

**Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Chagford Parish Council
held at Endecott House on Monday, October 26th 2009 commencing at 8.15pm.**

Present: Cllrs Bleakman (Chairman); Coombe; Davies; Mrs Haxton; Mrs Hill; Jeffreys; Parrott; Perryman; Sampson & Ms Thorn

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Mrs Milton and Geering.

In attendance, the Clerk, Mrs Stone,

222 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Perryman declared an interest in Mins 227; 228.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

223 Presentation on the Power of Well Being

Cllr Bleakman circulated an appraisal of the Power of Well Being and highlighted ways in which the power could be used to incur expenditure; give financial assistance to or enter agreements with any person to provide staff, goods, services or accommodation for the benefit of the community. He also described the means by which Parish Councils could become “eligible” to use the powers. It was acknowledged that the subject required much deliberation before a decision could be taken on the matter.

Resolved: The subject to be debated at the next regular meeting on 9th November 2009.

224 WDBC Sustainable Community Strategy (Min 203 refers)

An appraisal by Cllr Bleakman of the Sustainable Community Strategy 2007 – 2017 was circulated to all members. It presented a view of the Borough of West Devon to 2026 of prosperous and vibrant towns and sustainable rural communities where the needs of everyone will be met. The 5 key priorities are Economy; Housing; Environment; Access to Services and Community Wellbeing. **Noted:**

225 Dog Control Order (Min 211 refers)

The proposed dog control order was discussed and the wording adjusted to meet the legal requirements of the Act. Copies of the final order to be confirmed and circulated at the next meeting.

Resolved: On a vote of 8 with 2 abstentions, that the Chairman sign the order upon completion and a copy to be attached to the Minutes of this meeting.

226 DNPA Management Plan (Min 202 refers)

Deferred to next meeting

DEVELOPMENT CONTROL & PLANNING REPORTS

227 0477/09 Great Weeke Cottage, Chagford

Resolved: The Council is supportive of this application which it considers satisfies the requirements of DNPA Policies COR 4 & 5 and retained Policy BL6 and tastefully incorporates an outbuilding into habitable accommodation within a Listed Building.

228 0478/09 Great Weeke Cottage, Chagford – Listed Building Consent

Proposed refurbishment of an existing redundant outbuilding attached to the house to create habitable accommodation.

Resolved: The Council is supportive of the principles of the proposed changes, which it considers satisfy the requirements of DNPA retained policy BL6. The Council is unable to comment on the specifics of the refurbishment process.

229 Dartmoor National Park Authority Forum

Meeting to be held at Parke, Bovey Tracey on 27th November 2009 at 2.15pm
Items for the Agenda requested.

Resolved: Cllr Parrott to represent the Council.

URGENT BUSINESS BROUGHT FORWARD AT THE CHAIRMAN'S DISCRETION

230 South Western Ambulance Service – Aspirant Foundation Trust Consultation

Consultation Document and Questionnaire received for appraisal.

Resolved: Cllrs Mrs Hill and Mrs Haxton to peruse the questionnaire and report to Council

231 Road Closure - North Street, Chagford

Many complaints were received concerning the road closure notice for North Street to take place from 21st October 2009 for **3 days**. In the event the road was till closed until late on Monday October 26th resulting in chaotic traffic congestion and loss of bus services. Traffic jams on one occasion took 1 hour to clear. The Clerk complained verbally to the Highways Department in Barnstaple who said they would refer the matter to their Enforcement Department for action. The Contractor responsible was Messrs Balfour Beatty.

Resolved: The Clerk to write to the Highways Department concerning the need for proper traffic management in these circumstances drawing attention to the total lack of any supervision of the problems caused.

The Meeting Closed at 9.22pm

Confirmation of the Minutes

Dated.....

Signed.....