

**Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Chagford Parish Council held at
Endecott House on Monday 23rd February 2015 at 7.30 p.m.**

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

Apologies: Cllr: Ms Thorn

433. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

There were no interests to declare.

GROUP/REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS

Planning Control Matters – Cllr: Bleakman

434. 0055/15 Moorholme, 9 Stannary Place, Chagford

Certificate of Lawfulness - construction of small timber-framed garden room to rear of property. **Resolved:** No Objection.

Grant of Conditional Planning Permission

435. 0696/14 The Old Exchange, Chagford

Alteration and change of use from offices to a dwelling with associated works subject to conditions. **Noted.**

436. 0687/14 Crossways, Chagford

Detached oak-framed double garage subject to conditions. **Noted.**

437. 0674/14 Lower Corndon Farm, Chagford

Replace existing garage/store with new carport/store subject to conditions. **Noted.**

FINANCE

438. TAP FUNDING REFUND

North Tawton Town Council have refunded Chagford Parish Council with £223.33 which are the remaining funds from the Lengthsman Project. **Noted.**

439. APPROVAL TO PAY BEN PELL

As requested Mr. Pell has send details of the works he carried out on 14th January 2015. **Resolved:** to approve payment.

GENERAL PURPOSES AND POLICY MATTERS

440. WW1

The application for a Faculty from the Exeter Diocesan Registry to refurbish the War Memorial in the Churchyard has been granted. The maximum grant of £3,000 has also been received. **Resolved:** The Clerk will inform Mr. Ben Jones that the Faculty has been granted, inform him of the recommendations that the Church Architect has made. Request samples from the letter cutter he uses and suggest work at the War Memorial is not started until after Easter.

ENVIRONMENT

441. CELT Meeting (Min: 414 refs)

Cllr: Coombe and Williams met with Peter Shields and Terry Bleakman from CELT to discuss improvements at the Skate Park. It is proposed to reinstate the Devon Bank and to put in new fencing outside the bank adjoining the Jubilee Park and The Health Centre fence making the area secure.

CELT will price up a replacement bin door and possibly a new extra bin. It is also suggested that the willow shelter is removed and replaced with a seat or picnic table. **Resolved:** A specification will be drawn up and when approval from the Council is received tenders will go out.

442. Road Closure

The road between Way Cross to Parley Hill Chagford will be close due to drainage works on Wednesday 25th – Thursday 26th February 2015. The alternative, signed via Way Cross, Factory Cross, Mill Street, Manor Road and vice versa. **Noted.**

443. South West Play

Cllr: Coombe met with South West Play to inspect the See Saw which is moving below ground and the surface if lifting. It was thought that the bolts have sheared off which hold the See Saw to the base. South West Play will visit and investigate and try and rectify the problem. **Resolved:** to await South West Plays verdict.

CLERKS/CHAIRMANS REPORT

444. Future of Parish Office

The Clerk has had a presence in the Fire Station but has had very little take up, it has been proposed that the Clerk joins with West Devon Connect, who visit Chagford Library twice a month. **Resolved:** the Clerk will join Connect for a few meetings to determine if this is successful.

CORRESPONDENCE AND E-MAILS

445. Thank you letters

Letters of thanks have been received from Torridge, North, Mid and West Devon Citizens Advice Bureau and Chagford Swimming Pool for grants they have received from Chagford Parish Council. **Noted.**

446. E-mail regarding the Log Lorries

An e-mail has been received from a concerned parishioner regarding the log lorries that pass through Chagford requesting re-routing of lorries. **Resolved:** the re-routing of the log lorries has been investigated by DNPA and Highways in great lengths in the past, it was concluded that there was no alternative route that was suitable.

447. Council tax increase to protect frontline services

A small increase in council tax of just 7 pence per week for the average Band D home, which is equivalent to £3.89 per year, has been agreed by West Devon Borough Council to help to protect frontline services. **Noted.**

448. Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment

The SHLAA is a technical exercise to help identify possible land that could have potential for housing, employment and traveller uses. It enables a Local Planning Authority to ensure there is enough land for new homes to meet the needs of communities. The completed 2014 Report has been published on line at http://www.dartmoor.gov.uk/planning/pl-forwardplanning/pl-localdevframework/forward_planning_ldf_evidence/shlaa **Noted.**

449. New Executive Directors take the helm

Two new Executive Directors will lead South Hams District and West Devon Borough Councils through a pioneering transformation which will save millions of pounds have taken up their posts. Steve Jorden and Sophie Hosking will oversee the biggest change in local government that the councils have seen for a generation. **Noted.**

450. Neighbourhood Planning Event

It is proposed to reschedule the Neighbourhood Planning Evening to Thursday 23rd April at Bridestowe Village Hall from 6.30 p.m. – 8.30 p.m. **Noted.**

The Meeting Closed at 8.19 p.m.

Date **Signed**