

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Chagford Parish Council
held at Endecott House on 13th September 2010 commencing at 7.30pm.**

Present: Cllrs Bleakman (Chairman) Coombe; Davies; Geering; Mrs Haxton; Mrs Hill; Parrott; Ms Thorn; 2 Representatives from the WDBC and 1 Member of the Public.

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Mrs Milton; Jeffreys and Sampson

In attendance, the Clerk, Mrs Stone.

153 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interest.

154 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES

- a) The Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on 9th August 2010 were confirmed as a true record and signed.
- b) The Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting held on 23rd August 2010 were confirmed as a true record and signed.

155 RECYCLE PROGRAMME

Ms Jane Savage, and Ms C. Aubertin WDBC Waste services Officers gave a résumé of the new waste collection services and referred to changes requested by the Parish after the scheme was first introduced two years ago. The new service, to include collection of food and garden refuse will commence on 27th September 2010. Information cards stating collection dates for various products together with new bins have been supplied. The Officers answered many questions from the members concerning types of material not suitable for recycling. These include tin foil which cannot be included in the can bin and tetra pack (juice) containers, which at present can only be recycled if taken to the Recycling Centre at Okehampton. When asked, the Council was informed that the target for recycling will be met using the current system for 2010/11 but the new measures are required to meet future targets beyond that time.

The Chairman thanked both Officers for their detailed account.

156 GARDEN/LAND SHARE SCHEME

Mrs Susan Harley was welcomed to the meeting to present her ideas on the possible introduction of a garden/land share scheme for Chagford Residents. In view of the shortage of allotments [currently holding a waiting list of 18], and the obvious benefits of local produce, it was felt the scheme would be welcomed. To date 4 offers of land have been made and consideration is being given to the way the scheme would work. Applicants will be required to pay a minimal 'ground rent' fee of £5 annually to ensure that there is no possibility of the land owner losing charge of the land. The scheme will also provide insurance covered by the South West Allotment Alliance, and annual ground rent. Further information can be obtained from the growchagford@gmail.com or call Susan Tappenden on 01647 432309.

Resolved: Any further information available in due course to be referred to an Agenda in the future for further consideration.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

157 Public Transport Services (Mins 126; 94 refer)

An enquiry to Mr Drysdale, DNPA Sustainable Tourism Officer re improvements to local bus services met with response indicating final details of the spending review would

have implications for this matter. The DNPA and DCC intend to hold a transport seminar to see how the DNPA can best support and promote a rural transport solution. The Council will be notified when the seminar is to take place so that Chagford residents can be fully engaged in the discussions. **Noted:**

158 Car Park Ticket Machine (Mins 125; 92 refers)

Photographs of the two parking ticket machines in the car park were taken to indicate discrepancies in the information supplied.

Resolved: Copies of suggested amendments to the notices to be forwarded to WDBC for adjustment and replacement.

159 Endecott House Garden (Min 149 refers)

Resolved: To consider support for the Garden Refurbishment project at a later date when further details have been made available.

160 COUNCILLORS QUESTIONS

Cllr Mrs Hill (Vice-Chairman) took this opportunity to thank the Chairman and Mrs Bleakman for their hospitality during and after the Civic Service on 12th September 2010.

GROUP/REPRESENTITIVES REPORTS

PLANNING MANAGEMENT & DEVELOPMENT CONTROL MATTERS

Development Control

161 Grant of Conditional Planning Permission

a) 0218/10 Frenchbeer Farm, Chagford – Noted:

Proposed general purpose agricultural building (18m x 9m)

b) 0372/10 Higher Mead, Easton Cross, Chagford

Proposed single story extension to property - **Noted:**

162 DNPA Local Development Framework

A criticism of proposals submitted under the Local Development Framework for Chagford at the consultation held on 15th July 2010 are to be discussed at a meeting to be held on 7th October 2010 between 4 representatives of the Parish Council and Representatives of the DNPA led by Mr P. Markham.

Resolved: The Parish Council to be represented by Cllrs Bleakman; Mrs Hill; Mrs Haxton and Parrott.

163 DNPA Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA) 2010.

E-mail circulated requesting land owners to submit land for consideration. **Noted**

GENERAL PURPOSES & POLICY MATTERS

164 Eastern Link Committee – Cllr Mrs Hill

- a)** The meeting of the East Link Committee held on 9th September 2010 at Sampford Courtenay dealt with such matters as i) the Whiddon Down junction signage which it is understood will be taken over by the Devon County Council in late October; ii) The reduction in the number of Magistrates Courts; iii) the 25% reduction in funding of the DCC; iv) the reorganisation of the Primary Care Trust resulting in the Public Health section reverting back to the DCC; the possible appointment of Snow Wardens to co-ordinate emergency procedures in bad weather.

A presentation was given on behalf of SPARSE – an incentive to work for rural services in England. Mr David Inman (WDBC) is the Consultant for the scheme.

Ms Pippa St John the Youth Advisor for the DCC has expressed interest in working with the Whiddon Benefice. **Noted:**

b) Crime Statistics (Min 132a refers)

Newly appointed Inspector Perry provided updated crime statistics for the area denoting there have been 6 crimes committed in the Chagford area since the last report. This denotes a 25% improvement. In future, assessments will be made on an annual basis from April to the end of March each year. **Noted.**

165 FINANCIAL MATTERS

There was nothing significant to report from the Finance Group

ENVIRONMENT MATTERS

166 Jubilee Field Inspection Report – Cllr Mrs Hill on behalf of Cllr Sampson

- a)** The monthly inspection revealed that the field is in good condition but the can bank is full to overflowing. The Bo Peep and Spring Tractor need repainting. It was reported that dogs were seen on the field in the company of young persons who said they were there to do the grass cutting.

Resolved: i) the Clerk to ask Proper Job to empty the can bank; ii) the painting to be referred to the environment group; iii) the Jubilee Field Contractor to ensure no dogs are permitted on the field.

- b)** The preparation of a specification for the work on the hedge and fence adjacent to the Health Centre has not been completed yet

Resolved: The Specification of work, when ready, to be circulated to all councillors by email. The Clerk to request tenders from at least three contractors.

167 Commemorative Tree – Jubilee Park (Min 135 refers)

It was decided that an invitation for Council representation at the planting of a commemorative tree in Jubilee Park on 9th October 2010 should be attended by Cllrs Mrs Hill and Sampson.

Resolved: The Clerk to obtain information re timing of the event.

168 Public Convenience Inspection Report – Cllr Mrs Hill on behalf of Cllr Sampson

It was reported that the public conveniences are in need of a serious deep clean and long promised enzyme treatment of the floor has not taken place.

Resolved: The Clerk to complain to the WDBC that these facilities are not up to the required standard.

169 Queen Elizabeth Fields Challenge

An invitation was received to nominate fields that could be protected as Queen Elizabeth II Fields to commemorate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and the London 2012 Olympics.

Resolved: The suggestion be referred to the environment group for recommendation.

170 Padley Common War Memorial Playing Field

- a) Swiping of Ferns (Min 135d refers)**

It was reported that the ferns have been swiped on the Commons but that in future it would be more effective if this procedure were carried out earlier in the season. **Noted:**

- b) Pony damage**

There has been little response from the Commoners association re control of pony access onto the Playing Field. **Noted:**

171 Memorial Garden – Lower Street

- a)** The provision of water butts and means of distributing water has been ordered for the memorial garden and the environment group will be notified on arrival. **Noted:**

- b)** e-mail received from WDBC re outstanding final grant for completion of garden indicates that the sum of £271.67 is still being held but it will need a qualifying spend of

£950 to release this sum. The cost of providing water services will not amount to the qualifying spend. **Noted:**

Resolved: Finance to consider

172 Other Environmental Issues

a) Installation of Dog Bins (Min 137; 110b refers)

The installation of an additional dog bin is now complete. WDBC has been advised of the need for additional waste collection **Noted:**

b) Repairs to the Leat

The repair work to the Leat by the DNPA and Dartmoor Trust was inspected by Cllr Mrs Hill who reported that the sluice and fender are now in excellent condition and operational.

Resolved: The Clerk to thank the persons concerned and ascertain when they intend to carry out further agreed improvements.

c) Hedge at Lamb Park (Min 134c refers)

The hedge at Lamb Park has not been trimmed in spite of the fact that Sanctuary Housing had indicated they would deal with it immediately.

Resolved: The Clerk to contact Sanctuary Housing again.

CORRESPONDENCE & e-mails RECEIVED

173 Grant Funding for Rural Businesses

The Greater Dartmoor LEAF Local Action Group has Grant funding available for small businesses. The information has been passed to the Business Association. **Noted:**

174 WDBC Licensing Authority

The new draft policy for consultation on Alcohol; Public Entertainment & Late Night Refreshment runs until 17th October 2010. The Policy can be viewed on

www.westdevon.gov.uk

Resolved: The Chairman to review and decide if further action required by Council

175 Devon & Cornwall Constabulary

a) Newsletter from Sector Inspector Hammond who is transferring to Newton Abbot. **Noted:**

b) Newsletter from Sector Inspector Jon Perry who is to succeed Inspector Hammond. **Noted:**

176 DALC – AGM – 25TH September 2010.

Attention was drawn to the DALC – AGM on 25TH September 2010.

Resolved: Cllr Mrs Hill to report at the next meeting.

177 DNPA – Access Forum Annual Report 2009.

Applications for Membership invited by 24th September 2010. **Noted:**

178 Parking at Stannary Place, Chagford

Letter received from residents in the approaches to Stannary Place and beyond requesting Parish Council action with regard to illegal parking and obstruction by vehicles. Confirmation obtained from the Highways Department as to the extent of adopted road leading from New Street which falls within the restricted parking area.

Resolved: The matter be referred to the Council's Highways Working Group for discussion with DCC and WDBC

179 DCC – Commons Act 2006: Schedule 2 (6)

Notice received of an application to withdraw the curtilage of Ensworthy Cottage, from registration as common land. It was noted that this property is not within the Parish Boundary. **Noted:**

180 Ministry of Defence – Dartmoor Training Area

Dartmoor Training Area Integrated Rural Management Plan – Consultation Draft

Noted:

181 DCC – Emergency Management.

Invitation received for participation in joint DCC/Met Office Conference at the Met Office on 28th September 2010.

Resolved: Cllr Mrs Hill to represent the Council.

182 CLERK/CHAIRMAN’S REPORT

There were no items to report

183 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

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The following accounts were approved for payment

a)	Direct Debit - Talk Talk – Broadband services	35.19
b)	3427 Mr B. Pell – Jubilee Park Maintenance 02/08	130.00
c)	3428 Mrs P. Stone – August salary	719.55
d)	3429 Mrs P. Stone – August post; electric; computer	39.91
e)	3430 Mrs P.Stone – reimbursement for circulation of housing survey forms	50.00
f)	3431 Mogford Associates – Jubilee Park Safety Inspection fee	105.75
g)	3432 Furnitubes Ltd – 2 Terrier dog bins and banding sets	227.95
h)	3433 Chairman's allowance - first payment	300.00
i)	To ratify the following item (a cancellation of cheque no: 3426)	
	3434 Evengreener – purchase 2 water butts and sprinkler assembly (Min 152 refers)	118.93

184 PUBLICATIONS/INFORMATION RECEIVED

The following publications were made available to members

- a) R D & EXPRESS – August 2010.
- b) The Playing Field – Summer Newsletter 2010.
- c) DALC Annual Report 2009-2010.
- d) DNPA Agendas – 3rd September 2010.
- e) Clerks & Councils direct – September 2010.
- f) Village Green – September 2010.
- g) National Housing Association – Affordable Housing keeps villages alive.
- h) DALC – Newsletter Sept/October
- i) SW Ambulance Service – Twenty Four Seven Newsletter – Summer 2010.

The Meeting Closed at 9.21pm

Confirmation of the Minutes

Dated.....

Signed.....