

COLYTON PARISH COUNCIL
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Minutes of the meeting of the Colyton Parish Council to held Monday 11th September 2017 at 7pm in the Boardroom of the Town Hall.

Present: Cllrs K Clifford, B Collier, C Collier, P Gibbins, A Jarman, C Pady, A Parr, S Real, G Stephens, R Tattershall, R Turner,

Also present: Dist Cllr H Parr and 2 members of the public

The Chairman opened the meeting and congratulated everyone involved with the Carnival on a successful week, agreed to write to the Carnival Committee

The Chairman requested that those who are recording declare so and conform to standing orders.

17/09/63 Receipt and approval of apologies for absence: Cllr J Hay (Holiday), County Cllr M Shaw (Holiday), E Berry, Clerk (Holiday)

17/09/64 Police Report: None received

17/09/65 Public Question Time: Mrs Nason reported a recent problem with a School bus parked across the entrance to the Elms preventing access

17/09/66 The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 14th August 2017 were accepted and signed as being a true record of the meeting

17/09/67 Matters arising from the Minutes:

- a) Queen Street Light – Suggested that the only place for a pole would be by the Feoffees Cottage, Feoffee members agreed to speak to the Chamber at their next meeting
- b) Cuthouse Meadow Play Area is now open

17/09/68 Report from County Councillor: email report sent to Councillors attached to minutes

17/09/69 Report from District Councillor: Cllr H Parr reported that 58% of all waste collected in July had been recycled. There were still a few problems with waste falling out of collection vehicles when vehicles were not closed properly, EDDC are aware of this and when crews responsible for this are identified they will be retrained. The activities and trails at the Wetlands had proved very popular through the summer. There had been 110 volunteers giving 2000 hours service at the Wetlands EDDC had collected 99% of its Council Tax and were the 18th highest collection out of 325 districts

17/09/70 Highway Matters:

- a) TTRO 14th – 15th September, Road to Rockerhayne Cross, Colyton – Patching and surface dressing.
- b) Subsidence in Dolphin Street, between Wavertree and Colcombe Castle. Reported 31/8 - W171035047
- c) Response re W171033080 Grove Hill- emailed to Councillors
- d) Disabled Parking Space by Colcombe – requests for longer time limit. 2 letters received stating that the time limit of 30 minutes was insufficient for disabled people. Agreed to request that the limit be extended to 90 minutes
- e) The County Councillor had emailed that there were still funds left in the patching budget and asked for suggestions, Downhayne Lane and Kingsdon had been put forward and Cllr Shaw had acknowledged this
- e) Collapsed edge of Ridgeway Lane still not repaired
- f) The finger post at Four X Elms is broken – has been reported
- g) Some yellow lines had now been done

h) The traffic calming at the entrance to Old Manor Gardens needs repairing. DCC say it is not their responsibility as it is a private road. Cllr Stephens confirmed that the road was adopted in 2000-2001. Agreed to write to DCC, Cllr Stephens to provide details

17/09/71 Reports from meetings attended: None

17/09/72 Correspondence:

- a) Publications e-mailed to councillors – Intouch/RsN etc
- b) Confirmation of renewal of data protection register.
- c) Email reminder of free Working together conference – emailed to Councillors
- d) Email details of an initiative by Sainsburys – Individuals in Crisis. Piloted in Sheffield they intend to engage Councils all over the UK – emailed to Cllrs, CPC comment – No comments
- e) DALC Annual report – includes an article on the Colyford Playground.
- f) Promote Colyton Group AGM Monday 25th September

17/09/73 Finance:

Minutes of the meeting held Monday August 21st (Appendix K) were noted
Accounts approved for payment, proposed Cllr Real, seconded Cllr Turner and agreed by all

TBC				VAT	TOTAL
DD	OPUS ENERGY	Supply to workshop	£7.38	£0.37	£7.75
DD	Tiscali	Phone & Broadband	£23.63	£4.73	£28.36
3918	Orchard Stonemasons	Repair to coping on plinth	£250.00	£50.00	£300.00
3919	Burnell Plant	Parishes together work	£890.00	£178.00	£1068.00
3920	Viridor	Waste collection	£117.40	£23.48	£140.88

- a) Tennis receipts to end August 2017 is £395.75 compared to £48 at end of Aug 2016 and £215.35 at end of 2016 financial year.
- b) Total collected by the community for DAA Night flying lighting tower - £4418.24 with possibly more to come (cheque returned to donor as payee was wrong) *Further £110 received since agenda published
- c) Amended Insurance certificate with Library added has been received.
- d) All new DOI information sent to EDDC and informed them they still have Paul Dean's details on their website despite being told he had resigned

17/09/74 Planning:-

Minutes of the meeting held Monday 21st August – (Appendix L were noted).

a Planning Applications

17/1988/TRE 17 Old Manor Gardens – Mr Powis.

Oak – Crown lift to 2m clearance at ground level. Cuts to be made at 30mm diameter.

SUPPORTED – Proposed Cllr Real, seconded Cllr Turner

17/1962 CPE Land adjoining Borough House, Swan Hill Road, Colyford – Mr & Mrs Bennett

Certificate of Lawfulness to confirm implementation of planning consent 99/P0730 (erection of a dwelling).

Proposed Cllr Gibbins, seconded Cllr Real that our comments be “To the best of our knowledge no work has commenced on this site” agreed by all

17/2008/LBC & 17/2007/FUL Queens Haye, Queen Square, Colyton – Mr & Mrs Fisher Crouch.

Removal of internal wall and lobby roof and replacement with flat roof with lantern, single storey extension including link and installation of flue.

SUPPORTED Proposed Cllr Turner, seconded by Cllr Gibbins

**Cllr Parr declared an interest*

THS2617/2018 Temporary Holiday site Shiphay Farm Colyton Devon

Temporary holiday site from 14th June 2018 to 12th July 2018 (28 nights) Maximum number of units per night 50 including tents and caravans. Permitted development so no planning permission required but comments from Parish Council sought. No comments

**Cllrs B & C Collier declared an interest*

17/1223/FUL The Town Mill, Rosemary Lane, Colyton for Mr D Gray

Conversion and change of use of mill building to 8 no. dwellings, conversion and change of use of detached garage to 1 no. dwelling and demolition of former factory extension

SUPPORT in principle – More parking provision is needed. Proposed by Cllr C Collier, seconded by Cllr Tattershall

17/2017/TCA 21 Old Manor Gardens, Colyford for Mr S Kelly

T1 – to dismantle in a controlled manner 1 x multi-stemmed Horse Chestnut tree cutting as close to ground level as possible

SUPPORTED - Care must be taken not to touch the adjacent Horse Chestnut with a TPO

Proposed by Cllr Stephens, seconded by Cllr Real

b Planning Decisions

- i) Certificate of Lawful use or development issued.
Newcott, King Street, Colyton – Mr Facey
Certificate of lawfulness for the installation of rooflights.

c Planning Correspondence

- i) Two TPO confirmations received:
17 Old Manor Gardens – 17/0105/TPO
18 Thomas Bassett Drive – 17/0102/TPO
- ii) 17/1849/FUL
Member of the public pointed out that on the previous application the Conservation Officer was a consultee and recommended refusal, but was not consulted on for the new application. EDDC informed and an apology received, the planning officer missed it – Conservation office now being consulted.

17/09/75 Update on Neighbourhood Plan

The “Aims & Objectives” workshop was taking place on 13th September with a cross section of members of the public attending. Cllrs Clifford & Gibbins would also attend

17/09/76 Update on Library – Nothing to report

17/09/77 Amenties

- a) Night Flying – Devon Air Ambulance – Planning decision awaited Allotment rent notices to go out by the end of the month, currently a vacant quarter and one person not renewing their tenancy. One plot now taken
- b) Allotment holder expressed concern at the state of some of the plots. A further inspection to take place in the autumn
- c) At least two allotment holders will not be renewing their tenancies – 6Q and 13Q(upper)
- d) Footpath from Stafford Lane to Sunnymead, the kissing gate has dropped, one quote for repair received, further quotes to be obtained
- e) The signs for Colyford Play area are ready. Cllr Pady given authorisation to purchase post fix.
- f) Seats in Govers Meadow needs staining – winter job for handyman.

- 17/09/78** **Colyton Memorial Social Club** The Club is in a good financial position
- 17/09/79** **Reece Strawbridge Centre** Nothing to report
- 17/09/80** **Items brought to CPC's attention since agenda published**
 Cllr Gibbins asked for clarification on our position with regard to the funding of the VAS for Colyford. He was referred to the August Council meeting minutes –“This project is supported and money allocated towards one sign in the next budget discussions”. Traffic Department were looking at the potential sites for the sign and had suggested a battery operated sign would be the best option as it could be moved around to different sites.
 Cllr Pady asked if we should write a letter of support for the proposed crossing in Colyford, agreed to check the present position with Vicky Mills before writing
- 17/09/81** **Dates of future meetings:**
 September F & P meeting – 25th September 2017
 October CPC meeting – Monday 9th Colyford
- The meeting closed at 8.30pm

APPENDIX 1

County Councillor's Report September 2017

Future of Seaton and Honiton Hospitals Seaton and Honiton

Hospitals will have both lost their in-patient beds by the end of August. I supported the call by Councillor Martin Pigott, Vice-Chair of Seaton Town Council, for a vigil at Seaton Hospital on 21st August. I spoke at this event and was widely interviewed by regional TV and radio. I hope to attend the similar event called in Honiton for 28th August. I was extremely disappointed that Neil Parish MP failed to reply to the request of Cllr Jack Rowland, Mayor of Seaton, for an urgent meeting with the Secretary of State. Dr Mark Welland, Chairman of the Seaton and District Hospital League of Friends, has pointed out in a statement that Seaton continues to have out-patient clinics in rheumatology, ear nose and throat, audiology, spinal assessment and general medicine, as well as its physiotherapy department. I shall now work with the League, local doctors and Seaton Town Council to press the Royal Devon and Exeter Trust to bring more services to the community hospitals. Services which can be provided in a community setting should not be centralised in Exeter, forcing patients to travel. Meanwhile, the Seaton League of Friends has provided me with figures for its contributions to the Hospital from 1985 to 2009, which totalled over £1.9 million in constant prices. Using the Bank of England's inflation calculator, I estimate that this amounts to over £3 million in today's money. Almost half of this appears to have been towards the building of the hospital and its additional wings (at least one of which was paid for entirely by the League); the remainder for 'general purposes' and for specific developments like the Physiotherapy Department and Hospiscare at Home. When full figures for the last 8 years are also available, it is likely that the total contributions will come close to £4 million in today's money.

Investigation into Devon Health Scrutiny Committee

On 3rd August, Cllrs Claire Wright, Brian Greenslade and I met with Jan Shadbolt, the County Solicitor and Monitoring Officer, to discuss our concerns about the way in which the Health Scrutiny Committee on 26th July, which decided by 7-6 not to refer the hospital bed closure decision, was conducted. Meanwhile a

number of residents in East Devon complained to DCC about the meeting and a formal investigation was launched in response to these complaints. I was interviewed by Rob Hooper, the Council's Democratic Services Officer, who is carry out this investigation, on 9th August. Mr Hooper will report to a closed session of the Standards Committee on 29th August.

A35 at Wilmington

I have agreed to join the A35 Action Group, Widworthy Parish Council and Neil Parish MP in meeting Highways England to discuss implementing urgently needed crossings, etc.

X52 bus service

In my last report I mentioned that, following my question at Devon County Council in July, the Cabinet Member for Transportation, Roger Croad, had agreed to look further into possible subsidy for this service, the only direct service from Beer to Exeter and from Seaton to the RD&E, but also by many residents in Colyford as well as Beer and Seaton for other journeys. Cllr Croad has now replied that subsidy cannot be justified, and First Wessex will therefore reduce the route to two off-peak services per day from 4th September. I will only comment that the calculations only take into the small numbers of 'unique users', not the overall usage of the bus, and that further reducing services from our area only forces more people to use cars, contributing to congestion in Exeter, as well as penalising further those people who don't drive.

'Martin, As you most probably know, both First X52 and Stagecoach are commercially operated so there is no County Tender involved. We have no power to direct either company, both having reacted to what they see as commercial considerations and satisfying most passenger demand. I have now had the opportunity to look into this and John has very kindly crunched some numbers. The best tender price is £50,960 per annum. Looking at the likely passenger numbers, the only unique usage would be from and to Beer, plus Seaton to the RD&E (if we think it unreasonable for Seaton residents to use the Stagecoach service to Exeter and change buses for the RD&E). We think a very generous estimate of the passengers each way is six(6). The calculation is therefore 6 x 2 directions x 6 days x 52 weeks = 3,744 passenger trips. £50,960/3,744 = £13.61 subsidy per passenger trip. Our daily service support criterion (set some time ago now) is £2.50 per passenger trip – in the 2015 review we allowed £4.00 for workers. So, as you can see, we can safely say that the X52 would be significantly in excess of our criteria and as this has been applied across the County I see no reason to benefit some residents to the disadvantage of others. I'm sorry to say that I cannot recommend a subsidy on this occasion.

Roger