

**Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Chagford Parish Council held at  
Endecott House on Monday 26th January 2015 at 7.30 p.m.**

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

**Apologies:** Cllr: Bleakman

**In attendance** two members of the public.

**386. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

Cllr: Williams declared and interest in Minute 389

Cllr: Haxton declared and interest in Minute 389

**387. URGENT BUSINESS BROUGHT FORWARD AT THE CHAIRMAN'S  
DISCRETION**

Dartmoor National Park are holding a Parish/Town Council Workshop on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2015. The workshop will be held at Parke at 7.00 p.m. DNPA have allocated two places to each parish/town council and hope that the clerk, plus the Chairman or another councillor will attend.

**Resolved:** will decide at a later date who will attend.

**GROUP/REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS**

**Planning Control Matters**

**388. 0015/16 Chagford House, Chagford**

Conversion of first floor space to accommodation office facility, modifications to ground floor to provide access stairs to first floor rooms and installation of toilets, plus maintenance and repair to existing brick chimney stacks.

**Resolved:** No Objection.

Cllrs: Mrs. Haxton and Williams left the meeting

**389. 0674/14 Lower Corndon Farm, Chagford**

Replace existing garage/store with new carport/store. **Resolved:** to support the application subject to the ridge height being no more than 4.2m and screening to be put in place.

Cllrs: Mrs. Haxton and Williams returned to the meeting

**Hedgerow Removal Notice**

**390. Rushford Mill Farm, Chagford**

Notice to remove a 6m section of hedgerow to create a new gateway.

**Resolved:** No Objection

**Government Statement on affordable housing**

**391.** A written Ministerial Statement on the use of S106 obligations was published on 28 November 2014. It states that affordable housing and tariff-style contributions should not be sought on developments of 10 houses or less.

At a meeting of 9 January 2015 the Authority agreed to:  
adopt the available lower threshold of five units or less;  
adopt an interim statement on Section 106 obligations in order to provide advice for applicants;  
and prepare a Supplementary Planning Document. **Noted.**

## **FINANCE**

### **392. The Precept 2015/16**

The Council considered the up to date accounts and the projected budget for this year and an estimated budget for 2015/16. After some discussion with regard to the impact on a Band D household if the precept is increased. There is also increasing demands being made on the Parish Council with the prospect of election costs and money being required to maintain the play park. **Resolved:** that the precept for the year 2015/16 should be set at £37,000. This will indicate that a Band D equivalent will pay £49.76 per annum.

## **GENERAL PURPOSES AND POLICY MATTERS**

### **393. Parish Assembly – 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2015**

The Parish Assembly will be held on 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2015 at Endecott House commencing at 7.30 p.m. The Chairman asked for suggestion for guest speakers, there were many suggestions. **Resolved:** to invite the New Director of WDBC, Andy Guy from English Nature. The Clerk was asked to invite DCC James McInnes, WDBC Cllr Robert Sampson, Dr. Kevin Bishop CEO of DNPA, and Rev. Paul Seaton Burn Chairman of Chagford C of E Primary School Governors to give an up to date report from their respective authority. The local Police Inspector and the local Fire Authority were also invited to give a short report. The Clerk to write inviting the above to the meeting.

### **394. Moretonhampstead Hub**

The Chairman gave an update on the Moretonhampstead Hub. The usual professional clinics were continuing and several new clinics and services are due to be launched in the future bringing a range of benefits for local people. The Hub is looking to engage with young people of Moretonhampstead and the surrounding area. **Noted.**

## **ENVIRONMENT**

### **395. Jubilee Park Gate**

The top hinge of the gate to the Jubilee Park was broken. The Chairman thanked Cllr: d'ArchSmith for repairing the gate so quickly. **Noted.**

### **396. The Future Care of Padley Common**

Chagford Parish Council, Chagford Commoner's Association and Natural England held a public meeting on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2015. The meeting was a positive step forward to the planning of future work at Padley Common. The Common is a very important breeding ground for the Marsh Fritillary and the spread of the willow, gorse and scrub needs to be removed to encourage wild life and wild flowers. Cllr: Shears reported that Dr. Peter Beale had agreed to take the work forward and manage the project. **Noted.**

**397. Potholes, Lights and Drains**

The Clerk asked for any Highways work which needs reporting to Devon County Council. **Resolved:** to report – many large potholes on the Nattadon Hill, to request that the tree covering the street light outside Cross Park and on the Orchard Meadow/Bretteville path be trimmed and the light outside 16/17 Orchard Meadow should be repaired.

**398. Temporary Prohibition of Traffic and Parking**

A reminder that Southcombe Street will be closed for one day on 5<sup>th</sup> February 2015. **Noted.**

**The Meeting Closed at 8.18 p.m.**

**Date** ..... **Signed** .....