

**Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Chagford Parish Council
held at Endecott House on Monday 23rd.July 2012 commencing at 7.30pm.**

Present: Cllrs: Coombe; D'Arch Smith; Mrs Haxton; Mrs Hill (Chairman); Parrott; Sampson; Shears; Ms Stead; Ms Thorn; Williams

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs: Bleakman, Lloyd Hill and Mrs P Stone (Clerk)

In Attendance: Cllr J McInnes (DCC), Mr Richardson Dawes (DCC Officer). And three members of the public

Members completed "Declaration of Acceptance of Office" forms, to comply with the new code of conduct.

80 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Cllr Coombe declared an interest

Cllr: Shears declared an interest

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

81 Car Fare Scheme. (Min:402 refers)

Mr John Richardson Dawes attended the meeting following the car fare scheme survey. The results of the survey were discussed and were considered by Mr. Richardson–Dawes to be average. He had also contacted local Taxi firms with the result that the cheapest quote was £18.00 per journey from Chagford to Whiddon Down. The customer will pay £3.50 each hence the remainder would need to be subsidised by DCC. If the car were full the subsidy would be £4.00 per journey.

Members made a proposal that other firms may be considered or alternatively that extending the journey of the last bus to Moretonhampstead onto Chagford may help relieve some of the need.

Resolved: To ask Mr Richardson–Dawe to investigate other taxi firms, and also the possibility of extending the bus service. He will inform the Clerk of his findings and the Parish Council will make a decision as soon as possible.

82. Proper Job (Min;61a refers)

A copy of a letter to the Directors of Proper Job letter was received from Mr.Belli (Director of Planning DNPA) clarifying the reason for the refusal of the retrospective planning application.

i)The application was refused on the grounds that the siting of the containers and portable cabins would have a detrimental effect upon the character and appearance of this part of the National Park. The visual harm caused by the development is not outweighed by the duty to have regard to the socio economic impact of the development.

ii) The proposed change of use to retail is likely to have a detrimental effect upon the settlement of Chagford. The site is isolated in an area well outside the nearest settlement where an unfettered retail use would be an unacceptable principle.

The Committee are very clear that they support the principle but there are two clear issues which need to be resolved. Firstly the visual appearance of the site, and the portacabins. Secondly the issue relating to retail use which should only involve second hand goods which come from recycling.

It is now important to start with the Section 106 agreement. This needs to return to the table within the next three months.

Noted

83 Urgent Business brought forward at the Chairman's discretion.

- a) General Purposes Group to meet with a representative of Drewsteignton Parish Council on Thursday August 2nd 2012 at 2.Lower Street, at 19.30hrs.**Noted**
- b) Planning Applications in Neighbouring Parishes which abut our Boundary.
There is retrospective planning application for Monks Withecombe and also an application for Sandy Park Inn car park.
Resolved: to ask the Planning Inspection Group to look at the plans and report back to the full Council meeting on August 13th 2012.

84 Group Representative Reports

- a) 0377/12 Crossways Chagford
Proposed demolition of the single storey extension and the conservatory and the erection of a two storey extension and a conservatory.
Having considered the Inspection Committee's recommendation the Council
Resolved: To refuse the application because of the high major ridge, which appears to tower over the surrounding landscape.

85. General Purposes and Policy Matters

The New Code of Conduct

The New Code of Conduct does not stipulate that members declaring an interest leave the table, nor the room. As the Parish Council serves a small Parish it would appear to be prudent for Councillors declaring a pecuniary interest to leave the room, and if declaring a personal or non- pecuniary interest to leave the table.

Resolved: to adjust the standing orders to enable a clause to this effect to be included. To be approved at the next regular Parish Council Meeting.

86. Clerk Chairman's Report.

- a) Rural Futures Working Together:
Rural Community Council of Devon's Annual Conference being held at Exeter Racecourse on Friday September 28th 2012.
Keynote Speaker is Sara Eppel Head of Defra's Rural Communities Policy Unit.
This Conference is open to all to attend. **Noted**
The new Play Equipment is now installed but there appears to be a degree of minor vandalism. SW Play have sent replacement parts.
Resolved : Cllr D'arch Smith to effect minor repairs.
- c) Devon and Cornwall Police Authority
Information with regards to changes in the Police Authority Governance.
On November 15th 2012 there will be a National Election for Police and Crime Commissioners. There will be an appointment for an individual to be responsible for Devon Cornwall and Isles of Scilly. **Noted**

87. Correspondence/-mails received.

- a) **DCC Road Closure** (Min: 72 refers)
Easton Cross – Whiteabury Cross 10/09/2012/-14/09/2012
The Clerk has contacted the contractor the road will be closed overnight from 19.00hrs. for re-surfacing.

b) Chagford Cattle Grids.

Copy of a letter sent to all objectors to the cattle grid scheme, informing them that the Commoners propose to install two cattle grids and would welcome any suggestions in order to resolve previous issues.

Resolved: To reply to the Commoners that the Parish Council have always previously supported the installation of the grids.

The Council awaits the new plans prior to making any decisions.

Grazing on the Commons

Copy of a letter from Gillian Macfadyen to Mrs Willcocks with regard to animals grazing on the Commons and also entering her garden. These animals are particularly aggressive. This letter was accompanied by other copies of letters sent to the Commoners concerning aggressive cattle.

This matter is an issue for the Commoners

Noted

c) Letter from Mr D.Ingram

A letter was received from Mr Ingram seeking advice with regard to planning permission for a replacement window.

The Clerk has directed him to the appropriate department at DNP.

Noted

88. Accounts for Payment

Mr. B.Pell. Jubilee Field Maintenance 30/05/:11/05:/26/06 £405.00

Resolved: to approve the account for payment

Meeting Closed at 20.55hrs.