

**Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Chagford Parish Council
held at Endecott House on Monday, 23rd June 2008 commencing at 7.30pm**

Present: Cllrs Bleakman (Chairman); Coombe; Geering; Mrs Hill; Jeffreys; Parrott; Perryman; Sampson; Ms Thorn.

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Davies; Mrs Haxton; Mrs Milton.

In Attendance: The Clerk, Mrs Stone

72 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

- a) There were no declarations of interest

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

73 Chagford Skill Exchange (Mins 32; 39 refer)

An invitation was received from Mr. Brendan Caylor for the Parish Council to become a Community Partner in the recently formed Chagford Skill Exchange. The scheme, if adopted, would mean the Council would be allowed unlimited free credits to use the services of persons volunteering their services in exchange for credits. It was stated the scheme would self administer using the website www.chagford.skill-exchange.co.uk. An in depth discussion looked at all the implications of sponsoring the scheme in relation to current administration practices and concern was expressed about possible complications arising from the on-going changes to Local Government boundaries. All service providers are being reviewed and until such time as the Boundary Commission determines which scheme is appropriate for this area, it was felt to be inappropriate to commit to any scheme at this time. It was further recognised that complications could arise with regard to the necessary Audit trail and Insurance requirements.

Resolved; The Clerk to thank Mr. Caylor for his interesting proposition, explaining the Council's reluctance to participate at this stage but indicating it would wish to be informed of progress in the future when it might be possible to reconsider the matter.

74 Boundary Committee Review (Mins 26a; 61 refer)

Cllr Mrs Hill gave an appraisal of the options open to the Council with regard to choices facing the area for in respect of various suggested boundary changes. A written report was circulated to all Members and it is bound with these Minutes. A map clearly demonstrated the extent of the five criteria set by the Boundary Committee for assessing possible boundary solutions. They are:-

1. Broad cross section of support
2. Strategic Leadership
3. Neighbourhood empowerment.
4. Value for money provision of services
5. Affordability.

It was indicated that Torbay and Plymouth would remain unitary authorities whatever the outcome of the review.

South Hams, West Devon has put forward a joint proposal for 5 unitary authorities of which South Ham; West Devon and Teignbridge would be known as Rural South Devon. This would include the whole of the Dartmoor National Park.

After much discussion, it was accepted that the South Hams/West Devon proposal was the preferred option.

Resolved: The decision be conveyed to the Boundary Commission immediately to meet the required deadline.

75 Street Lighting (Min 50 refers)

The Clerk circulated details of her discussion with the lighting Authority on options available for adjustment to street lighting in the in interest of conserving energy and improvements to the environment. Mr Bayley, the Street Lighting Engineer, volunteered to provide details of the current lighting system and subsequently to meet the Council to demonstrate options available.

Resolved: The Clerk to invite Mr. Bayley to attend the meeting to be held on 22nd September 2008.

URGENT BUSINESS BROUGHT FORWARD AT THE CHAIRMAN'S DISCRETION.

76 DCC Public Enquiry Report

Following enquiries from the Clerk concerning the outcome of the public enquiry, a summary of the information available to date was received from the Devon County Council. A recommendation has been made by the Inspector to the Secretary of State and DCC currently await a final decision

Resolved: To await the final decision.

GROUP/REPRESENTATIVES REPORT

77 Planning Inspection Group

Cllr Bleakman reported the recommendations of the Planning Inspection Group following their meeting held on 20th June 2008 and attended by Cllrs Bleakman; Mrs Haxton; Jeffreys; Mrs Milton; Parrot.

a) 0364/08 27, Lower Street, Chagford

Proposed repair and alterations to existing coach house and flat (now disused), formerly part of Monte Rosa, to form garden room and domestic workshop ancillary to existing dwelling at 27, Lower Street, Chagford.

Resolved: The Council is supportive of this application, which it believes satisfies DNPA Policy GP2 and will ensure that the building does not deteriorate further. In coming to this decision, it would wish to see the following conditions applied to the approval of the application.

1. The use of the workshop should be limited to domestic use by the owners of 27 Lower Street and shall not be used for any commercial activity.
2. The facilities created by this application should be ancillary to the main dwelling.

b) 0392/08 Chagford Montessori Nursery School

Proposed extend opening hours to 8am-6pm, create play scheme for two weeks from 8am-6pm in school holidays, teacher training courses in term time and practical workshop during school holidays.

Resolved: Given the wide variety of requests for variation to the conditions placed on the approved Planning Application T/APP/J9498/95/250717/P7, the Council has no alternative but to object to the Application.

However, the Council wishes the DNPA to know that it is very supportive of the pre-school nursery education provided by the Chagford Montessori school and is supportive of the changes requested to increase numbers to 20 children and increase the opening hours to 0800 – 1800 hours Monday to Fridays during school term times. It would also support the provision of two weeks School Holiday Play Schemes being provided by the school during the summer holidays subject to a condition that children attending this scheme were children enrolled to attend the school during term time.

With respect to the request to extend use for Parent Holiday Schemes, the Council feels unable to determine what additional usage of the school this would imply and as such, objects due to lack of information.

On the requested changes to use the school for adult training, the Council has serious concerns in relation to the School's ability to control parking and additional noise and inconvenience created by the extended use of the facility. The Council understands how the school is able to ensure that it complies with the conditions of the original planning permission, that the school parking shall only be used by teachers and for deliveries and that Moor Park shall not be used under any circumstances. The Council does not believe that this level of control will be possible for itinerate adults who will mainly travel from outside Chagford by car. The entrance to Moor Park and the school is very narrow and the visibility when exiting from this entrance is poor. Any increased usage will create a safety problem for vehicle users and pedestrians in the area and will contravene DNPA Policy TF1. Given the very limited information given in the Application, the Council also has concern about the extension of the hours of usage from 1800 to 2100 and all day Saturdays together with further holiday usage. The Council is of the opinion that this usage is likely to result in increased noise and disturbance at times when most people are not at work and as such be a loss of an amenity currently enjoyed by the local residents in Moor Park and Lamb Park. As such, the Council objects to these aspects of the requested change of use.

78 Clerk/Chairman's Report

- a) Common Lane End. The Clerk has informed the Park Ranger that a further tree is in need of attention at Common Lane End. **Noted**
- b) Meldon A report was received that a driver is using the Meldon track with his vehicle with dogs running behind the vehicle. The Clerk has reported the vehicle registration number to the Police and the Park Ranger. **Noted:**
- c) Skip and tool shed Attention was drawn to a skip and tool shed in situ near the New Street cattle grid. On enquiry, The Clerk informed the Council that the items are being used by roofers working on the houses in Meldon road. **Noted:**

79 ACCOUNT FOR PAYMENT

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The following account was approved for payment:-

3116 - Mr. H.F.J. Cox – Repair notice Board, The Square, Chagford 17.25

8. PUBLICATIONS/INFORMATION RECEIVED

The following publications were made available to Members:-

- a) Dartmoor Access Forum – Annual Report 2007
- b) Standards Committee – Notice of Meeting to be held on 17th June 2008
- c) Devon in Touch - June 2008
- d) DACB – Why Community Buildings Matter – Research 2007/2008.
- e) West Devon e-connect – June 2008.
- f) Peter Fletcher Associates – A Senior Council for Devon.
- g) Devon Playing Fields Association – The Way Forward.
- h) DNPA – Agendas 4th July 2008

The Meeting Closed at 9.04pm

Confirmation of the Minutes

Dated.....

Signed.....