

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Chagford Parish Council held at  
Endecott House on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> August 2014 at 7.30 p.m.**

Prior to the Parish Council Meeting Tim Powles from the Forestry Commission spoke with regard the start of harvesting Fernworthy Forest.

Work on harvesting the trees in Fernworthy will commence on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2014 until the end of November 2014.

Haulage Lorries will not be permitted through Chagford between 7.30 a.m. and 9.30 a.m. and between 2.30 p.m. and 5.30 p.m.

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

**Apologies:** Cllrs: Bleakman and Mrs. Haxton.

**126. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

Cllrs: Coombe and Ms Thorn declared an interest in Minute 131

Cllr: Parrott declared an interest in Minute 140

Cllr: Shears declared an interest in Minute 128 (c)

Cllr: Mrs. Hill declared an interest in Minute 141

**127. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

- a) The Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2014 were confirmed and signed as a true record.
- b) The Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting held on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> July 2014 were confirmed as a true record and signed subject to the addition of Cllr: Ms Thorn leaving the meeting for Minute 124.

**128. MATTERS ARISING**

**a) Friends of the Library (Min: 74a refers)**

A small group of Councillors met with Friends of the Library to discuss what support the Parish Council are able to provide. The Friends of the Library understand that no financial commitment can be made at this time, but further discussion will be had following the outcome of the consultation.

**Resolved:** In addition to the letter which has already been sent supporting the retention of the Library the Parish Council will write to Devon County Council supporting the need to retain a Librarian.

**b) WWI (Min: 74b refers)**

Cllr: Williams is awaiting a quote from a company in Crediton who will also provide samples of French granite for members to consider. **Noted.**

Cllr: Sampson is also awaiting a quote from Williams and Triggs. The Chairman reminded the Council that the third round of grants will be allocated on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2014 so it would be an advantage for the Council to have their claim form completed prior to this. **Noted.**

Cllr: Shears left the meeting

**c) Cattle Grids**

A letter had been received from Head of Highways, Devon County Council regarding the proposed cattle grid installation at Stiniel Cross and Langaford Bridge. All representations received were submitted to the Secretary of State for consideration however as the cattle grids are not proposed on common land, and the by-passes do not run along the highway the proposals may be determined by the County Council.

The matter will be reported to the two Highways and Traffic Order Committees covering the locations to seek a decision. West Devon Highways and Traffic Orders Committee meet on 4<sup>th</sup> November 2014 at Town Hall, Okehampton. Teignbridge Highways and Traffic Order Committee meet on 27<sup>th</sup> November 2014 at Forde House, Newton Abbot. **Noted.**

Cllr: Shears returned to the meeting.

**URGENT BUSINESS BROUGHT FORWARD AT THE CHAIRMAN'S DISCRETION**

- 129.** A letter has been received from Mr. B. Elson from the Ten Pub Organisation regarding unruly behaviour of a small minority of participants. This event supports the Devon Air Ambulance Trust however the DAAT does not organise this event and therefore are not responsible in any way for any problems relating to it.

The organisers want to continue to run this annual event and apologise for any unpleasant behaviour. Should the Council be aware of any incidents the organisation should be informed. **Noted.**

**GROUP/REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS**  
**Planning Control Matters**

- 130.** **Ref: 0408/14 Proposed: Create link between house and ancillary annex at Stinhall Farm, Chagford. Resolved:** to support the application subject to the link not becoming part of the main house.

Cllrs: Coombe and Ms Thorn left the meeting

- 131.** **Ref: 0360/14 Amended Plans in respect of proposed Loft conversion with former window and alterations to single storey extension at Haymoor, Westcott Lane, Chagford. Resolved:** To support the application.

Cllrs: Coombe and Ms Thorn returned to the meeting

## **Refusal of Planning Permission**

### **132. 0288/14 7 Rivervale Close, Chagford**

The proposed extension, by reason of its design, scale and detailing, fails to conserve the character and appearance of this converted Mill building and the character and appearance of this part of Dartmoor National Park. **Noted.**

## **GENERAL PURPOSES AND POLICY MATTERS**

### **133. Moretonhampstead Heath Hub**

A statement had been written which would be read out at the Eastern Locality Board Meeting. The statement had been written to support the decision making of the change of use of Moretonhampstead Hospital.

The public survey shows an overwhelming community support with people being in favour of the change.

Banners will be display outside of the hospital confirming that the hospital is "Open and Under Development"

There are planned "Tours and Talks" being planned for Moretonhampstead. This would mean inviting the local public and invited groups for a tour of the site and an update on services.

A business plan is needed and annual budget projections from April 2015. The Hub needs to be self-funding when up and running.

### **134. Update on Housing Development**

Cllrs: Bleakman, Mrs. Hill, Parrott, Sampson and Shears met with Dr. Kevin Bishop and Dan Janota from DNPA to discuss concerns over the highway access and the lack of integration of the site.

Dr. Bishop understands members concerns and will continue to support Chagford Parish Council. DNPA will also continue to communicate with the developers. **Noted.**

### **135. Beating the Bounds**

The Posters for the event have been produced and distributed. The practice walk will take place on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> August from Jurston at 10.00a.m., subject to the weather. Help will be needed on the day with regard to the refreshments. **Noted.**

## **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

**136.** A letter had been received from Chagford Conservation Group requesting a grant towards the cost of their annual insurance policy. **Resolved:** Chagford Parish Council will pay £200.00 towards the insurance.

**137.** Approval to pay Cllr: Bleakman for the purchase of a Projector and stand. **Resolved:** to approve payment.

138. Approval to pay Chagford Combined Charity for the hire of Endecott House for Council Meetings, 1<sup>st</sup> April to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2014 and 1<sup>st</sup> July to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2014. **Resolved:** to approve payment.
139. Approval to pay Grant Thornton the fee in respect of the 2014 Annual Audit. **Resolved:** to approve payment.
140. Approval to pay Hilton Supplies for the materials to make the Easton Court Structure for the Flower Festival. **Resolved:** to approve payment.
141. Approval to pay Cllr: Mrs. Hill expenses for the Flower Festival. **Resolved:** to approve payment.
142. Approval to pay Chagford Jubilee Hall for the Hire of the Hall for Beating the Bounds. **Resolved:** to approve payment.

## **ENVIRONMENT**

143. **Jubilee Field Inspection Report – Cllr: Sampson**  
Cllr: Sampson reported that the Jubilee Field was in good order. The Skate Park had a scattering of litter and recycled items had been put in the litter bins and not the recycled bins. **Resolved:** now that Wez Cutler (Youth Worker) has moved to Okehampton, the keys for the litter bins on the skateboard park should be held by the Council. The Clerk to contact Wez. Councillor Sampson asked that litter in the Jubilee Field should be an Agenda Item at the next Regular Meeting.
144. **Public Convenience Inspection Report – Cllr: Sampson**  
Cllr: Sampson reported that the Public Conveniences were in good order. **Noted.**
145. **Highways**  
Steve Dawe the Neighbourhood Highway Officer has requested a meeting with Councillors to look at the best way/time to carry out re-surfacing in Southcombe Street and in the Square. **Resolved:** the Clerk will contact Steve Dawe suggesting a meeting one day next week at 8.30 a.m.
146. **Swimming Pool**  
Chagford Pool is aiming to install a heat pump to increase the pool water temperature. **Resolved:** It has been agreed that the Parish Council are prepared to write a letter of support which is required for the Sports England Funding application.
147. An email had been received regarding the condition of the Stepping Stones at Rushford. There is a large tree on the far side wedged up against the stones, the stones were covered in weed. **Resolved:** the Clerk will inform Pete Rich, the DNPA Ranger.

## CLERK/CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

148. The Clerk reported that she had contacted BT and a new line is being installed into her home on 3<sup>rd</sup> September, 2014. The Clerk has also written to Dave Williams, Watch Manager at Chagford Fire Station to enquire about office space. **Noted.**

The Chairman confirmed she had written to the Clerk offering her a permanent post of Clerk to Chagford Parish Council following the completion of her probationary period. **Noted.**

The Chairman thanked all members involved in the Flower Festival, which was a great success. **Noted.**

## CORRESPONDENCE AND E-MAILS

### 149. August DALC Newsletter

The DALC AGM and Conference will be held on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> October, 2014, 10 am to 4 pm at Westpoint Exeter. If any Councillors would like to attend please inform the Clerk. **Noted.**

### 150. Vodafone UK launches a national programme focussed on rural hotspots.

Vodafone UK is giving 100 rural communities across the UK the opportunity to apply to have mobile access. They are calling for communities to apply for the installation of Vodafone's innovation Open Sure Signal technology and bring 3G mobile coverage to their area. **Noted.**

### 151. Review of Polling District and Polling Places

A letter has been received from the Electoral Services Officer regarding the Review of Polling District and Polling Places (Parliamentary Elections) Regulations 2006 and 2013. **Resolved:** to display the enclosed notice on Endecott House notice board.

### 152. Community Council of Devon

The Conference will be held on 25<sup>th</sup> September 2014 from 10 am – 4 pm at Exeter Racecourse. The theme for this year's conference is 'Rural Renaissance'. If any Councillors would like to attend please inform the Clerk. **Noted.**

### 153. West Devon Homes

Correspondence was received from WDH to update the Council of some company news. Over the past two years WDH has been working in a strategic alliance with DCH (Devon and Cornwall Housing). Due to the success of the alliance, the Boards of WDH and DCH have agreed to make this arrangement more permanent. West Devon Homes will be holding a series of consultation events during August and September. They will be in Chagford on 19<sup>th</sup> August from 2 pm – 4 pm in the Jubilee Hall. **Noted.**

**154. CosyDevon Scheme**

West Devon Borough Council and E.ON unite to help local fuel poor with a new £9m CosyDevon scheme. An energy saving scheme launched by nine local authorities and Devon County Council which will see up to £9m invested in improving homes across the county. **Noted.**

**155. Mill Street Parking Bay**

A letter was received from Mr. Gibbs regarding the location of the parking space outside the Dental Surgery, Mill Street and next to the entrance to Moorlands. The end of the parking bay outside the entrance to Moorlands is so close to the gates of Moorlands, large vans cannot turn in properly and vehicles leaving have no view up the street. **Resolved:** this bay will be considered, when the Department of Transport Traffic Order is reviewed.

**156. Connecting Devon and Somerset**

Connecting Devon and Somerset launched its new website on 30<sup>th</sup> July 2014. The website address remains the same [www.connectingdevonandsomerset.co.uk](http://www.connectingdevonandsomerset.co.uk). **Noted.**

**157. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

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a) Direct Debit – BT Telephone and Broadband Services	39.22
b) Mrs. S. Curtis – Salary	468.46
c) Mrs. S. Curtis – Clerk’s Expenses	20.00
d) Ben Pell – Grass Cutting, Jubilee Field	336.00
e) Community Council of Devon Membership	50.00
f) Chagford Conservation Group	200.00
g) Cllr: T Bleakman – Purchase of Projector	298.80
h) Hire of Endecott House	174.00
i) Grant Thornton	240.00
j) Hilton Supplies	58.65
k) Chagford Jubilee Hall	60.75
l) Cllr: Mrs. Hill – Flower Festival	40.00

**THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.30 P.M.**

**Date .....** **Signed .....**