

Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Chagford Parish Council held at Endecott House on Monday 23rd January 2017 at 7.30 p.m.

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

Apologies: Cllrs: Lloyd Hill, Sampson and Ms Thorn.

408. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

There were no interests to declare.

URGENT BUSINESS BROUGHT FORWARD AT THE CHAIRMAN'S DISCRETION

409. Moving "The Mess" from 70 The Square to 14 The Square

A letter has been received from CELT informing Councillors that they intend to move "The Mess" from 70 The Square to the former shop at 14 The Square to provide more room. Change of Use permissions to change the former shop to a non-residential institution, and to revert the present premises at 70 The Square to a shop has been applied for. **Resolved:** await to see the applications.

410. Rhino Ramps

Rhino Ramps have commenced their work on the skate park to extend the facilities. They hope to complete the build by Thursday afternoon weather permitting. **Noted.**

411. New Housing and The Plymouth and South West Devon Joint Local Plan

An invitation has been received for Councillors to attend a Seminar on 10th February 2017 at The Watermark Centre, Ivybridge. This will be an opportunity to learn more about the Joint Local Plan for Plymouth, South Hams and West Devon and the plans for new housing. **Noted.**

412. Highways Community Self-Help and Road Warden Scheme Survey

Towards the end of last year a survey was taken regarding highway maintenance work in the community.

Highways are trying to build a picture of how community involvement in highway maintenance is progressing across the county. They would like to know any successes as well as biggest headaches. **Noted.**

413. News Release

In July last year Councillors at WDBC rejected a proposal to charge for collecting garden waste.

Councillors are now looking at their 2017/18 budget and are revisiting the debate. They will have to choose between introducing a charge or stopping the collection of garden waste. It is the unanimous view of the Waste Working Group that the service should be maintained and offered at a competitive charge.

The final decision will be made at the Council meeting on 7th February 2017. **Noted.**

GROUP/REPRESENTATIVES REPORT

Planning Control Matters – Cllr: Parrot

414. Ref: 0012/17 20 New Street, Chagford

Division of single existing dwelling into two separate dwellings.

Resolved: no objection.

FINANCE

415. Precept 2016/17

The Council considered the up to date accounts and the projected budget for this year and an estimated budget for 2017/18. After some discussion with regard to the impact on a Band D household if the precept is increased and the increasing demands being made on the Parish Council with the prospect of costs. **Resolved:** that the precept for the year 2017/18 should be set at £42,000.00 which means that a Band D equivalent will pay £56.70 per year an increase of £2.84.

GENERAL PURPOSES AND POLICY MATTERS

416. Update on the Diamond Jubilee Funds – Clock (Min: 343 refers)

West Devon Borough Council has now come to the conclusion that a simple licence agreement would suffice after all (rather than a lease). They feel that a licence would be more suitable for the future management and maintenance of the clock.

A draft licence has been received for the council's consideration. **Resolved:** Councillors felt the licence was in order but would wait to hear from Cllr: Sampson on his thoughts before going forward.

417. Public Access Defibrillator (Min: 384 refers)

Cllr: Mrs. Hill and the Clerk met with Jeffrey and Pengelly's electrician at the Jubilee Hall to discuss the position of the PAD Cabinet. The Cabinet was left with the electrician to install. **Resolved:** to pursue where the cabinet is and if the electrical work has been completed.

CORRESPONDENCE AND EMAILS

418. Free Standing Post Box

Parishioners have expressed concern about the free standing post box and its repair. **Resolved:** the Clerk has written to Royal Mail asking why the post box is taped up and how long it will be out of action.

419. Sports England launches new Community Asset Fund

Sports England has launched a new capital grant funding programme for projects to enhance spaces and give people the opportunity to be physically active. The Community Asset Fund will be open to applications from 30th January 2017 and will offer funding from £1,000 up to £150,000. **Resolved:** to look into the funding programme and application criteria and decide if the Council could apply for any funding for the Jubilee Field ie play equipment.

420. Resignation of Head of Planning

Mr. Stephen Belli, Head of Planning for Dartmoor National Park has tendered his resignation. Mr. Belli's last day in the office will be 17th February 2017. **Noted.**

The Meeting Closed at 8.30 p.m.