

Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Chagford Parish Council held at Endecott House on Monday 25th June 2018 commencing at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Cllrs: Coombe, Mrs. Haxton, Mrs. Hill (Chairman), Lloyd Hill, Lloyd, Sampson, Mrs. Stanbury, Miss Stead, and Williams.

30. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies had been received from Cllrs: Hamer, Parrott and Mrs. Thorn.

31. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr: Lloyd Hill declared an interest in Minute 34(a)

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32. HELEN DOBBY, GROUP MANAGER, COMMERCIAL SERVICES AND LOCALITIES

Helen attended the Meeting of the Chagford Parish Council to discuss the services provided to Chagford by West Devon Borough Council.

Helen deals with Commercial and front line services such as rubbish collection, recycling, car parking and street sweeping.

FCC is the Environmental Contractor and their contract is coming to an end in March 2019 so WDBC has a legal obligation to test the market for the best value for money to take over this contract.

The street cleaning is governed by the Environment Protection Act and is cleaned in zones working to guide lines. The size and times the street sweeper comes to Chagford was discussed as it is very difficult to sweep the streets due to the amount of cars parked.

The clearing of gullies and drains is carried out by Devon County Council.

The new system of recycling seems to be working well.

Matt Rawlins is the Localities Officer for Chagford who is responsible for dog fouling, litter etc and can issue spot fines.

The "Refill Scheme" was discussed where traders could be involved rather than having recycling bins. Chagford could promote the Fountain for drinkable water.

It was pointed out that Chagford Car Park was looking rather shabby and Helen confirmed that it was due for refurbishment. **Noted.**

33. URGENT BUSINESS BROUGHT FORWARD AT THE CHAIRMAN'S DISCRETION

There was no urgent business.

34. GROUP/REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS

Planning Control Matters

a) Ref: 0279/18 Forder Farm, Chagford

Proposed: Erection of two agricultural buildings (22.5m x 9m and 18m x 9m respectively). **Resolved:** to support the application to encourage farming to continue as the present buildings are not fit for purpose.

b) Ref: 0179/18 Amended Plans – Church of England Primary School

Proposed: Demolition of former School House. The amendment relates to details of demolition and reinstatement of site. **Resolved:** to support the application however would like further information regarding the reinstatement of the site, the site and highway should be kept clean/clear of dust and mud and to reiterate that CPC regret that a perfectly good house is being squandered.

Grant of Conditional Planning Permission

c) Ref: 0190/18 50 New Street, Chagford

Conversion of existing store above garage to ancillary accommodation and enclosure of balcony. Subject to conditions. **Noted.**

d) Ref: 0153/18 Land off of Lower Street, Chagford

Erection of four employment unit's and a satellite television dish. Subject to conditions. **Noted.**

Withdrawal of Application

e) Ref: 0107/18 Bluebell Cottage, 9 Lower Street, Chagford

Replacement windows and door. **Noted.**

Group Reports

f) Eastern Links, 21st June 2018 – Cllr: Mrs. Hill

Insp Sloman reported violence with and without injury has seen an increase. There has been a big increase across West Devon in vehicle crime, mainly vehicles parking in beauty spots. The reduction in PCSOs will mean less visibility for the Police in rural areas, the Police are looking at other ways of trying to connect with the Community.

Steve Mullineaux from WDBC reported that the NHS budgeting in the south west area, there was an overspend of £130 million last year, they need an additional savings of £0.5 million to keep losses at that figure this coming year.

The re-cycling system had changed recently, vehicles have changed and there was some disruption to services but overall the change has been positive. The new vehicles have in cab technology assisting tracking issues.

Waste services – the existing contract is coming to an end, WDBC are going through a procurement process at present.

The Joint Local Plan – there will be a consultation on the amendment to the Joint Local Plan in December.

Jo Rumble from DNPA informed the meeting that Bill Hitchins had been re-elected as Chairman, Vice-Chairman Maurice Retallick. The West Devon represented by Cllr: James McInnes, Philip Sanders and Bill Cann.

A review of National Parks has started but will take a further 2 years to be complete.

New car parking charges have been introduced at Postbridge, Haytor and Meldon.

The Communities Together Fund – DCC wished to relaunch the TAP Funding scheme focussing on what it was originally designed for – Towns and Parishes working together. The other main change is that the fund is open to other voluntary and community groups.

It was reported that Lesley Smith, Secretary of DALC, will be retiring in October.

Devon Resilience Forum, 14th June 2018 – Cllr: Miss Stead

Paul Davies ACC Devon and Cornwall Police reported that the South West was vulnerable to all types of emergencies, terrorism, fires, flooding etc.

Devon and Cornwall Police welcomed voluntary groups and their assistance.

It was applauded the work being done on Emergency Plans.

Toby Russell from Devon Air Ambulance talked about the night landing sites. There are 76 live sites with 200+ in progress. There have been 137 deployments to date and services will be extended to 2.00 am.

Neil Hamlyn – Local Resilience Forum Manger coordinates multi agencies again highlighted the value of voluntary groups.

In the afternoon there were workshops – Emergency Centre Setups and Responsibility for Watercourses. **Noted.**

35. GENERAL PURPOSES AND POLICY MATTERS

a) The Gate at Stannary Gardens (Hares Close) (Min: 22(a) refers)

Further to the letter sent to Chris Hart, Head of Development Management, DNPA. The Planning Officer for Stannary Gardens has written to the Director of Blue Cedar stating that the approved site plan does not show any gates and asked that the sign be taken off the gate to allow pedestrian access, where it will provide a link in due course into the adjacent site. **Noted.**

36. FINANCIAL MATTERS

a) Reissue of Cheque Number 4301 (Flowers for Chagford) to Mrs. A. Emberson. **Resolved:** to approve payment.

37. CLERKS/CHAIRMANS REPORT

- a) The Chairman reported that a meeting had been held with members of the Parish Council and the Commoners regarding installing cattle grids and the way forward. **Resolved:** the Chairman will write to Devon County Council inquiring about the costs, legal situation etc.

38. CORRESPONDENCE AND EMAILS

a) Dartmoor National Park Authority Forum

DNPA Forum will be held on Wednesday 11th July 2018 at 2.15 pm at Parke, Bovey Tracey. **Resolved:** Cllrs: Hamer and Parrott are representatives of Chagford Parish Council.

b) DNPA Annual Meeting

Mr. Bill Hitchins was duly re-elected as Chairman and Mr. Maurice Retallick was re-elected as Deputy Chairman. **Noted.**

c) Parking, Meldon Road

An email has been received from a resident of Meldon Road stating the traffic and parking problems. **Resolved:** the Parish Council has addressed these problems in the recent correspondence with Highways regarding a new Traffic Order.

d) Chagford Conservation Group

A request has been received from Chagford Conservation Group requesting a grant towards their insurance costs. **Resolved:** to refer the request to the Finance Group.

e) North Dartmoor Search and Rescue Team

A request has been received from NDSR requesting a grant to raise necessary funds to replace worn-out kit including ropes, water rescue equipment, maps, head torches and compasses etc. **Resolved:** to refer the request to the Finance Group.

f) Chagford Recreational Trust

A request has been received from the Rec Trust requesting a grant to upgrade the lane leading into the playing fields. **Resolved:** to refer the request to the Finance Group.

g) New Premises License Application Spar, Chagford

WDBC has received an application for a new premises licence from Appleby Westward group for Spar, 46-48 The Square, Chagford. The application is for the sale of alcohol for the consumption off the premises, Monday to Saturday from 7.30 am to 9.00 pm and Sunday 8.00 am to 9.00 pm. **Noted.**

h) Temporary Prohibition of Parking

Notice from DCC that The Square, Chagford – Mandatory Disabled Parking Bays will be closed Friday 3rd August 2018 from 17.00 until 13.00 on Saturday 4th August 2018 due to the Chagford Cancer Research Street Market. **Noted.**

39. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

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| a) 4313 Mrs. A. Emberson – Trough Planting | | 150.00 |

The Meeting closed at 9.10 p.m.