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Minutes of the Colyton Parish Council meeting held on Monday 8th August 2016 in the Mortimer Room of the Feoffees Town Hall, Colyton at 7pm.

Present: Cllrs A Parr, C Collier, B Collier, S Real, P Gibbins, J Hay, P Dean, C Pady, K Clifford, R Turner, Dist Cllr H Parr, Cty Cllr S Randall Johnson (for part of the meeting), 4 members of the public, PCSO Chris Bolsover (for part of the meeting) and E Berry (Clerk).

16/08/62 Receipt & Approval of apologies for absence – Cllrs H Evans (holiday), A Jarman (prior commitment) & G Stephens (unwell).

16/08/63 Police Report

PCSO Chris Bolsover introduced himself as the new member of the team for Seaton Rural.

Recorded Crime and Incidents July 2016

Violence with Injury	1	1	0.00%
Violence without Injury	1	0	
Other Theft	2	2	0.00%
Criminal Damage	1	0	
Total	5	3	66.70%

Incident Category	Incidents	Incidents	Incidents
	01/07/2016 to 31/07/2016	01/01/2015 to 31/07/2015	% Difference
Anti-Social Behaviour	3	2	50.00%
Crime Recorded	3	1	200.00%
Public Safety	16	6	166.70%
Transport	1	1	0.00%
Total	23	10	130.00%

Year to date 28 crimes recorded compared to 22 in 2015.

He commented that the surgeries in Colyford and Colyton are going well, with good attendance from the public. A Colyford resident asked what could be done about the inconsiderate parking in the Elms at Colyford. Frequently the pavement is blocked which makes it difficult for elderly residents with mobility scooters to safely pass. Chris said they would look at it and pay a ‘passing attention’ over the next few weeks. The offense would be dangerous obstruction as they are no yellow line there and one course of action is a letter drop asking people to park considerately.

He confirmed the surgeries – Colyford – monthly on the third Wednesday of the month at Café St Michael and weekly on a Tuesday (10 – 11) at the Community café in Colyton. These are subject to staff being available to attend.

Cllr Turner commented that the problem of inconsiderate parking also exists on the Colyvale/Courtney Drive area, around the horseshoe, with cars parking on the pavement.

17/08/64 Public Question time (maximum 15 minutes)

David Morgan summarised his suggestions to the bus company re the winter timetable. He explained how he had been involved in trying to promote a better service to the area since 2014. His report has been submitted already as they have to give 56 days’ notice to the Transport Commission of any changes.

Cllr Clifford was asked if he had received anything from Highways re the parking in Govers Meadow opposite the Doveridge Care Home? The subject is ongoing and a request has been made for yellow lines which will be followed up with the County Councillor.

17/08/64 Approval of the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held 11th July 2016

With the inclusion of the reference that clarifies the Cemetery fee situation the minutes were signed and accepted as being a true record of the meeting,

Cllr Dean requested an email copy of the draft minutes which the Clerk will provide him with.

17/08/65 Matters arising from the minutes

EDDC Viewpoint survey

This will be on the agenda of the Committee meetings as the deadline is 16th September.

17/08/66 Report from County Councillor (given later in the meeting but reported here in agenda order).

Cllr Randall Johnson had three points to comment on:

1. The reorganisation of the Senior Officers at County Hall due to retirement. Previously there was a Chief executive and 2 Strategic Officers, this will now change with 8 people reported on various departments to the Chief Executive. There will be no extra staff employed.
2. The A30 road improvement consultation exercise has begun with two option up for discussion. The total project cost is about £170m and the County Council will have to bid to the Department of Transport for funding. This is a much needed scheme and the County Council have been let down by Central Government on several occasions.
3. The Road Warden scheme.
Bags of 'instamatic' tarmac are becoming available for parish council to buy (a pallet of 50 x 25kg bags cost about £500) and make their own highway repairs with the proper training and equipment.
Free Chapter 8 training is being offered – Cllr Gibbins expressed an interest.

Cllr Randall Johnson also commented that she still has funds in her locality budget to help with any technical requirements that the Parish Council may feel they need to access and display the Planning applications.

Cllr Hay asked who was taking responsibility for weed spraying the pavements around the Parish? She answered no-one. Likewise some of the verges and signs were not being cleaned or cleared unless they were a safety issue.

There followed some discussion about the piece of 'no-mans' land at the top of the Butts where it meets Burnards Field Rd.

The Double Yellow Lines requests are being dealt with by a single person, responsible in collating all the requests in East Devon and presenting and advertising them for consultation before going to Central Government for approval. The Parish Council expressed its dismay over the length of time this has taken and urged her to press on with the exercise.

Cllr Hay voiced his displeasure at the quality of the work undertaken at Ridgeway. The pipe, deemed as inadequate by him and recorded as such, is now blocked and water is coming through the wall which, in his opinion, will fall down. More work is required to sort out the problem which had it been done properly in the first place, taking into account local knowledge, would not have now been necessary. He stated that ' it's all very frustrating'.

Cllr Parr stated that it was important that these issues, and any others, are reported to Highways. There are limited funds available and the work has to be prioritised.

16/08/67 Report from District Councillor

Cllr Parr had two updates:

1. She was at the meeting of the Parishes Together bidding panel who supported the bid with surrounding parishes for ditch & drainage clearing. The way forward is to get details from each parish and prioritise the work. She commented that if the project looked as if it would run out of money, to get the work done, to get back to her.
2. The Draft Village Plan – consultation has begun.

The main issue is the BUAB (Built up area boundary), a detailed look is necessary and there is an improved map option on the website but she said look at the descriptive part of the document as well. CeramTech is still outside the BUAB.

Cllr Hay commented on the report in last week's View from newspaper. He wanted to know how a decision to build vast numbers of housing with affordable provision could be overturned because the developer allegedly couldn't afford it? Cllr Parr explained that in the case of a developer finding himself in that position the District Valuer looks at the figures and makes a recommendation. The District Council cannot force a developer to develop a site, they cannot be made to include affordable provision if the figures don't stack up.

Planning rules have to be applied. However there is an overage clause which states that if any profit is accrued beyond the figure agreed EDDC can claw that profit back.

Cllr Real said why didn't councils get together and write to their MP's stating the case and asking for rules to be changed? Cllr Parr said EDDC would welcome such an action. Councils need to be talking to DALC to get support and drive this forward.

16/08/68 Highway Matters

- a) Email re DCC Highways and Parish Council Conference/workshops - Cllr Parr read this out and the suggestions were Potholes, Parking and Double Yellow Line and the continuing poor state of the areas roads
- b) Email correspondence between local resident and Highways re resurfacing at Umborne. Cllr Parr read out the response from Highways and reiterated the importance of reporting any issues to Highways and keeping the pressure on.
- c) Email re Community Resilience. The Clerk will report back the recent project with Shute using Parishes together funds, local contractors and the farming community.

16/08/69 Report from Meetings Attended

Cllr B Collier had attended the Axminster area meeting (DALC) at Allsaints and although there was a poor attendance there was a good discussion. Councils are being encouraged to sign up as members of the Association as what is currently happening with one clerk being responsible for several councils is to use information gained by one council and disseminate it to the others who may not be Association members but are benefiting from their knowledge and expertise.

Cllr Gibbins has attended a meeting at the Social Club – agenda item later on.

Cllr Clifford reported on the 'Long Way Down' charity auction, bringing the total raised for Force Cancer Charity to in excess of £18k. The Clerk will write and congratulate all involved.

Cllr Hay had attended a meeting at the Reece Strawbridge Centre. There was a proposal to move the Pat Goate memorial clock but it was decided that it will remain in place facing the playing fields.

Cllr Pady had held a Parish Picnic meeting with various organisations Nick Harris from the school is very keen to get the children involved and has offered the school for future meetings. The date will be September 30th from 2pm to 5pm. The next meeting is tomorrow (Tuesday) evening.

16/08/70 CPC Correspondence

- a) Monthly Publications e-mailed to councillors – Intouch/RsN etc
- b) Email from local resident re X53 bus service and his proposals to the bus company – emailed to Cllrs. Agreed to send a letter of support.
- c) Email newsletter from Seaton Down speedwatch campaign re support by local MP – emailed to Cllrs
- d) Email re Local Government Boundary Committee electoral review invitation to a presentation at Knowle on 28th September – sent to councillors, (Cllr S Real & Cllr B Collier interested in going)
- e) Letter from Mike Rowland re state of Road Green. – emailed to Cllrs. The layby is not part of the Highway but it was agreed to speak to Tony Underdown and see if something can be done to level it out. The Clerk will respond to Mr Rowland and explain we are chasing things up.
- f) Email re new consultation in relation to Devon Mineral Plan – emailed to Cllrs. Does not affect Colyton Parish.

16/08/71 Finance

Minutes of the meeting held Monday July 25th (Appendix H) to be noted

Accounts to be approved for payment proposed by Cllr Real, seconded by Cllr Dean.

DD	Opus	Electricity – now read by smart meter.	£7.63	£0.38	8.01 but £4.41 in credit so £3.60 to pay
DD*	Talk Talk	Telephone & Broadband	£27.38	£5.47	£32.85
3752	Cash	Toilet Caretaker			£100
3753	Viridor Waste	Exchanges for July	111.02	22.20	£133.22
3754	Bradfords	Postcrete for gate – P3 work	4.90	.98	£5.88

- a) Parishes Together funding bid.
The clerk explained that Seaton Council had no written record of the proposed dog warden share despite a meeting being held with the Seaton Town clerk, Cllr Collier and the Colyton Clerk. All email correspondence and details of the bid have been forwarded to them and we await their reply.
The draining/ditching bid was successful, the clerk will contact the other parishes and begin the process of identifying the problem areas.
- b) Clerk request holiday from September 5th to 16th – noted.

16/08/72 Planning

Minutes of the meeting held Monday July 25th – (Appendix I) to be noted

a Planning Applications

16/1692/LBC The Compasses, South Street – Mr Marks

Erection of timber and plasterboard partitions to form an additional bedroom and separate en-suite bathroom from bedroom area.

Amendment received 8/8/16 - door detail and photograph of bathroom vent – not yet online.

SUPPORTED – proposed by Cllr Real seconded by Cllr Hay. Agreed by all.

16/1779/TRE 6 Kingholme, Colyford – Mr Girling

T1 Horse Chestnut. Reduce branches overhanging the driveway.

Cllrs B Collier and S Real to take a look and report back.

16/1742/COU Leacroft Touring Park, Colyton Hill – Mr Robinson.

Change of use of an area from touring caravan site to use for static caravan. Change of use of agricultural field to a camping area for tents.

SUPPORTED- proposed by Cllr Real, seconded by Cllr Gibbins. Agreed by all.

16/1124/FUL Whispering Pines, Seaton Road – Mr Breen

Amended plans for consultation.

Front door repositioned. External garage stairs added. North elevation window moved. Timber cladding added to East, West and North elevation.

These amendments relate to Amendments to layout (garage moved further from road and provision of Devon bank to frontage) and material finish of proposal

NOT SUPPORTED – proposed by Cllr Real and seconded by Cllr Clifford.

CPC reiterates our previous comments. These amendment do nothing to mitigate the impact this build would have on the area, It remains in a prominent position within the landscape and is totally out of character for the local area,

b Planning Decisions

16/1529/FUL 35 Branscombe Close, Colyford – Mr Huntley

Ground floor extension linking house to existing double garage and incorporating part of the garage as living space. **APPROVED with conditions.**

16/0827/LBC & 16/0823/FUL Heathayne Farm, Colyton – Mr & Mrs Hackman

Proposed alteration and conversion of barn to form family annex

APPROVED

c Planning Correspondence

- i) Headstone Application – Norton Memorial for Mr & Mrs Board – current application is oversized, still awaiting correction (Norton’s closed until August 15th).
- ii) Headstone Application - Norton Memorial – Mary Stigant headstone, within guidelines. APPROVED
- iii) Response from Nick Wright re query on scanning resolution of plans and information. Nothing has changed he feels the quality is acceptable but it depends on the original document from the architects.
- iv) Notification of appeal to the Secretary of State by DBD Developments re 15/1777/OUT – noted.

d) Neighbourhood Plan update

- a) Letter to the CPC Chairman from Chair of NP Committee.
Cllr Parr read this out. The recommendation was what the CPC had previously discussed. If accepted this will allow the Steering group to drive the process forward and the committee to form the working parties. A meeting will be called by the NP Chairman shortly.

19/08/73

Amenities

- i) Colyford Play park update – results of consultation and details of the next step.
The clerk was unable to get the final amount of money available for this project which hampers the next process of going to suppliers and asking for a scheme within that budget. Cllr Parr proposed that the Parish Council puts up £21000 and starts the consultation process with the suppliers, seconded by Cllr Real and agreed by all.
- ii) Request that the contractor cuts the cemetery hedge overhanging Sidmouth Rd
- iii) The Grammar School has done some work across the Green Lane Bridleway (52) on the higher side of the Sports hall and blocked the drain, they have been asked to remedy the problem with a pipe.
- iv) Colyton Hill drainage – awaiting land owners permission and waiting for wheat to be harvested so access can be gained.
- v) Playing Field Paths. The contractor has been contacted and asked to start asap.
- vi) Queen St Lamppost – base repaired by Nick Weldon and John Rollings – clerk will send a letter of thanks.
- vii) Pratts Hill & bridleway gate – repaired by John and Cllr Pady – charged to P3 account.
- viii) Travellers in Colyford very quickly moved on by EDDC enforcement officers.
- ix) Road Green replacement play equipment – The Carnival Committee are looking at funding the replacement of the play hut and possibly the springers, they will keep in touch.

16/08/74

Bank Closure – response from Lloyds & MP plus letters from other agencies in Colyton.

Cllr Parr read out the letter from the Customer Services department who had refused to send a representative to a public meeting but will meet the Parish Council. Cllr Real proposed that offer is taken up, seconded by Cllr C Collier and agreed by all.
Neil Parish will write to the Chief Executive and keep in touch.
Both the Promote Colyton group and the Holyford Mission Community have written to Lloyds expressing their concern at this closure.

16/08/75

Colyton Memorial Social Club

Cllr Gibbins had attended a recent meeting. The Club finances are in a much better state. A further change had been made to the rules and regulations of the Club under ownership and maintenance. The Club now has the legal status of unincorporated association – which means that if the club closed, the committee would be responsible for the debts or the members would share the assets (from the bar).

16/08/76

Library - Cllr Parr gave a brief outline on the lease and license (see Finance minutes F16/07/26)

Cllr Turner proposed the draft lease be accepted, seconded by Cllr C Collier and agreed by all.
Cllr Dean proposed that although considerable work had been done on the building 2 years ago, a survey be done on the present condition of the building (by a local builder) and agreed with the Friends of the Library, seconded by Cllr Gibbins and agreed by all.

16/08/77

Matters to be taken into Committee - none

16/08/78

Items brought to the CPC’s attention after the agenda had been published – to be noted.

- a) Consultation on Draft Village Plan – deadline 28th September. This will be on the Planning agenda.

b) EDDC response to local resident re Umborne Bridge Recycling Banks – letter read out for information. It is the opinion of Steve Maclure, Recycling and Waste Officer for EDDC that the recycling site remains in its current location as none of the suggested sites are, in his opinion, suitable.

16/08/79

Dates of future meetings

Finance & Planning – Monday 22nd August

CPC meeting – Monday 12th September

The meeting closed at 9pm.