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Minutes for the Colyton Parish Council meeting held on Monday 8th June in the Mortimer Room of the Feoffees Town Hall, Colyton at 7pm.

Present: Cllrs K Clifford, C Collier, B Collier, J Hay, S Real, C Pady, G Stephens, P Gibbins, P Dean, A Jarman, A Parr, R Turner, H Evans (for part of the meeting), Dist Cllr H Parr, 4 members of the public (for part of the meeting), 1 member of the press & E Berry (Clerk)

Cllr A Parr welcomed everyone to the meeting and congratulated the organisers of the Tractor Run and the Youth Football competition for hosting very successful events. The clerk will write letters to the organisers. He reminded everyone that the Monmouth Rebellion re-enactment will be held this coming Saturday.

15/06/24 Receipt & Approval of apologies for absence

15/06/25 Police Report

Colyton - 2 Crimes

This compares to 1 crime last month and 9 crimes in May 2014

- **9th – 10th Criminal damage:** A metal pin was removed from a gate to a field. (CR/032158/15)
- **23rd – 24th Vehicle Interference:** A screw was removed from a number plate of a car parked in Colyvale. (CR/035787/15)

PC Speariett said "May has seen the lowest recorded crime since at least 2004 and is well below the long term average, and with only 39 crimes recorded so far this year Seaton Rural is on target to see its lowest ever yearly totals.

Colyton has seen the lowest 5 month total from Jan – May with just 13 crimes to date, down from a peak of 47 in 2009. All other parishes are seeing low crime totals so far this year.

15/06/26 Public Question time (maximum 15 minutes)

A Coly Road resident asked what movement had been made on the skate park? The noise was increasingly worse as more children were using it – sometimes as many as a dozen. She feels the facility should be closed until it has been inspected and the faults rectified.

Mrs Smith noted that the nominee for the Reece Strawbridge Trustee was up for discussion. She stated that the RSC needed a 'doer', someone who could provide help to the Centre. Mark Mann had been invaluable during his time and was what the centre needed.

15/06/27 Voting on representatives to other organisations – vacancies and nominations.

Voted on by all present, with the following results:

- 1 x Axe Vale Ring & Ride – Mr K Jones
- 1 x Colyton Chamber of Feoffees - Cllr R Collier
- 2 x Community Woodland Trust – Cllr C Pady, Cllr A Jarman
- 2 x DALC Axminster Area Committee – Cllr R Collier & Cllr S Real
- 2 x Footpath wardens P3 – Mr P Marx & Mr B Love
- 2 x Nominations to Social Club – Cllr Parr & Cllr P Gibbins
- 1 x Parish Tree Warden – Cllr H Evans
- 2 x Playing Field Committee – Cllr R Collier & Cllr R Turner
- 1 x Reece Strawbridge Trustee – Cllr J Hay
- 1 x St Andrews Fabric Committee – Cllr A Parr
- 1 x Friends of Colyton Library – M Mann.

15/06/28 Approval of the minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on 18th May 2015

These were agreed and signed as a true record of the meeting.

15/06/29 Matters arising from the Minutes

- a) Response from CeramTech re car parking for school
Cllr A Parr read out the response which was very negative and disappointing.
- b) Date to meet with Skate Board manufacture – Monday 29th June 12.00.

15/06/30 Report from County Councillor – not present

15/06/31 Report from District Councillors

Cllr Parr drew the councillor's attention to the DMC meeting being held on the 16th, this is to discuss the East Devon Village Plan and the proposed changes to the Built Up Area Boundaries. The consultation would agree various things, including the boundary changes and applications for individual sites put forward for inclusion or exclusion.

She confirmed that the BUAB for Colyford would be removed, giving it countryside status with no development allowed apart from extensions or affordable housing if a need was shown.

She had seen the proposal from Howard West BOUT Colyford having its own plan and had taken advice from the planning officers who felt that this was not a good idea and that a NP with Colyford having its own chapter would be the best way forward.

Cllr Parr reassured a member of the public that the DMC meeting will be open to the public.

Cllr Real asked what was the outcome of the recent meeting with the group of Independents over the subject of relocation?

Cllr Parr said their motion was not accepted and the relocation isn't affected. Independent auditors had checked the figures and the move will go ahead as scheduled. Cllr Hay questioned the total cost, initially budgeted at £250,000 but rumoured to be more like £870,000. He also questioned the position of the Chief Executive, Mr Williams, who had been shared for the past couple of years with South Somerset. They are now dispensing with his services so having managed without him for all that time is there really a full time role for him at EDDC?

Cllr Parr replied that couldn't confirm the final total of the move. An awful lot of preparatory work had been done and she could guarantee that when the move takes place the savings will cover the repayment of the short term loan. She said no decision had been made on Mr Williams's role but she would keep us informed.

15/06/32 Highway Matters

Cllr Hay was disappointed that we seem to be no further forward on pothole repairs. Another hole had appeared in Coly Road as well as the ongoing South Street problem. Potholes were also reported up near Hedge End farm turning and Moorefield/Gribblemead. The clerk reiterated that anyone could report potholes to Highways using the online report form - <https://new.devon.gov.uk/roadsandtransport/report-a-problem>. The drain at Lillylake/3 Sycamores although now uncovered isn't taking water – it needs looking into as it may well be a simple case of shovelling away some of the accumulated soil.

Cllr A Parr mentioned a letter from DCC he had received about the yellow lining. It now appears they are talking about match funding – about £1500. The feeling was that we had been messed about for far too long and we are being fobbed off with reasons for not doing it! He will write a letter to DCC.

15/06/33 Report from Meetings Attended

Cllr C Collier reported she had attended the opening of the Memory Café in the Library and found it to be very well run with lots of involvement from the community including Colyton Grammar School and the residents of Elmwood.

The 'new' councillor who attended the training session on Saturday found it very informative and well run.

15/06/34 Correspondence

- a) Publications e-mailed to councillors – Intouch/RsN etc
- b) 'Round robin' email from Anne West re Seaton – Colyford SLW works & Neighbourhood planning. Councillors felt that leading cyclist out onto the Seaton Road to cross it into Popes Lane was an accident waiting to happen. Cllr Parr said we should be fighting for the money we had been promised to complete the safer off road route from Seaton and in the meantime asking for traffic calming measures to ensure the safety of those people who will be using the route currently under construction.
- c) Letter from Seaton Health & Social Care forum requesting a parish councillor to join the forum. Cllr C Collier volunteered.
- d) Email from Janie Buckley re EDDC consultation on beach huts. Councillors were urged to pass this onto anyone with a beach hut and to comment themselves if they had strong views about it.

Cllr Clifford mentioned the state of the Dolphin Street car park wall – currently some very large stones are loose and if they fell onto Dolphin Street they could injure or kill people. The wall also has a lot of shrubs & ivy growing out of it, weakening the structure in places. The clerk will report it.

15/06/35 Finance

Minutes of the meeting held Tuesday May 26th (Appendix C) to be noted
Accounts to be approved for payment
Cllr Reai proposed payment, seconded by Cllr Turner and agreed by all.

Cheque	Payee			VAT	Total
DD	EDF	Electricity			£9.00
DD	Tiscali	Telephone & Broadband	15.70	3.14	£18.84
3586	Cash	Toilet Caretaker			£100
3587	Hammett Associates	Internal review prior to external audit	394	78.80	£472.80
3588	Musbury Garage	Fuel	9.84	1.97	£11.81
3589	Viridor	Waste Management	84.22	16.83	£101.05

- a) Approval to Purchase accounts package. Clerk to ask for a demo.
- b) Confirmation that audit was receive by external auditors.

15/06/36 Planning

Minutes of the meeting held Tuesday May 26th – (Appendix D) to be noted

a Planning Applications

Application for additional inscription – Irma Elizabeth Nangon
Plot A33 - **APPROVED**

b Planning Decisions

15/0899/FUL Ridgeway Lodge, Ridgeway Lane, Colyton
Installation of Kargester Biodisc Sewage Treatment plant – **APPROVED**

***15/0906/FUL The Kingfisher, Dolphin St. Colyton**
Demolition of part of existing toilet block, erect covered way and extend toilets – **APPROVED**

***15/0940/FUL Seaton Tramway, Station House, Station Rd, Colyton**
Change of use of first floor to create self-contained holiday let accommodation and provision of external staircase. **APPROVED**

c Planning Correspondence

15/06/37 Amenities

- a) Colyton Community Woodland Report
- b) Letter forwarded from Emma Laughton notifying us that the Colyton War Memorial has been awarded Grade II Listed Building Status. This was done without consultation with CPC because the two recipients of the original letters did either not understand it or ignored the content. This means the work on cleaning the memorial is suspended until listed building consent can be approved – possibly a 10 week delay and any other work in the future will need consent.
- c) List of allotments not being cultivated.
Plot holders have been contacted where possible. There are no people waiting for plots and there will be a half plot and a ¼ available soon. Clerk to advertise allotments in the Coly Times.
- d) The Carnival Committee have approved the funding of the new play equipment. The Parish Council will have to lay a new path suitable for wheelchairs to the play park from the existing path. All councillors agreed to accept this offer from the Carnival Committee.

- e) Mark Mann will try to paint the toilets by the 22nd, if it can't be done by then he will let us know. He will also put bolts in the empty holes of the spine ramp.

15/06/38 Neighbourhood Plan for Colyton Parish

- a) Boundary map & application form from EDDC
 Cllr Turner proposed Cllr Caroline Collier as chair of the Steering Group, there were no other nominations and Cllr Real seconded the proposal and it was agreed by all.
 Cllr Real proposed that as previously discussed, CPC should present a NP which includes both communities (Colyton & Colyford). Cllr Stephens seconded the proposal and all agreed.
 The Clerk will file the application form.

15/06/39 Colyton Memorial Social Club – nothing heard re the lease.

At a recent meeting the financial situation was reported as improved. The Club is advertising for a new Steward and have had to increase the money they were offering to bring it above the minimum wage so this will have an impact on the finances.

15/06/40 Stafford Common Business Tenancies

Cllr Gibbins declared an interest as he is the current tenant.
 The clerk will check to see that all rent is paid up to date.
 Cllr Real proposed Ross Wilmington is used to draw up the combined lease from September 2015 and his advice taken on advertising, rent to charge etc,
 Cllr Turner seconded the proposal and all agreed,

15/06/41 Registration of Parish properties – update

5 application successfully registered – St Andrews Garden, Shiphay Allotments, Cemetery, Land adjoining Mill Close **and** Umborne Bridge Gardens
 Picnic Site was registered to EDDC but the 1975 conveyance document we submitted clearly shows that we are the owners. It was agreed to submit the AP1 form to get the registered changed.

15/06/42 Update of Standing Orders re casual vacancies.

The draft discussion document will be reworked to show that in the event of multiple vacancies CPC will hold a paper ballot with all candidates named on it. Councillors will then cast their vote for the number of vacancies available. Those candidates with the most votes will be co-opted. The Chairman will have a deciding vote.

15/06/43 Matters to be taken into Committee – none

15/06/44 Items brought to the CPC's attention after the agenda had been published – to be noted.

- a) RSC report from Mark Mann.

15/06/45 Dates of future meetings

Finance & Planning – Monday June 22nd
 Parish Inspection – July 6th (Teams allocated & emailed to Councillors).
 CPC July meeting – Monday 13th July

There being no other business the meeting closed at 2035.