

Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Chagford Parish Council held at Endecott House on Monday 25th April 2016 commencing at 7.30 p.m.

Prior to the Meeting Nikolay Shahpazov, Architect, The Art of Habitation, gave a short presentation on his work including his plans for Washford Barn.

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

Apologies: Cllrs: Lloyd Hill and Mrs. Stanbury.

There were two members of the public in attendance

548. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Cllr: Hamer declared an interest in Minute 556.

URGENT BUSINESS BROUGHT FORWARD AT THE CHAIRMAN'S DISCRETION

549. Her Majesty the Queen's 90th Birthday Celebrations (Min: 507 refers)

The Chairman thanked all those who organised the Beacon on Meldon for the Queen's Birthday Celebrations. Also thanks to Mr. Chris Webber for the firework display. There was a great turn out and everyone enjoyed the evening. **Resolved:** to write to Mr. Chris Webber thanking him for organising the firework display.

550. Dog Fouling in Chagford

An email has been received from a resident of Chagford regarding the dog fouling on the Orchard Meadow footpath. The resident is opposed to a dog bin being placed anywhere near the Churchyard. **Resolved:**

- a) to reply stating that Chagford Parish Council have no plan to install a red bin for dog waste.
- b) to contact WDBC again reminding them that the Council pay for a Dog Warden and would like to see a higher profile as dog fouling is on the increase everywhere around the town.

551. Difficult decision for West Devon

Councillors at West Devon Borough Council Hub Committee are proposing to charge for the collection and disposal of garden waste.

The proposal will be placed before the full Council. If approved no charges will be made until after the end of the Council's current waste contract, which ends on 31st March 2017. **Noted.**

552. Langaford Trust Programme 2016

The Langaford Trust has sent their programme for this year so far, ranging from Bird Watching to Nature Walks. The events are being organised either by invitation only or open to the public. However, bookings for all events have to be made as numbers could be limited. **Resolved:** the Clerk to circulate to members.

553. Referendum Debate Chagford

The Parish Council has been asked to put some questions forward for the Referendum Debate to be held in Chagford Church on Friday 6th May 2016 at 7.00 p.m. The debate will take the familiar form of "Question Time". The panellists include Jon Getz, Mel Stride, Professor Michael Winter OBE, Cllr: Humphrey Clemens, William Dartmouth MEP, Anne Marie Morris MP.
Resolved: Councillors to send questions to the Clerk.

GROUP/REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS

Planning Control Matters – Cllr: Parrott

554. 0191/16 Doggamarsh Farm, Chagford

Replacement of existing garden room with extended garden room.
Resolved: no objection.

Cllr: Hamer left the room.

555. 0191/16 Rushford Mill Farm, Chagford

Construction of agricultural barn for continued market garden enterprise.
Resolved: no objection subject to conditions:

- i. the barn structure to be completely removed and the land returned to the existing condition as soon as the horticultural activity that supports the need is no longer in existence;
- ii. the use of the office is limited to daylight hours;
- iii. no retail sales be carried out from the building;
- iv. the two original sheds at the Longfield site at Easton Cross are removed and land returned to its original state.

Councillors expressed concern that this planning application was a fait accompli.

Cllr: Hamer returned to the meeting.

Tree Works

556. 15/0049 Eastholme

The Dartmoor National Park has not protected the trees with a Tree Preservation Order. **Noted.**

CLERKS/CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

557. Diamond Jubilee Funds - Clock (Min: refers)

The Clerk reported that an Engineer from "The Cumbria Clocks Company" was coming to Chagford on Tuesday 26th April 2016 to have a look at the Market House to give advice and then produce ideas and quotes for the Diamond Jubilee Clock. **Resolved:** the Clerk and Cllr: Ms Thorn will meet with the Engineer.

558. The Chagford Annual Assembly (Min: 508 refers)

The Chairman reported that this was a successful evening with a good attendance.

Dr. Kevin Bishop, DNPA, had written to Ms Sally Bell regarding her question regarding the Implementing of the Chagford Masterplan and to Mrs. Margaret Jeffreys regarding the Stepping Stones at Rushford. **Noted.**

559. DALC – Highways Conference

The Chairman reported on the DALC Highways Conference held in March. Shared Space – regulating speeds through villages could involve designing the road effectively which can bring speeds down for example a ‘road narrows’ sign gives drivers the perception of a narrowing road and so they will slow down. The road may not, however, actually narrow.

Speed limits/signs don’t work as well as a well-designed road.

DCC - are advocating the use of TAP Funding to pay for a local Lengthsman.

DCC are responsible for potholes and these must be fixed with set timescales otherwise DCC could become liable if an accident was caused. Everyone is urged to log all potholes on the website. **Noted.**

560. Chagford Car Park

The Chairman reported that the Car Park was in need of some attention it was full of mud, sand, twigs etc. It needed a good sweep and tidy up! **Resolved:** to contact Cathy Aubertin at WDB.

561. Public Access Defibrillator (Min: 505 refs)

If Chagford Parish Council cannot get a grant from The British Heart Foundation, Morecare would be willing to purchase a Defibrillator to be located on the Jubilee Hall. **Resolved:** the Clerk will await notification from The British Heart Foundation of when the alternative funding programme offering a PAD and CPR kit is available and apply again. If the Council are unsuccessful for the second time they will contact Morecare.

CORRESPONDENCE

562. Notification of Road Closures

KIER has applied for a road closure to complete South West Water utility works on Nattadon Road, Chagford from 16th May until 20th May 2016. **Noted.**

KIER has applied for a road closure to complete South West Water utility works on road from Woodcote to Westcott Cottage, Chagford from 17th May to 23rd May 2016. **Noted.**

563. Dartmoor Commons Act 1985 - Election

Members of the Commoners’ Council have served their term and shall be eligible for re-appointment, unless they choose not to stand again or other nominations are put forward, in which case there shall be an election. The East Quarter Elections will be held on Thursday 26th May 2016 at the Jubilee Hall, Chagford from 7.00 p.m. until 8.00 p.m. **Noted.**

564. Broadband Voucher Scheme

Connecting Devon and Somerset has recently launched its Voucher Scheme to provide subsidies to install alternative broadband technology to premises across Devon and Somerset. Vouchers worth up to £500.00 are now available for residents and businesses who experience broadband speeds below 2Mbps. For more information see link

www.connectingdevonandsomerset.co.uk/cds-broadbank-voucher-scheme/

The Meeting Closed at 8.35 p.m.

Date **Signed**