

COLYTON PARISH COUNCIL
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Minutes of the meeting of the Colyton Parish Council held on Monday 9th October 2017 at 7pm in the Colyford Memorial Hall.

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

Present: Cllrs R Tattershall, K Clifford, J Hay, S Real, C Collier, B Collier, C Pady, A Parr (Chair), P Gibbins, A Jarman, Dist Cllr H Parr, County Cllr M Shaw (for part of the meeting), 7 members of the public and E Berry (Clerk)

17/10/82 Receipt & Approval of apologies for absence: PC Adam Speers (Neighbourhood Beat Manager), Cllrs Turner, and G Stephens.

17/10/83 Police Report - none received

17/10/84 Public Question time (maximum 15 minutes)

A request was made that the acronyms used are explained to the members of the public.

A representative from the Promote Colyton group offered the support of the group to the proposed Parishes Together initiative with Seaton. Promote Colyton have gone through the exercise of producing a leaflet and would be very happy to share their knowledge and experience.

A Community Speedwatch representative thanked Cllr Shaw for his support for the Vehicle Activate sign (VAS) and his generous donation from his locality budget to purchase one sign.

17/10/85 The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 11th September 2017 were accepted and signed as being a true record of that meeting.

17/10/85 Matters arising from the Minute

a) Traffic calming measures at Old Manor Gardens will be repaired.

17/10/85 Report from County Councillor – October report by email – Appendix 1.

Cllr Shaw briefly went through some of the detail on his report and added a couple of other issues. The traffic order which proposed double yellow lines outside Prospect Terrace was not one the Parish Council wanted or endorsed and he had taken that to the Highways Officer.

The next meeting of the Coly Valley Traffic Group will be Monday 20th November at 2pm.

The proposed areas for patching have been put forward.

He gave details of the additional committees that he will be sitting on which included looking into the phone and broadband coverage in the district and congestion and air pollution.

It is proposed that school funding in Devon will be cut by £33 per pupil.

17/10/86 Report from District Councillors

The foundations of the new building at Heathpark are in place with a move expected by December 2018.

Exmouth Town Hall has been refurbished and 90 offices completed. These will house the Housing department who will relocate over the next few months and the Sidmouth offices mothballed.

The Cabinet had decided, after taking advice, not to take on Holyford Reservoir because of the projected maintenance work required but will work with Holyford Trust to help them improve things.

Cllr Pady expressed his disappointment at the decision not to adopt the reservoir, considering the millions of pounds that had been spent at the Seaton wetlands.

17/10/87 Highway Matters

a) Disabled Parking Space by Colcombe – requests for longer time limit sent to highways, the reply was that this would have to go back to the committee for re-advertising. Only 2 Countrywide Disabled Bay Parking orders are advertised each year so this will not happen until next April or May,

b) Email correspondence re Colyford VAS to be purchased by Cllr Shaw – circulated to Cllrs.

c) Details of Devon Highways Parish & Town Conference – emailed to Councillors.

d) HATOC (Highways and Traffic Orders Committee) proposals forwarded from Cllr Shaw – circulated to councillors – comment made.

e) Email from local resident re ENQ171037850 – subsidence in Dolphin Street – DCC (Devon County Council) says no defect at site.

Clerk to take a picture and submit an enquiry through the website.

- f) Email from local resident re several obscured signs, encouraged to use the DCC Report it website and record the numbers which we can track - <https://new.devon.gov.uk/roadsandtransport/report-a-problem/>

Cllr Hay reported that Lishams drain was flowing well and that the works done over the past years have done nothing to ameliorate the situation. To be tabled at the Traffic meeting.

He reported that cars dropping children off at the Primary School are parking in the old Ceramtech entrance and obstructing the pavement. This is a safety issue and will be reported to Highways.

Cllr Gibbins stated that the double yellow lines on Sidmouth Rd at the top near Western Place need to be extended. Will be tabled at the Traffic meeting

Cllr B Collier reported that a Highway representative will be attending the next DALC (Devon Area Local Council) meeting in Axminster on 24th October (details have been emailed to Councillors.)

Cllr Pady reported little action on ENQ171037675 the collapsed edge of the road at Ridgeway reported in April/May. The lack of action means the Feoffees cannot repair the bottom of the leat. Cllr Shaw said that Stephen Kelly is aware and a repair is in hand.

17/10/87 Report from Meetings Attended – Cllr Gibbins had attended the Social Club meeting and all was well.

17/10/88 Correspondence

- a) Publications e-mailed to councillors – Intouch/RsN etc
- b) Details of new Neighbourhood Beat Manager
- c) Email from Mr West re CPC minutes 14th August – sent to councillors and reply sent – minutes are not a verbatim record of what was said but a record of decisions made.
- d) Email from Elms resident re road safety at Colyford – emailed to Councillors. Response from bus companies. Resident asked to clarify which companies, nothing forthcoming from the resident so the Parish Council cannot follow this up.
- e) Email from Mark Doxey re Colyton Grammar School application plus reply from EDDC – emailed to councillors –the planning application has subsequently been withdrawn.
- f) Email – Fields in trust charity – Centenary Fields programme - Clerk will email the charity and explain that the Playing Fields commemorated WW2 not the First World War.
- g) Invitation to Councillors to visit Axe Valley Academy Tuesday 10th October – forwarded to Councillors. The Clerk will send a letter to the school re the advertised closure of the sixth form and request more information on the proposed changes and the impact on local families.
- g) NALC (National Association of Local Councils) briefing note on the General Data Protection Regulations and Data Protection Bill, including the need for a Data Protection Officer – sent to Councillors along with draft data protection policy document. Cllr Parr explained the situation, the Data Protection Officer should have knowledge proportionate to the type of processing the organisation carries out, taking into consideration the level of protection the personal data requires. In the case of a public authority the DPO should have sound knowledge of the organisations administrative rules and procedures.
A data protection policy document had been put together by the clerk which clearly states the obligations of the Parish Council and Councillors to comply with the new act. Cllr C Collier proposed this is accepted as CPC policy, seconded by Cllr Pady and agreed by all.

17/10/89 Finance

Minutes of the meeting held Monday August 21st (Appendix K) to be noted

Accounts to be approved for payment – payment proposed by Cllr Gibbins, seconded by Cllr Real and agreed by all.

				VAT	TOTAL
DD	OPUS ENERGY	Supply to workshop	6.65	0.33	6.98
DD	Tiscali	Phone & Broadband	23.55	4.70	28.25
3927	Mr L G Berry	Digital Projector & Screen (min ref F17/09/44g)			£85

3928	Thames Valley Specialist Products	Algoclear Pro Moss Killer	72.50	14.50	87.00
3929	Paul Weston	Neighbourhood Planning Support			1800
3930	Bradford Building Supplies	Exterior ply to repair shelter	18.42	3.68	22.10
3931	Axe Valley & West Dorset Ring & Ride	Donation to Ring & Ride Service (in 2017 budget)			£250
3932	CASH	Toilet caretaker invoice for September			£100
	Viridor	Waste Management	117.13	22.43	140.56

- a) Total collected by the community for DAA Night flying lighting tower - £4627.74
- b) VAT return submitted
- c) NP Quote for work up until March 2018 - £5400.00 - further grant applied for.
- d) John request leave on 17th October and 8th November and will be working Wednesday afternoons from now as he has a commitment on Wednesday morning - noted
- e) Liz request leave on Friday 27th October & Monday 30th October - approved
- f) £800 received from Colyton Parochial Church Council for Churchyard maintenance. The Clerk will write to the PCC and thank them. The money will be used to pay for the work which will be prioritised at the Finance committee meeting.
- g) Grant offer letter from DAA for lighting tower, T&C's and acceptance form. Cllr Pady proposed the grant is accepted, seconded by Cllr Parr and agreed by all.
- h) Updated quote from MAT electrics for capital equipment & installation. As they have installed over 40 of these for DAA (Devon Air Ambulance) the costs have come down and they are passing that onto the authorities and communities that are installing lighting towers. Cllr Real proposed this revised quote is accepted, seconded by Cllr Tattershall and agreed by all.
- i) 2016/17 Audit paperwork returned and on the website.

17/10/90 Planning

Minutes of the meeting held Monday 25th September – (Appendix N to be noted).

a Planning Applications

17/2239/FUL Quest, Whitwell Lane – Mr Kevin Searle

Alterations and enlargements to proposed garage (amendment to 17/1006/FUL)

SUPPORTED but reiterate this must remain a garage and not accommodation, Proposed by Cllr C Collier, seconded by Cllr Parr and agreed by all.

EH/DCC/4005/2017 Whitwell Farm, Whitwell Lane, Colyford

Further information re retrospective application for importation, storage and processing of waste electrical cables and carpets within existing barns and retention of access.

NO OBJECTION – proposed by Cllr Real seconded by Cllr Gibbins and agreed by all.

17/2339/AGR Road Green Farm – Mr A Underdown

Agricultural Track

SUPPORTED – proposed by Cllr Clifford, seconded by Cllr Gibbins and agreed by all.

FOR INFORMATION ONLY

***17/2375/REPRETDD Old Rectory, Swan Hill Road, Colyford – Mr M Shute** (East Devon Tree Care Ltd).

Tree work to fell a Leyland Cypress considered to be an exception to the Conservation Area Legislation.

b Planning Decisions

c Planning Correspondence

17/10/91 Update on Neighbourhood Plan

A well-attended workshop had been held in September and a report compiled which will go to the next meeting for approval before being published on the website.

Cllr Collier read out an email she had received from a Colyford resident questioning whether these meetings were 'proper' meetings. Cllr Collier considered these remarks were unhelpful especially considering all the work that has been going on and the efforts made to keep residents informed through the CPC (Colyton Parish Council) website.

17/10/92 Parishes Together projects

- a) Northleigh happy to join CPC for bicycle racks project if acceptable to EDDC.
The Clerk will check with EDDC that this is an acceptable use of PT funds.
- b) Seaton suggested a joint leaflet containing maps of Seaton & Colyton/Colyford to include discount coupons from local businesses – awaiting details of proposed cost and numbers.
These will be considered in further detail at the Finance Committee prior to the November 10th deadline for submissions.

17/10/93 Christmas Lights

Details from the Festive Lighting Company re Year 3 hire costs.

Letter from Western Power re Temporary Unmetered Connection.

These will be passed onto the Carnival Committee as this will be the final year they will be paying for the Christmas Lights. There is an option to buy the lights and the Carnival committee will keep the Parish Council informed.

17/10/94 Update on Library

Licence with Library's Unlimited and Friends of Colyton Library signed 30th September. Lease with solicitors.

17/10/95 Amenities

- a) Night Flying – Devon Air Ambulance – site visit – to be confirmed
- b) P3 Annual workshop – circulated to P3 wardens. Cllr Pady will attend.
- c) Allotments - sheds etc. erected on plot without permission (tenancy states max 12 x 8 greenhouse/tunnel, 8 x 6 shed)
Retrospective permission requested for a 6 x 3 growhouse on plot 8P
Retrospective permission requested for a 6 x 4 shed on plot 14 P&Q
Retrospective permission requested for a shed 4x4 on plot 3R
Retrospective permission for a 12x6 greenhouse and permission to replace the existing shed with a new 8x6 one on plot 1P&Q
Permission requested to erect a 12x8 poly tunnel and an 8x6 shed on plot 13QR.
Permission given for all of the above with a reiteration that there are to be no concrete bases.

17/10/96 Colyton Memorial Social Club - reported elsewhere

17/10/97 Reece Strawbridge Centre – nothing to report Cllr Hay was away for the last meeting.

17/10/98 Items brought to the CPC's attention after the agenda had been published – none

17/10/99 Dates of future meetings

Finance & Planning – Monday 23rd October 2017

November Council meeting – Monday 13th November 2017.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 0805pm.

Appendix 1.

County Councillor's Report, October 2017

Community Stake holdings in Local Hospitals

I made a proposal to the Health Scrutiny Committee on 21st September to ask them to carry out an investigation into (a) the changing ownership and governance of community hospitals; (b) the kind of stake holding that Leagues of Friends and local communities can claim in our hospitals; and (c) how community stake holdings should be secured. I argued that this could be done either by formally entrenching the place-based health use of hospital buildings, or by directly recognising the financial stakes established. While neither would be a simple matter, it would benefit from proper investigation, taking into account the views of all interested parties, and the hundreds of thousands of Devon people who support the hospitals deserve no less. The background to this is that (1) in 2016 all 12 hospitals were transferred into the ownership of NHS Property Services, a government-owned company required to charge market rents to NHS organisations and empowered to sell off surplus buildings; and (2) the Devon NHS Sustainability and Transformation Partnership (STP) will seek to sell off surplus buildings and a Local Estates Strategy is being developed as part of this. (I have been told that the savings envisaged amount to nearly 600 dwellings being built on NHS sites.) I pointed out that 'Seaton hospital was built in the 1980s with money raised by the local community, matched £ for £ by the health authority; later the League paid entirely for two new wings. It has recently been valued by NHS Property Services at £3m, but the League contributed over half that amount to its construction. Leagues have given huge amounts of money - huge amounts for small towns and villages, anyway - not to the NHS as a national or regional service, not for specific services, but in order to have a hospital providing place-based services in their towns.' The Committee was sympathetic to the moral claim of local communities which I was making, and agreed to look further at the matter following advice from the County Solicitor.

Future cuts to the NHS in Devon

This item followed a presentation by a Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) representative showing that £117m savings need to be achieved this year and £500m in the next 5 years, and that the NHS was finding it increasingly difficult to find staff. However in reply to committee members' questions she refused to give any hard data. A councillor did a back-of-envelope calculation that this year's savings amounted to 2500 jobs, which the CCG did not dispute. A motion was proposed by my fellow Independent, Claire Wright, criticising the 'lack of transparency' of the CCG, but this was deleted by Conservative members. The committee will however look in more detail at the STP, and also at deteriorating ambulance response times.

The Scrutiny Committee's failure to refer the community beds decision.

I am proposing a motion to ask the full DCC to look again at this, in the light of the Standards Committee's criticisms of the way the 25 July meeting was handled and the recent urgent warning of the head of the NHS in England that the NHS will need more beds for the coming winter when a severe flu season is possible (a point I made to the Scrutiny Committee but they ignored!).

Meeting about adult social care.

Together with the other three members of the County Council's Non-Aligned Group, I had a 2-hour meeting with the chief officers responsible for social care to discuss the Council's policies and provision in this area. This was very informative and highlighted the big problems of recruiting and retaining staff (there is a 35 per cent annual turnover among care workers), being made worse as Brexit and the declining pound make the UK less attractive to workers from EU countries and elsewhere in the world. Officers asked us to publicise the 'Proud to Care' campaign (<https://www.proudtocaredevon.org.uk>) which highlights career pathways now available in social care, and also the ways in which communities can help (see the 'Pinpoint' website <https://services.pinpointdevon.co.uk>).

Road repairs

A significant sum has become available for patching in the division. I have asked the 9 parish councils to give me their priorities, which most have done, and I will be meeting Steve Kelly shortly to agree a programme. We will inform parishes when we know which roads can be done.

Speeding issues: new Vehicle Activated Signs (VAS) Speeding remains a big problem across the division and I am working with Speedwatch teams in Seaton Down Hill and Colyford and the A35 Action Group in Wilmington, as well as Seaton Town Council and Colyton and Widworthy Parish Councils, around these issues. A new VAS, paid for by Seaton Town Council and my predecessor's Locality Budget, has finally been installed on Seaton Down Hill, and Steve and I recently met with local campaigners and Colyton Parish Council to agree the siting of a VAS near Gully Shoot in Colyford.

I have agreed in principle to support this out of my Locality Budget for this year.