

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Chagford Parish Council held at Endecott House on Monday 12th March 2018 commencing at 7.30 p.m.

Prior to the meeting Wez Cutler, the Chagford Youth Worker had been invited to the Parish Council Meeting to give an update on his work in Chagford giving advice and awareness on the drugs situation. Wez has been holding open sessions for Year 6 to Year 11 to raise awareness and encourage the children to talk. There has also been a positive parent engagement. This is a community issue however Wez will be keeping an eye on the situation and the Parish Council will make more visits to the Jubilee Field to monitor the play area and the skate park.

Present: Cllrs: Coombe, Hamer, Mrs. Haxton, Mrs. Hill (Chairman), Lloyd Hill, Lloyd, Parrott, Sampson, Mrs. Stanbury, Miss Stead and Williams.

In attendance 10 members of the Public.

The Chairman welcomed Cllr: Nick Lloyd to the meeting who had been co-opted on to Chagford Parish Council.

172. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies had been received from Cllr: Mrs. Thorn.

173. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr: Coombe declared an interest in Minute 178(c)

Cllr: Parrott declared an interest in Minute 178(a)

174. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

a) The Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on Monday 12th February 2018 were confirmed and signed as a true record.

b) The Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting held on Monday 26th February 2018 were confirmed and signed as a true record.

175. MATTERS ARISING

a) Fare Car Scheme (Min: 178 2015 refers)

An email has been received from the Principal Transport Co-ordinating Officer stating that it has been a very long while since any bill has been received from the taxi company for any use of the Chagford Fare Car Scheme to Whiddon Down and asking if the Parish Council wish to review the service again. **Resolved:** to reply stating that the scheme was a very good idea but seemed not to work for Chagford and to terminate the contract.

b) Blue Cedar (Min 170(b) refers)

Further to writing to Blue Cedar in connection with the gate that has been installed on the path at Stannary Gardens. Blue Cedar state that this route is a dead end into the site and owners who live there have made mention of a number of people that walk into the site, particularly down towards the front of the houses along the main road as well as into the site proper. Blue Cedar felt that it was an easy way of ensuring that those that live on site are afforded the same benefits as other people in Chagford.

Resolved: to write back to Blue Cedar stating that as part of the planning permission there was to be a walk way through the site. This path is paved grey like the main route through because it is to be the walk way from the other development. There is no pavement or walkway on that side of the road because Blue Cedar would not have the wall moved so that there could be a pavement outside the houses. In due course there will not be a vehicular access to the site from Bretteville end so all traffic will go through the other site. The gate should be next to House Number 7 which stops the public walking down pass the four porches.

c) Cross Tree Path (Min: 169(d) refers)

Cllr: Williams has met with Martin Gusscott regarding the maintenance of the Cross Tree drive and path. Mr. Gusscott will take up the earth and gravel and re-do, check the drains and incorporate the Chagford Gold.

Resolved: The Parish Council will await a quote from Mr. Gusscott and the Clerk will contact Mr. Perryman regarding the Chagford Gold.

176. URGENT BUSINESS BROUGHT FORWARD AT THE CHAIRMAN'S DISCRETION.

a) Chagford Post Office

Post Office Ltd is proposing to move the Post Office to a new location – Gilletts Spar, 46-48 The Square, Chagford. If the move goes ahead, subject to consultation, it will change to one of the new local style branches. The Post Office is carrying out a local public consultation and would welcome views on the proposals. Give Us Your Views Online at <https://www.postofficeviews.co.uk/national-consultation-team/chagford-tq13-8dp-418471/consultation>)

177. GROUP/REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS

Planning Control Matters – Cllr: Parrott

a) Ref: 0101/18 The Old Fire Station, Manor Drive, Chagford

Proposed: Erection of office. **Resolved:** to object to the application due to its scale, size and visual impact. Concerns regarding traffic and parking.

b) Ref: 0091/18 7 Lower Street, Chagford

Proposed: Replacement conservatory/sun room. **Resolved:** to support the application, noting the poor quality of the plans.

Listed Building Consent

c) Ref: 0092/18 7 Lower Street, Chagford

Proposed: Replacement conservatory/sun room. **Resolved:** supports this application however recognize that it does not have the necessary skills to comment on the specific details of a Listed Building.

d) Ref: 0107/18 Bluebell Cottage, Chagford

Proposed: Replacement windows and door. **Resolved:** supports this application however recognize that it does not have the necessary skills to comment on the specific details of a Listed Building.

Tree Works

e) Ref: 18/008 10 Southcombe Street

The Dartmoor National Park Authority has not protected the trees with a Tree Preservation Order. **Noted.**

178. FINANCIAL MATTERS

a) Financial Group Report – Cllr: Mrs. Haxton

The accounts had been scrutinised and approved to date. A request for a grant for continuing building works at the Jubilee Hall was considered and recommended that £1,000.00 should be given. A grant for Chagford Conservation Group was also considered and recommended that £200.00 should be given. **Resolved:** to approve payment.

The Lengthsmans Contract was discussed and it was recommended that the Council ask Mr. Shears to continue for another year. **Resolved:** to ask Mr. Shears if he wishes to continue his contract and to keep a record of the position of the drains, ditches etc that need frequent attention.

Alternatives for Bank Accounts were discussed and the possibility of the Clerk having a Debit Card.

Expenditure which will be oncoming will include the WW1 Beacon and celebrations. **Noted.**

- b) Approval to pay Mr. J. Shear for Lengthsmans duties. **Resolved:** to approve payment.**
- c) Approval to pay Mr. L. Miller for the tidy up of Southcombe Gardens. **Resolved:** to approve payment.**
- d) Approval to pay MAT Electrics for the installation of the Night Landing Site Lighting. **Resolved:** to approve payment.**

179. ENVIRONMENT

a) Jubilee Field Inspection Report – Cllr: Mrs. Haxton

The play equipment was in good order however the surface at the bottom of the slide was very worn. The gravel on the steps was very sparse. The amount of litter was not excessive. Cllr: Mrs. Haxton felt that the Jubilee Field was due for a Spring Clean. The Sign at the entrance to the Jubilee Field could do with a face lift and there was red paint on the signage and gate. The gate into the playing field needs some attention. **Resolved:** an Environment Group Meeting was arranged for Tuesday 27th March 2018 at 7.00 p.m.

b) Public Convenience Inspection Report – Cllr: Mrs. Haxton

The Public Conveniences are in good order. **Noted.**

180. CLERKS/CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

a) Street Lighting – Bellacouch (Min: 170 (c) refers)

Following recent correspondence with CG Fry regarding the positioning of the potential ticket machine/ electric charging points. CG Fry have informed the Council that certain parts of the car park are "off limits" and

therefore some of the areas the Council suggested will have to be altered. CG Fry have suggested alternative locations. **Resolved:** these locations were discussed and the Chairman will contact CG Fry with the Councils recommendations.

b) West Devon Parking Strategy Group

Cllr: Sampson confirmed that the recommendations going to the Hub were the Riverside Carpark in Tavistock to be reduced to £1.00 per day. Okehampton and Tavistock restore charges of £2.00 - £2.50. No change to Waitrose Carpark and Chagford to be reduced to £2.00 per day. **Noted.**

181. CORRESPONDENCE AND EMAILS

- a) The next DNPA Development Management Committee will be held on Friday 16th March 2018. **Noted.**
- b) DNPA Town/Parish Council Link Member. Parish Link Members are the 'face' of the Authority at Parish and Town Council meetings. Chagford's Parish Link Member is Mr. Simon Lloyd Hill. **Noted.**
- c) Reminder that the interactive workshop for Parish Councils "Making Planning Work for You" is on Tuesday 27th March 2018. **Noted.**
- d) Recycling and waste services are changing. From 16th April WDBC is introducing a brand new fleet of vehicles which means all types of card can again be accepted for recycling. Cans and plastic bottles go into one recycling box and all other recyclable items are grouped together in the other box. **Noted.**
- e) Jane Baldock has sent an email stating that she would have liked to have maintained Southcombe Gardens. However Chagford Conservation Group has now taken on the role. If Chagford Parish Council need and further works done in Chagford Jane is happy to assist. **Noted.**
- f) An email has been received regarding a new cattle grid needed at the top of Waye Hill by Budda Farm. A resident of Chagford is asking if a new cattle grid is planned as Dartmoor ponies are tromping across lawns, eating plants etc in the Manor Road area. He also feels it is a safety issue with ponies on the road. **Resolved:** as far as the Council are concerned there are no plans for more cattle grids.

182. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

a) Direct Debit – BT Telephone and Broadband Service (Feb)	54.91
b) Direct Debit – BT Telephone and Broadband Service (Mar)	53.13
c) 4262 Mrs. S. Curtis – Salary	524.67
d) 4263 HM Revenue and Customs – PAYE	126.80
e) 4264 Mrs. S. Curtis – Expenses	20.00
f) 4265 Mr. J. Shears – Lengthsmans Duties	412.82
g) 4266 Mr. L. Miller – Tidy up of Southcombe Gardens	140.00
h) 4267 MAT Electrics – Installation of the Night Landing Site	6,737.90
i) 4268 Chagford Jubilee Hall – Grant	1,000.00
j) 4269 Chagford Conservation Group – Grant	200.00

The Meeting Closed at 9.55 p.m.