

**Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Chagford Parish Council
held at Endecott House on Monday 26th September 2011 commencing at 7.30pm.**

Present: Cllrs Bleakman; d'arch Smith; Mrs Haxton; Mrs Hill (Chairman); Lloyd Hill; Parrott; Ms Stead and Ms C Auberton WDBC Environment Officer.

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Coombe; Sampson; Shears; Ms Thorn & Williams.

In Attendance: The Clerk, Mrs Stone.

180 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

MATTERS ARISING

181 Public Conveniences (Min 163 refers)

- a) Ms C Auberton, WDBC Environment Officer, was welcomed to the meeting by the Chairman who explained to new members of the Council that the WDBC were seeking to substantially increase charges for maintaining the public loos. By way of a response the Parish Council has offered to participate in a partnership agreement whereby some increase in funding would be negotiated in return for participation in the management of the facility.

Ms Auberton stated the management of all Borough conveniences was under review by the WDBC Environment Committee who are to meet on October 3rd 2011 after which time the Parish Council will be notified of the outcome.

Cllr Mrs Hill drew attention to the need to calculate requirements for the 2012 Precept before the request is submitted at the end of December and would need an update on the WDBC decision as soon as possible.

Ms Auberton was asked for details of the cost of maintenance and if there was a record of how much the loos are used. She replied that it was possible to install counters to determine the use made of the facility.

Resolved: i) To await further information from Ms Auberton following the WDBC meeting; ii) To make arrangements for a debate on the matter in Council following receipt of the information.

b) **Chagford Car Park**

Ms Auberton was questioned on the cost of maintenance of the Chagford Car Park to which she replied that such costs were apportioned according to the number of bays in the car park. Attention was drawn to recent episodes of car parking wardens imposing penalties on cars parked on Sundays before 1pm when there is no restriction in place. Similarly, cars have been targeted for parking in the disabled bays when it has been perfectly legal for them to do so, with or without a disabled badge. Ms Auberton has said she will peruse recently imposed penalty notices and cancel any improperly issued. The Chairman thanked Ms Auberton for her attendance and helpful advice.

182 Endecott House Trust (Min 155 refers)

To record Mr R Webber's acceptance of the renewal of his Trusteeship for a further four years. **Noted:**

183 Snow Warden Training

The Chairman informed the meeting that after many e-mails submitted by the Clerk, it now appeared that the DCC has decided it will be necessary to introduce a new training programme and all previously selected volunteers will need to be retrained. The system is not up and running as yet but the Clerk will receive notice of when and where such

training will take place in due course. Meanwhile the names of all volunteers are to be submitted to the appointed DCC Officer for registration.

Resolved: i) Cllr Mrs Hill accepts that to participate in the scheme she will need to retrain; ii) Cllr Ms Stead has volunteered to join in and the Clerk will notify the DCC accordingly.

184 Chagford Film Festival.

It was reported that the Chagford Film Festival had proved to be a great success and had brought much needed advertising to the Town.

Resolved: The Clerk to write to the Organisers and express their appreciation of their efforts.

185 URGENT BUSINESS BROUGHT FORWARD BY THE CHAIRMAN

There was no urgent business to discuss

GROUP/REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS

Development Control Matters

Cllr Bleakman reported the recommendation of the planning inspection group meeting held on 16th September 2011, attended by Cllrs Bleakman (Chairman); Mrs Haxton; D'Arch Smith and Williams.

186 0452/11 Yellam Farmhouse, Chagford

Proposed single storey orangery extension to side of house.

Resolved: The Council supports this application.

187 Grant of Conditional Planning Permission - Noted

0361/11 East Coombe, Chagford

Proposed Higher Barn: demolish existing block/asbestos shelters and yard and construct new timber/slate stock building. Shippon: replace cast iron roof with thatch and slate and reinstate internal wall.

188 Grant of Listed Building Consent. – Noted:

0362/11 East Coombe, Chagford

Proposed Higher Barn: demolish existing block/asbestos shelters and yard and construct new timber/slate stock building. Shippon: replace cast iron roof with thatch and slate and reinstate internal wall.

189 Draft Local Development Framework

Cllr Bleakman explained to the members that the DNPA would not grant an extension of time to respond to the complex issue of the Draft Local Development Framework. That being so he had prepared a draft response to the DNPA to arrive before the deadline on 23rd September 2011 and advised them it was subject to any issues raised at the extraordinary meeting this evening which would be forwarded the following day. There then ensued a lengthy and very detailed appraisal of all aspects of the document coupled with much discussion by the members. It was unanimously agreed that the preliminary response should be ratified in every detail.

Resolved: The Clerk to notify the Director of Planning of the decision at the first opportunity.

Arising: Cllr Bleakman advised the members that there will be a further review of the LDF in the early part of next year and it would be advisable to form a working group to consider the long term future before then.

The Chairman thanked Cllr Bleakman for his considerable efforts and advice.

190 FINANCE

To note receipt of £35.52 being Owners payment from Chagford Commoners Association for period 1st November 2010 to 1st May 2011. – **Noted:**

| 191 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT | £ |
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| The following accounts were approved for payment | |
| a) 3552 - Mr M Webber – repairs to Notice Board | 398.00 |
| b) 3553 - Mr B Pell – Jubilee Park Maintenance 07/09 | 130.00 |
| c) 3554 - Audit Commission – Audit fee 2010/11 | 342.00 |
| d) 3555 - HM Revenue & Customs – employers Nat Ins – 3 months | 54.03 |
| e) 3556 - Staples –bulk purchase copy paper & toner for photocopier | 356.15 |

The Meeting Closed at 8.40pm

Confirmation of the Minutes

Dated.....

Signed.....