

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Chagford Parish Council held at Endecott House on Monday 12th October, 2015 commencing at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Cllrs: Coombe, d'ArchSmith, Hamer, Mrs. Haxton, Mrs. Hill (Chairman), Lloyd Hill, Sampson, Miss Stead and Williams.

Apologies: Cllrs: Parrott, Mrs. Stanbury and Ms Thorn.

In attendance: two members of the public.

241. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Cllr: Sampson declared an interest in Minute 250

242. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES

- a) The Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on 14th September 2015 were confirmed and signed as a true record.
- b) The Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting held on 28th September 2015 were confirmed and signed as a true record subject to adding a Minute item under Urgent Business.

Minute 219

Councillors met at the War Memorial to look at the finished installation of the granite plinth and inscription. Members were a little disappointed with the inscription as it was not as sharp and deep as expected.

Resolved: the Clerk would speak to Ben Jones and express the Members concerns and ask if anything can be done to enhance the lettering.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

243. Dartmoor Devil Cycle Ride (Min: 234 refers)

An email has been received from the organisers of the Dartmoor Devil Cycle Ride regarding the Councils concerns that there will be no Marshals on the route. The event is not competitive and involves no restrictions to other road users etc, cyclists follow a route sheet and are experienced. The number of cyclists involved are relatively few and due to the early hills soon spread out, they do not therefore represent the type of activity to require marshals.

Noted.

244. Chagford Tennis Club – Court Re-Surfacing (Min: 233 refers)

Cllr: Williams had spoken to Chris Mount, who is in charge of the project to re-surface the tennis courts. The Contractors are due to come to Chagford at the beginning of November to look at the work involved. **Resolved:** Cllrs: Coombe and Williams will meet with Chris Mount and the Contractors. No work or vehicle access should be undertaken during half term.

245. War Memorial Update (Min: 219 refers)

The Clerk had spoken to Ben Jones regarding the inscription on the War Memorial. Due to the size of the lettering the chisels could not get into the corners of some of the letters therefore some of the letters are not very deep.

If it were to be redone the plinth would have to be taken out and returned to Williams and Triggs, the granite would then have to be flattened out and redone with larger letters. Another suggestion was to take the plinth out, turn it over and redo the inscription on the other side. However there was no guarantee that the plinth would go back in place as it had been precisely cut by using templates. **Resolved:** The Clerk to write to David Finch requesting him to paint the letters of the inscription and date in black and poppy in red with a black centre. The Council will readdress the War Memorial again in September 2016.

246. The Vision of Padley Common (Min: 232 refs)

Dr. Peter Beale has sent his Vision of Padley in a form of a flyer and poster. It raises the issues of Bio diversity and access for walkers, and horse riders.

Resolved: Cllr: Hill will get back to Dr. Beale to ascertain what happens next.

URGENT BUSINESS BROUGHT FORWARD AT THE CHAIRMAN'S DISCRETION.

247. Beating the Bounds

The Chairman thanked all those who attended the inland Beating the Bounds, she also thanked the landowners and Sarah Coombe for driving her car carrying bags and much needed cake.

The Langaford Farm Charitable Trust have written expressing how pleased they were to meet Councillors and should the Council wish to organise any further events around Langaford they would be happy to accommodate us.

Resolved: to thank the Langaford Trust and reply saying that Councillors would be very interested to visit the Trust.

248. New funding available for Dartmoor Communities

Dartmoor National Park has just launched its Communities Fund for 2015/16. The fund will support capital projects that ensure the long term viability of valued existing community facilities and services, or create new community infrastructure to meet identified community needs.

If you have plans for your village hall, are thinking of setting up a new community shop or want to make the most of a valued local heritage asset the Dartmoor Communities Fund may be able to help! **Resolved:** to put the News Release on the Parish Notice Board.

249. New Street Traffic

A copy of an email has been received which has been sent to Devon and Cornwall Police from a resident in New Street concerned about the traffic passing her door at 30mph on the pavement. **Resolved:** the Clerk will acknowledge the email.

Cllr: Sampson left the meeting.

GROUP/REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS

Planning Control Matters – Cllr: Mrs. Hill

250. 0482/15 Higher Weddicott Farm, Chagford

Certificate of Lawfulness for use of land for a mobile home with associated curtilage, fencing and decking. **Resolved:** no objection, however Councillors would like to see the land for a mobile home be tied to Higher Weddicott Farm.

Cllr: Sampson returned to the meeting.

251. 0477/15 The Old Exchange, Chagford

Change of use of part of building from Architect's Office to Veterinary Surgery. **Resolved:** to support the application.

252. Grant of Conditional Planning Permission

Ref: 0383/15 Crannaford Industrial Park, Chagford

Construction of a pole barn to cover existing porta cabins. **Noted.**

253. Grant of Listed Building Consent

Ref: 0400/15 Chagford House, Chagford

Amendments to previously approved scheme (planning ref 0015/15) for the conversion of first floor space to accommodate office facility including minor alterations. **Noted.**

254. Proposed Tree Works

Ref: 15/0040 Chagford Conservation Area, St. Michaels Church

Notification from the Tress and Landscape Officer informing the Parish Council that the DNPA has not protected the trees with a Tree Preservation Order. **Noted.**

255. Ref: 15/0039 Chagford Conservation Area, Huish

Notification from the Tress and Landscape Officer informing the Parish Council that the DNPA has not protected the trees with a Tree Preservation Order. **Noted.**

Group Report

256. Rural Futures Conference – funded by Devon Communities Together

Cllrs: Mrs. Hill and Mrs. Stanbury attended the Conference on 1st October 2015.

The Speakers included **Lord Richard Best OBE** – Chair of Rural Housing Policy Review.

First time buyers continue to be squeezed out of owning their own home. He is very supportive of 'affordable housing' but accepts 'affordable' is rarely affordable.

Housing Associations could become public bodies, if so all their debts will become part of the national debt, therefore under greater Government control and less likely to be able to help fund affordable housing developments.

There needs to be greater flexibility in the type of housing provided.

The bedroom tax prevails.

The right to buy prevails.

Sue Chalkley OBE – Chief Executive of Hastoe Housing Association
In rural areas only 8% of homes need be affordable in estate if more than 10 homes are being built.

Rowan Ferguson – Head of School Policy for Church of England Schools

Support of rural community.

Support for working together with rural communities for rural Schools.

She is responsible for 50% of the 4146 small rural schools.

She supports the use of school buildings for other local community use.

Andy Yeatman – The Met Office – Head of Corporate Communications

The Met Office has boosted the area and increased its profile.

The Met Office is no longer doing the BBC weather.

Dr. Michael Dixon – Culm Valley Health Centre

Patients need to be more integrated into the community.

Greater education and awareness of health matters is required.

A more holistic approach – sharing of resources.

Dom Maxwell-Batten – Devon Council

Be resilient, be prepared, this is the message to communities from The Devon Community Resilience Forum.

The main theme of the Conference was the importance of helping people help themselves. **Noted.**

GENERAL PURPOSES AND POLICY MATTERS

257. Results of the Diamond Jubilee Survey

The final result was very close the Heritage Centre and the Clock on the Market House being very close, having used formula to count all the votes in descending order, the remainder of the projects dropped well below the top two. **Resolved:** Cllr: Sampson would enquire from West Devon Borough Council if it was possible for the Clock to be placed on the Market House. Chagford Parish Council will review the final decision when costings for the clock and permission has been obtained.

258. Dartmoor Pony Heritage Trust 100-Mile Challenge (Min: 236 refers)

The two Dartmoor pack ponies (Jasmine and Billy), accompanied by Dru Butterfield (Dartmoor Pony Heritage Trust), Sam Goodwin (Dartmoor Pony and Pack) and historian and moorland guide Paul Rendall will pass through Chagford on Sunday 18th October in their challenge to raise awareness of the heritage, temperament and capability of the Dartmoor Pony as well as its historical role as a vital partner to the people of Dartmoor.

The aim is to raise a target of £5000 in aid of the Pony Conservation Grazing Research Project. **Resolved:** to give a grant of £100.00 to the project which Cllr: Mrs. Hill will hand over when she welcomes the ponies to Chagford.

Cllr: d'ArchSmith left the Meeting

FINANCIAL MATTERS

- 259.** Approval to pay DALC for the attendance of Cllrs: Mrs. Haxton and Miss Stead on Being and Effective Councillor Course. **Resolved:** to approve payment.
- 260.** Approval to reimburse the Petty Cash. **Resolved:** to approve payment.
- 261.** Approval to pay Mike Webber for repairing the noticeboard. **Resolved:** to approve payment.
- 262.** Approval to pay Mr. Warren Dawes (Rural Skills Officer) for work carried out in Chagford. **Resolved:** to seek clarification on works done prior to payment. Cllr: Coombe will meet with Mr. Dawes.
- 263.** Approval to pay Ben Jones for the 8 pieces of granite, to dress and inscribe the granite and the 2m2 of cobbles for the Chagford War Memorial. Also approval to pay W. Hutchings to provide the machinery and install the granite, build gutter around the War Memorial. **Resolved:** to approve payment.
- 264.** Approval to pay melba swintex for three new Dog Bins. **Resolved:** to approve payment.
- 265.** Approval to pay Ben Pell for cutting the Jubilee Field on 20/8 and 10/9. **Resolved:** to approve payment.
- 266.** Approval to pay the Information Commissioner for the Data Protection Registration. **Resolved:** to approve payment.
- 267. Finance Group Meeting Report**
Cllr: Mrs. Haxton reported that the Finance Group had met and the accounts were accurate and up to date.

The Councils BT rental and charges have increased considerably over the past few months therefore it was suggested that BT Answer 1571 was cancelled because the Council has an answer machine facility. **Resolved:** to contact BT and negotiate a new price for Line Rental/Broadband.

Cllr: d'ArchSmith is sourcing new rope for the Multiplay.

The Cricket Club has paid the annual lease of £1.00.

The Tennis Club are requesting a grant to help re-surface the Tennis Courts. **Resolved:** to request a copy of the accounts and the costings.

Mrs. Glastonbury has queried why she has not received her annual payment for the tough planting. **Resolved:** to forward the payment.

A letter has been received from the Okehampton District Community Transport Group requesting a grant.

Cllr: Sampson suggested that the Chairman should be paid the balance of the Chairman's Allowance. **Noted.**

ENVIRONMENT

268. Jubilee Field Inspection Report – Cllr: Miss Stead

Cllr: Miss Stead reported that the Jubilee Field was generally good. The Multi Play repair was in hand and there were the usual litter problems. The Skate Park was also good apart from the litter bins had not been emptied. **Noted.**

269. Public Convenience Inspection Report – Cllr: Miss Stead

Cllr: Miss Stead reported that there were no problems with the Public Conveniences. **Noted.**

270. Clearing Leaves in Church yard.

There will be a working group on Saturday 7th November 2015 to clear the leaves around the War Memorial and tidy up Cross Tree for Remembrance Sunday. **Noted.**

271. Temporary Prohibition of Through Traffic and Parking

A temporary restriction is considered necessary to enable patching works on road from St. Michaels the Archangel Church to Higher Middlecott Farm on Wednesday 14th October 2015. **Noted.**

272. Temporary Prohibition of Through Traffic and Parking

A temporary restriction is considered necessary to enable patching preparation works on road past Higher Corndon from Monday 12th October until Tuesday 13th October 2015. **Noted.**

273. Temporary Prohibition of Through Traffic and Parking

A temporary restriction is considered necessary to enable drainage work on Road to Fernworthy Reservoir from Monday 19th October until Tuesday 20th October 2015. **Noted.**

274. Salt Replacement and Snow Warden Scheme (Min: 192 refers)

The salt has arrived at the Fire Station and Councillors are asked to collect bags to store as soon as possible. **Noted.**

CLERKS/CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

275. The Chairman reminded Councillors that Remembrance Day is on Sunday 8th November 2015 and a wreath will be laid on behalf of Chagford Parish Council. **Noted.**

CORRESPONDENCE AND EMAILS

276. Electoral Review of Devon

Following consultation on draft recommendations for Devon the Local Government Boundary Commission has decided to undertake a further period of limited consultation in North Devon prior to publication of its final recommendations. The Commission's final recommendations for the whole county will now be published in January 2016. **Noted.**

277. DALC October Newsletter 2015

DALC are holding a variety of training courses and events throughout the year and into 2016. See web site for details.

DALC AGM and Conference will be held on Thursday 15th October 2015 at Westpoint, Exeter.

The Regional Conference is on Tuesday 10th November 2015 at Best Western Hotel, Tiverton.

Innovations in Dementia – Easy-writing guidelines for people with dementia are available on the DALC web site.

Community Woodfuel Groups – free help. Could your community benefit from free help with setting up a community woodfuel group?

NALC is campaigning to exempt parish and town councils from paying business rates on public conveniences. **Noted.**

278. Grant Application from Okehampton District Community Transport Group

The Okehampton District Community Transport Group are requesting a grant from Chagford Parish Council. At the current time they have 15 clients registered in the parish who use the service. **Resolved:** to be discussed at the next Finance Group Meeting.

279. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

	£
a) 003987 Mrs. S. Curtis – Salary	465.45
b) 003988 HM Revenue and Customs	31.20
c) 003989 Mrs. S. Curtis – Clerk’s Expenses	20.00
d) 003990 Mrs. S. Curtis – Reimburse Petty Cash	78.40
e) 003991 DALC – Attendance of Being an Effective Councillors Course	60.00
f) 003992 M. & G. Webber – Repair to Noticeboard	288.00
g) 003994 Mr. B. Jones – To supply granite, cut, dress and inscribe the granite. Supply cobbles.	5480.00
h) 003995 melba swintex – Dog Bins	406.61
i) 003996 Mr. Ben Pell – Grass Cutting	336.00
j) 003997 Information Commissioner – Data Protection Registration	35.00
k) 003998 WG Hutchings – Installation of Granite Plinths and gutter	2880.00
l) 003999 DPHT – 100 Mile Dartmoor Pack Pony Challenge	100.00

The Meeting Closed at 10.05 p.m.