtaken as the see saw had fractured at the bottom of the springs. SW Play have removed the see saw and are very embarrassed by the whole episode. The area around the site of the see saw has been fenced off.

Resolved: When the Council is informed that the See Saw is returning that Cllr: D'Arch Smith will oversee the installation.

- ii. Cllr. Mrs Hill has purchased metal fencing stakes and barricade tape.

Resolved: to reimburse Mrs Hill.

137 Jubilee Field monthly inspection report. Cllr: Shears

Cllr: Shears reported that there was the usual litter but nothing of note.

Members were reminded that there is a work in on the field on Saturday 23rd September. **Noted.**

138 Rubbish Bins (Min:103 refers)

The rubbish bins appear to be emptied regularly again, likewise the dog bins.

Noted:

139 Public Conveniences.(min:105 refers)

Cllr: Shears reported that the toilets are not looking clean, the floor of the gents is very wet again and therefore muddy.

Cllr: Mrs Hill reported that the toilets were not cleaned one week-end, the regular cleaner is off sick. At present the toilets appear to be cleaned once a day, but there does not appear to have been a deep clean. The register maintained in the toilets is very erratic and not completed on a daily basis.

Resolved: Cllr: Sampson to liaise with Kathy Hore at WDBC to try and get matters improved.

140 Tree outside the Gents' Toilet (Min:106 refers)

Mr Beasley (DNPA Trees and Landscape Officer) suggested that a tree could be planted again on the site and suggested that a birch may be a good idea.

Resolved: To contact the Mythic Garden to ask if they have a young tree which could be transplanted, also suggest that they may wish to place a plaque on the tree guard.

141 CLERK/CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The members expressed their pleasure with the Chagford Show and the Chagford Carnival and appreciated all the hard work by so many, to make the events successful.

Resolved: To write letters to both organisations expressing the Council's appreciation.

CORRESPONDENCE/emails RECEIVED

142 WDBC Draft Council Tax Support Scheme.

Members were asked to draw people's attention to the fact that the Council Tax benefit scheme is changing. All householders of working age will be expected to contribute to the Council Tax. Second Adult Rebate will be abolished and Council Tax Support would only be considered by taking both incomes into account. Additional support maybe given for exceptional cases of hardship/vulnerability, noting that some people of working age may have an exceptional need.**Noted:**

143 Chagford Commoners' Association

Chagford Commoners' association forwarded a copy of a case which is proceeding to the high court with regard to a dispute about stocking arrangements and payments with regards to rights on Dartmoor Forest and Local Commons. **Noted**

144 Memorial re John Parker.

An e-mail from John's cousin wishing to donate a memorial in the form of a bench or something else connected with cycling or walking.

Resolved: To respond saying that a granite and wooden bench would be most appropriate. Maybe it could be placed at Factory Cross on the waste ground. The DNP would have to be contacted to ensure that this would be OK.

145 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

	£
a) Direct Debit- B.Telecom	31.10
b) 3668 Conservation Group-grant for insurance (Min 117 refers)	200.00
c) 3669 Mrs P.Stone -August Salary	719.55

d) 3670 Mrs P.Stone – August computer, electricity and post	20.00
e) 3674 Mr B.Pell – cutting the Jubilee Field 07/08:20/08	270.00
f) 3671 Audit Commission- Fees for 2011/12	372.00
g) 3673 Cllr. Mrs G Hill reimbursement for fencing stakes and tape	28.85
h) 3572 HMRC- National insurance contribution	39.45

146 PUBLICATIONS/ INFORMATION RECEIVED

a) Junk Mail

The Meeting Closed at 21.25

Confirmation of the Minutes

Dated.....

signed.....