

Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Chagford Parish Council held at Endecott House on Monday 27th October 2014 at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Cllrs: Bleakman, Mrs. Haxton, Mrs.Hill (Chairman), Lloyd Hill, Parrott, Sampson, Shears, Miss Stead, Ms Thorn and Williams.

Apologies: Cllrs: Coombe and d'ArchSmith

250. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Cllr: Parrott declared an interest in Minute 255.

GROUP/REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS

Planning Control Matters – Cllr: Bleakman

251. 0569/14 Chad Wyche, Manor Road, Chagford

Alterations and extension to existing dwelling and enlargement of forecourt (amendments to scheme approved under 0549/13). **Resolved:** the Council supports this application.

252. 0585/14 Rushford Mill Farm, The Old Piggery, Chagford

Prior Notification – access track. **Resolved:** No Objection.

253. 0586/14 Crossways, Chagford

Certificate of Lawfulness for the erection of a garage at Crossways, Chagford. **Resolved:** Object – the Council is of the opinion that the proposed development does not satisfy the permitted development rights regulations with respect to building in front of the principal elevation and, as such objects to the issue of a Certificate of Lawfulness.

Grant of Conditional Planning Permission

254. 0470/14 Crannafords Industrial Park, Chagford

Change of use of land from B1 to B8 and addition of roofing subject to the following conditions: the building shall be completed within six months; the roof shall be covered in a dark grey coloured material to match the existing building; the north, west and south elevations of the building shall be covered with either timber or metal sheet cladding; the eastern ends and any other exposed or external faces of the shipping containers shall be painted to match the colour of the external facing materials; the existing planting along the western boundary of the site shall be maintained at a height no lower than the highest part of the building; the building and shipping container units shall be used for storage and distribution purposes only. **Noted.**

Cllr: Parrott left the meeting

255. Smutty Park, Thorn, Chagford

After the decision of the Parish Council to object to the planning of Stables at Smutty Park the Planning Officer of DNPA had contacted the Council stating that it would be difficult for DNPA to justify a reason for refusal on land availability. **Resolved:** after considering the Planning Officers concerns the

Council decided that they did not wish to change their original observations and their original decision stands.

Refusal to Issue a Certificate of Lawful Use or Development

256. 0448/14 The Square, Chagford

Reasons for the refusal – the Authority is not satisfied that the proposed change of use of the building to a mixed use as a shop and two flats is Permitted Development. **Noted.**

MATTERS ARISING

257. WW1 – War Memorial Grant and Poppy Seeds (Min: 211a refers)

Devon Remembers grant application has been accepted, however we now need a faculty (similar to listed building consent) from the Diocese. The Clerk has sent the appropriate forms for consideration. **Noted.**

The Parish Council have some Flanders Poppy Seeds to be scattered, which Cllr: Lloyd Hill agreed to undertake. The suggestions for the seeds included – Crossways, Cross Tree, Rushford Bridge, around the “Chagford signs. **Noted.**

258. Throwleigh Centre (Min: 211d refers)

Following the failure to attract any bids at auction a local cash buyer signed the contract and paid a deposit the day after the auction. **Resolved:** Cllr: Mrs. Hill and Sampson are in the process of drawing up a new Charity Trust Deed.

259. Local Government Boundary Commission

The Commission has now completed its review of West Devon. The draft Order will provide for new electoral arrangements for West Devon to be implemented at the local elections in 2015. There will be 7 single-member wards, one of which will be Chagford, 9 two-member wards and 2 three-member wards. **Noted.**

GENERAL PURPOSES AND POLICY MATTERS

260. Emergency Plan

The Emergency Plan has been prepared for distribution and now needs to be printed. **Resolved:** Cllr: Parrott will seek a quote for 700 copies.

261. Chagford Parish Council Standing Orders

Chagford Parish Council Standing Orders have been amended. To allow members of the public to:-

- a) film, photograph or make an audio recording of a meeting;
- b) use any other means for enabling persons not present to see or hear proceedings at a meeting as it take place or later;
- c) report or comment on the proceedings in writing during or after a meeting or orally report or comment after the meeting

These must replace **1 bb - Photographing, recording, broadcasting or transmitting the proceedings of a meeting by any means is not permitted without the Council's prior written consent.**

Resolved: the following should be added to Chagford Parish Council Standing Orders "It would be courtesy to inform the Chairman in advance if you intend to photograph record, broadcast or transmit the proceedings"

ENVIRONMENT

262. WDBC Dog Control Orders

On 22nd October 2014, West Devon Borough Council introduced their Dog Control Orders. There are four Orders as follows:-

1. **Dog Fouling.** It will be an offence for a person in charge of a dog who fails to remove any dog fouling. This applies on all land open to the air in the Borough, to which the public have access with or without payment.

2. **Dogs on Lead.** Dogs will be required to be on a lead across the Borough in all car parks, near retail premises and in cemeteries, churchyards and war memorials. Leads will also be required in all fenced, hedged or walled ponds, areas of water or nature reserves, together with all marked sports fields whilst organised sport is in progress. On Open Access Land (Dartmoor) across the Borough, dogs are required to be on short leads between 1st March and 31st July and at all times near livestock.

3. **Dog Exclusion.** Dogs will be banned from fenced, hedged, walled children's play areas, bowling greens, tennis courts, skateboard/BMX parks and putting greens. Also dogs will be excluded from sporting or recreational facility pitches when sport is in play.

4. **Dogs on Lead by Direction.** Any officer authorised by SHDC can request a dog owner to place their dog on a lead in any open public land, to prevent a nuisance or behaviour by the dog likely to cause annoyance or disturbance to any other person. This also applies to prevent the worrying or disturbance of any animal or bird.

Dog Exclusions – Jubilee Field, Chagford. Noted

263. Repair of Seat in the Square

The seat in the Square outside the Market House has been damaged. The seat was purchased in 2006 from Streetmaster. **Resolved:** the Clerk will send a photograph of the seat to Streetmaster who will give a quote for the repair work.

264. Street Light in Lower Street

Cllr: Coombe met with Shane Bayley from the Street Light Team to discuss why the street light had been removed and the options available to replace the light. The options being: 1. Pole and conduct outside the original property on the footpath; 2. Relocate near The Roman Catholic Signpost/ grit bin; 3.

ask the next door neighbour if they would be willing to have the light on their property. **Resolved:** it was decided that the first approach would be for the Street Light Team to write a letter to the next door neighbour, the Parish Council requests that it is included in any correspondence.

265. Parish Sand and Sandbag Request

With the onset of autumn, now is a good time to consider whether Chagford needs to obtain sand and sandbags. WDBC are offering sand and sandbags to Parish Councils free of charge. They will supply empty sandbags plus a dumpy bag of sand. **Resolved:** the Clerk will return the form requesting the sand and sandbags. She will ask the Fire Station if it can be stored within their parking area.

URGENT BUSINESS BROUGHT FORWARD AT THE CHAIRMAN'S DISCRETION

266. Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner

Chagford Parish Council have been invited to join Tony Hogg and the Crime Commissioner to participate in 'Hot Seat Live' Rural Crime Policing Debate with the Police and Crime Commissioner and Chief Constable. Friday 7th November 2014, 12.30 pm start (doors open at 12.15 pm) at Hatherleigh Community Centre. **Noted.**

267. Dartmoor Access Forum

Dartmoor Access Forum is looking for new members. Could you contribute to the development of public access to the countryside within Dartmoor National Park? DNPA are looking for dedicated volunteers who have the passion, skills, knowledge and enthusiasm to help people make the most of the many opportunities for enjoying Dartmoor. **Noted.**

268. Chagford Commoners' Association and Chagford Commoners' HLE/UELS Association

Notice of Annual General Meeting for both the Chagford Commoners' Association and the Chagford HLS/UELS Association will be held on Wednesday 19th November at 7.30 p.m., The Three Crowns, Chagford. **Noted.**

269. Chagford School

Many people in the community are concerned about the recent indication by the Education Funding Authority that Chagford Primary School will be rebuilt as opposed to refurbished in 2015/16. A meeting will be arranged by the Governing Body shortly when more information will be available. **Resolved:** planning will come through the Council and will be treated as any other planning application.

The Meeting Closed at 9.00 p.m.

Date **Signed**