

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Chagford Parish Council  
held at Endecott House on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2010 commencing at 7.30pm.**

**Present:** Cllrs Bleakman (Chairman); Coombe; Mrs Hill; Jeffreys; Mrs Milton; Sampson.  
**Apologies for absence were received from** Cllrs Davies; Geering; Mrs Haxton; Parrott; Perryman; Ms Thorn (adverse weather conditions – snow and ice) and Mrs Stone (sick leave)  
**The Minutes were recorded by the Vice-Chairman, Mrs Gay Hill.**

**309 DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

Cllr Sampson declared an interest in Min 320b

**310 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> December 2009 were confirmed as a true record and signed.

**MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

**311 Chagford Car Park** (Min 235 a & b refers)

Mr D. Incoll, Chief Executive WDBC is making enquiries re the installation of the second parking ticket machine for the car park. Cllr Sampson has agreed to pursue progress and report to Council. **Noted:**

**312 Chagford Car Park** (Min 235 a & b refers)

During the recent spell of bad weather the car park has been treated with road salt and as a result has been more accessible.

There is concern that persons are parking their cars along the main road into Chagford and around the Square to avoid having to struggle to get their cars off private property, which in turn is causing an obstruction, making the distribution of salt difficult, hence often there is only a single track road which is manoeuvrable for traffic. The snow plough could not operate in many places because there was insufficient room for him to drop the blade due to parking.

**Resolved:** i) To thank the Clerk and Highways for their hard work and acknowledging the diligence of the gritter drivers; ii) To place a note in the Bulletin acknowledging what a good job has been done on the roads and car park during the bad weather and pointing out the problems which have arisen by the parked cars.

**313 Bus Shelter, Lamb Park** (Min 239 refers)

A letter from Mr T. Vaughan (Highways Management) stated that the greatest use of buses at Lamb Park are for school children and it would require a reasonably large shelter to accommodate the numbers. It would need to be sited where it was safe and convenient for passengers to gain access. Mr Vaughan proposed carrying out a further investigation prior to making any definite decision.

**Resolved:** To await further communication from Mr Vaughan and Cllr Mrs Hill to appraise Mrs Ash Wheeler (bus shelter working group) of recent developments.

**314 Tinnars Fair 2010**

A Maypole has been purchased for use by the school children and at the Tinnars' Fair. The Clerk has confirmed that the use of the maypole is covered by Council's Insurance and is now being stored in the Chairman's garage. **Noted:**

**315 Appointment of School Governor** (Min 240 refers)

Deferred to next meeting

**316 Coach Parked in the Car Park** (Min 274 refers)

It was acknowledged that a coach parked in the car park occupies several spaces and if it parks in the entrance to the car park it may cause an obstruction on busy days.

**Resolved:** To write to firms who regularly bring visitors to Chagford and suggest that having deposited their passengers in the Square, they then return to Lamb Park and park on the bus stop.

**317 Street Lighting**

A letter received concerning reducing overnight lighting in the Town at present, does not apply to Chagford but will be relevant at a future date.

**Resolved:** To defer a decision until the next meeting when a full discussion could take place.

**URGENT BUSINESS BROUGHT FORWARD BY THE CHAIRMAN.**

**318** It was reported that the Clerk is unwell and therefore members were asked not to trouble her. During the month of January all issues should be passed to the Vice Chairman Cllr Mrs Hill or Cllr Sampson.

**Resolved:** To send good wishes to the Clerk and wish her a speedy recovery.

**319** Concern was expressed about the limited Refuse Collection

**Resolved:** In view of the current adverse weather conditions, little could be done to improve the situation.

**GROUP/REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS**

**DEVELOPMENT CONTROL AND PLANING MATTERS**

**320 Development Control Planning Applications**

The Recommendations of the Planning Inspection Group Meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2010, attended by Cllrs Bleakman (Chairman) Jeffreys; Mrs Haxton and Mrs Milton were presented as follows:-

**a) 0720/08 Lower Jurston Farm, Chagford – Amended Plan for Listed Building Consent.**

Proposed modernisation and reconfiguration of bathrooms.

**Resolved:** The Council supports the proposed amendment to the ventilation system as defined in Drawing LJF/BATH/06 amended November 2009. The Council's comments regarding the previous amendments concerning the materials to be used to close the existing doorway remain unchanged.

The recommendations of the planning inspection group meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> January 2010, attended by Cllrs Bleakman (Chairman); Mrs Haxton; Davies & Jeffreys were presented as follows:-

Cllr Sampson declared an interest in the following item and left the room

**b) 0576/09 Upper Long, The Square, Chagford**

Proposed removal of an existing dwelling and the erection of a new single dwelling.

**Resolved:** The Council has no reason to object.

**c) 0408/09 Corndon Cottage, Chagford (Min 280 b refers)**

In the absence of a reply from DNPA, it is not possible to report progress with respect to Councils letter requesting clarification regarding the logic for the decision on this Application

**Resolved:** To await the reply.

**d) Representation at DNPA Planning Meeting re 16 Nattadon Road, Chagford.**

Re: Proposed Change of Use of Structure in garden.

Cllr Jeffreys was thanked for his attendance at the DNPA Planning Meeting to represent the Council's views on this matter. He informed the Council that the DNPA Planning Committee's decision was that the change of use should be accepted. **Noted:**

- 321 Grant of Conditional Planning Permission – Noted:**  
**0541/09 11 The Square, Chagford**  
Change of use from A1 to A3 Retail with Cafe space.

#### **GENERAL PURPOSES AND POLICY MATTER**

- 322 The Boundary Committee for England** (Min 290 refers)  
A draft letter to the Secretary of State (the Rt Hon John Denman) concerning the proposed Unitary Devon Authority was circulated to Members for comment.  
**Resolved:** To accept the draft letter and ask the Clerk to forward this as soon as possible (the deadline being 19/01/10). Copies to be sent to WDBC; DAPC; Cllr James McInnes and Geoffrey Cox Esq., QC; MP.

#### **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

- 323** There were no financial matters to discuss.

#### **ENVIRONMENT MATTERS**

- 324 Jubilee Field Activities**
- a) Cllr Davies submitted a written report which stated that there was little to report as a result of the recent bad weather with few people visiting the site. **Noted:**
  - b) Proper Job has initially agreed to empty the can bin in the Jubilee Park on a monthly basis and this will be reviewed in due course. **Noted:**
- 325 Public Convenience Inspection Report**  
The public conveniences have been cleaned regularly over the Christmas period and it was acknowledged that with the present weather conditions the floors had become wet and dirty very quickly. **Noted:**
- 326 Chagford Water Fountain, The Square**  
During the week-end of 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2010, the water fountain tap had become frozen and forced hence the washer was damaged and the tap could not be turned off. Due to the kind assistance of Mr Martin Stone and Mr Tim Smith the tap was repaired in freezing conditions as there was no stopcock to turn the water off.  
**Resolved:** i) To write to Mr Stone and Mr Smith thanking them for their good deeds;  
b) to request that South West Water fix a stop cock so that the service can be turned off in adverse weather conditions.
- 327 Chagford Leat** (Min 295 refers)  
Arrangements have been made for a survey of the leat by DNPA to take place on 25<sup>TH</sup> January commencing at 2pm.  
**Resolved:** Cllrs Mrs Hill; Coombe and Sampson to join the group (if possible) to inspect the whole length of the waterway.

#### **CLERK/CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

- 328 Waye Hill Closure** (Min 298 refers)  
Repairs to Padley Bridge are due to take place shortly, which will necessitate the closure of Waye Hill for some time. This will cause great problems for forestry lorries and local residents. A meeting is to be held on Friday, January 15<sup>th</sup> 2010 between Highways; the Forestry Officer; Cllrs Mrs Hill and Perryman to endeavour to resolve some of the issues arising from the closure.  
**Resolved:** The outcome of the meeting to be referred to the next Agenda.

## **CORRESPONDENCE & e-mails RECEIVED**

### **329 Eastern Parishes Link Committee**

The next Meeting of the Eastern Links Committee will be held on 4<sup>th</sup> March 2010 at Spreyton. Parish Questions or items for the Agenda are requested.

**Resolved:** To forward any questions following the next meeting.

### **330 Devon County Council**

- a) DCC advise changes to Highways Superintendent Area. Mr Steve Daw from Holsworthy will take over the responsibilities of the previous Highways Engineer, Mr. Martin Stoddart. **Noted:**

- b) Consultation on Admission Arrangements for Devon Schools for 2011/12.

**Resolved:** To lie on the table.

c) **Parish Plans**

A joint meeting with CCD; DNPA; and WDBC will be held in Chagford on 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2010 to highlight and encourage Parishes who have not already done so to develop a Parish Plan.

**Resolved:** Cllrs Bleakman and Jeffreys to attend together with any other Councillors who are free to do so.

### **331 South Devon & Dartmoor CDRP**

Invitation received for a Crime and Disorder Partnership Forum to be held on 25<sup>th</sup> February 2010 at the Watermark, Ivybridge between 12.30 – 16.00hrs.

**Resolved;** To collect names of those wishing to attend at the next meeting.

### **332 Devon & Cornwall Constabulary**

Letter received from Inspector Hammond gave details of force activities and achievements for the past year and plans for moving forward in the coming year. **Noted:**

### **333 Church Organ Fund**

Message of thanks for £500 received for the organ fund as a result of Cllr Davies' introduction to The Dartmoor Trust. **Noted:**

### **334 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

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The following accounts were approved for payment

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| a) | Direct Debit – Tiscali – broadband services                                 | 29.97  |
| b) | 3348 - Mrs P.Stone – December salary  | 704.60 |
| c) | Mrs P. Stone – December post; electric; computer                            | 31.16  |
| d) | 3350 - Sartoris Products – Purchase of Maypole                              | 343.85 |
| e) | 3351 - Neat Ideas – Notepads and storage boxes                              | 37.80  |
| f) | 3352 - Chagford Combined Charity<br>Endecott House rental 1/10/09 – 31/3/10 | 141.00 |

### **335 PUBLICATIONS/INFORMATION RECEIVED.**

The following publications/information were made available to Members

- a) DNPA
- i) Agendas – 8<sup>th</sup> January 2010
- ii) Management Plan 2007-2012 – Delivering for Dartmoor 2010.
- b) Eastern Parishes Link Committee Minutes 19<sup>th</sup> November 2009.
- c) DCC – Emergency Planning Newsletter
- d) The Standards Committee – Agendas for 12.01.10 9 (received (05.01.10)
- e) DAPC – Newsletter – Jan/Feb 2010.

**336 Part II Items which may be taken in the absence of the public and press on the grounds that exempt information is likely to be disclosed.  
Local Government Act 1972 Section 100(A)(4)**

**Affordable Housing**

A recent meeting was reported but in the absence of the principal speaker who had been unable to attend it was decided to call a further meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> January 2010.

**The Meeting Closed at 9pm**  
Confirmation of the Minutes

Dated.....

Signed.....