

**COLYTON PARISH COUNCIL**  
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Minutes of the meeting of the Colyton Parish Council held in the Mortimer room, Colyton Town Hall at 7.00 pm on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> August 2014

**Present:** Cllrs B Collier, C Collier, K Clifford, P Gibbins, J Hay, A Parr, C Pady, R Pocock, M Mann, S Smith, H West, Dist Cllr H Parr, 3 members of the public, 1 member of the press & E Berry (Clerk)

Cllr Parr welcomed everyone to the August meeting, confirmed that the meeting could be recorded but no one confirmed they would be recording it.

**14/08/71 Receipt & Approval of apologies for absence** – Cty Cllr Sara Randall-Johnson (prior commitment), Cllrs S Real & R Turner.

**14/08/72 Police Report – by email**

**Colyton - 6 Crimes**

**This compares to 7 crimes last month and 5 crimes in July 2013**

- **5<sup>th</sup> Burglary – Other:** Wooden boarding was damaged on an empty residential property in Seaton Road, Colyford. (CR/087888/14)

- **6<sup>th</sup> Drink Driving, Possession of a Class B drug and Failing to**

**Stop at the scene of a road traffic collision:** At about 1am on Sunday a van collided with a metal post in Sidmouth Road and failed to stop at the scene. The driver, Travis CHRISTOPHER a 25 year old male from Rousdon was located nearby and arrested for providing a positive roadside breath test. When searched he had upon him a small quantity of amphetamine. He has been charged with drink driving, possession of a class B drug and failing to stop at the scene of a road traffic collision. The incident resulted in 3 Crimes: CR/087480/14, CR/087484/14 and CR/087486/14)

- **14<sup>th</sup> Criminal Damage:** A front door window to a residential property in King Street was cracked. (CR/090102/14)

- **28<sup>th</sup> Dangerous Dog:** A person delivering a leaflet to a property in Colyvale was bitten by a dog at the premises. (CR/093635/14)

PC Speariett said "Two incidents this month account for 6 of the reported crimes and were both alcohol related (the drink driver and the assaults in Axmouth). We are continuing to see thefts at Axmouth harbour and extra patrols are being made in the area.

Northleigh saw its first crime this year, on the same night a number of outbuildings were also broken into at Offwell. Enquiries suggest that these offences occurred at about 3am.

The neighbourhood team request that if you see any suspicious people or vehicles the report it immediately using 999 when appropriate".

**14/08/73 Public Question time (maximum 15 minutes)**

A Colyford resident drew attention to a recent letter from EDDC re the changes if voting registration. The letter clearly states that nothing else needs to be done but further down the page it mentions that there are two registers, the electoral one and an open register that is available to other agencies. To come off this open register you must ring the number given and follow the automated instructions. She felt this was very devious. The open register can obviously be sold to all interested parties. In the past there was a simple check box on the form which if ticked ensured confidentiality. This letter implies nothing else needs doing which is clearly not the case.

District Cllr H Parr commented that this letter she thought was a government issue just endorsed with the EDDC logo. The register had certainly not yet been written. She agreed with the comments of the speaker.

**14/08/74** The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held 14<sup>th</sup> July 2014 were approved and signed as being a true record of that meeting.

**14/08/75 Matters arising from the minutes *not otherwise on the agenda***

- a) Tractor shed at Playing Fields – building continues and the build is now awaiting the roof structure.

**14/08/76 Report from County Councillor** – none given

**14/08/77 Report from District Councillors.** There had been a Council meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> July at which the leader of the Council announced that the Cranbrook development had won a prestigious award in planning excellence. It will be displayed in the community building on the development.

Cllr Pocock asked if all the houses were being sold to locals? Cllr Parr explained that the development included an element of affordable houses for rent which were ring fenced for East Devon & Exeter resident, a modern version of council housing. The rest of the development was open market housing available for anyone to buy.

**14/08/78 Highway Matters**

- a) Installation of Broadband Primary connection point cabinet in exchange Grounds, King St. August 2014 – noted at last meeting  
 b) Notification of road closure on 27<sup>th</sup> September 1400 – 1445 for Colyford Goose Fayre – noted at last meeting.  
 c) Response from Cllr Hughes re Traffic problems in Colyton – read out by Cllr Collier.  
 d) Cllr Hay reported that the wooden posts out at Heathayne Bars had rotted away. The railings on the Northleigh side have disappeared completely leaving a dangerous unguarded drop into the old pit.

**14/08/79 Report from Meetings Attended**

**Traffic Group meeting** - Cllr Collier reported on the meeting, giving a background on the email to Cllr Hughes. The yellowing lines around the town is something the Parish Council have been requesting for several years.

The fire service are to do a leaflet drop on cars that are potentially blocking access routes for emergency vehicles.

The next meeting is in October.

**DALC meeting** – Cllr Smith reported on this, nothing had happened with the clinical commissioning group and the meeting was still in the dark on the future of both Seaton & Axminster hospitals. Doctor Vann is leading the campaign and it is hoped to have some information shortly. This meeting was the annual meeting and the chair was re-elected for a further year. Cllr B Collier reported that Kilmington presented a very good resume on the growth of the parish and the challenges that presented.

**Social Club** – Cllr A Parr reported that the last meeting, to elect a new chair, was, for various reasons poorly attended. The next meeting is on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup>. Mike List had reported that the Club is just about making a profit and he is keeping a tight rein on the finances.

**Reece Strawbridge Centre** – Cllr Mann reported that all was OK, he was asked when the building materials were to be used, he stated the work will be done when he had finished his current project.

**14/08/80 Correspondence**

- a) Publications e-mailed to councillors – Intouch/RsN etc  
 b) Response from Mr Arnott re Chairs response to his FOI request Cllr A Parr explained the situation and reiterated the reason why Mr Arnott had been asked to correspond through the Chair. All the information requested is easily available online or in the minutes. Some comments in his letter were untrue.  
 c) Email from local resident re the ‘tatty sign’ on the approach to Colyton – emailed to councillors. Cllr Mann will investigate.

d) Letter sent via Feoffees bailiff from a concerned grandmother re Skate Board park – emailed to councillors. Cllr Smith proposed a sign, seconded by Cllr Mann, voted on & carried. Clerk will contact insurers for advice on signage.

e) Letter re Colyton Armorial Bearings – Cllr Pady will look into the details requested.

f) Details of Highways Matters conference – emailed to councillors – noted.

**14/08/81**

**Finance**

Minutes of the meeting held Monday 28<sup>th</sup> July (I14) to be noted

Cllr Smith proposed the Accounts to be approved for payment, this was seconded by Cllr Mann & agreed by all.

Cheque	Payee			VAT	TOTAL
DD	Tiscali	Broadband			
DD	EDF	Electricity	£7.60	£0.40	£8.00
3474	PGD Services	Gardening			£50
3475	Northcott Building Contractors Ltd	Work so far to tractor shed	£14106.18	£2821.24	£16927.42
3476 (reissue of 3410)	Computer Doctor	New computer			£595
DD	British Telecom	Line & Calls	£196.18	£39.42	£235.42
3477	Bradfords	Cement for Picnic site seat & posts for Road green repairs	£82.74	£16.55	£99.29

- Parishes Together funding application successful - £2780 grant awarded for new skate park equipment. Thanks sent to Northleigh for their support & contribution. Equipment ordered.
- Clerk request funding to attend a DALC 'Preparing for Elections' course in Honiton on 8<sup>th</sup> January (10-00 – 12-00) cost £20 + VAT Approval proposed by Cllr B Collier, seconded by Cllr Mann & agreed by all.
- Cheque to Computer Doctor reissued as original (18/3/14 #3410) appears to have been lost in the post from recipient to Santander. Original cheque now cancelled.

**14/08/82 Planning**

Minutes of the meeting held Monday 28<sup>th</sup> July – (Appendix J14) to be noted

**a Planning Applications**

**14/1183/FUL Elmhaynes, Elm Farm Lane, Colyford – Mr & Mrs Gill - amendment**

These amendments relate to further revision to the roof lights over the landing on the east elevation. Removal of the roof light on north elevation. Increased height of chimney, *Copy of letter of objection received.*

**SUPPORTED – reiterate the need for obscure glazing to the roof lights.** Proposed by Cllr Mann, seconded by Cllr Smith, agreed by all.

**14/1894/TCA 5 Kingsholme, Colyford – Mr Bennett**

T1 & T11 Ash, T2, T3, T6, T8, T10 Yew, T5 Bay, T7 Monterey Pine & T9 Beech. Carry out various specified works, variously including crown reduction, branch reduction and removal. *Cllr West & Pocock declared a personal interest as they are friends with the applicant.*

**SUPPORTED –** proposed by Cllr Mann. Seconded by Cllr Gibbins, agreed by all.

**14/1294/FUL Kintra Whitwell Lane, Colyford – Mr Westlake**

Construction of a conservatory to front elevation

**SUPPORTED** – proposed by Cllr West, seconded by Cllr Gibbins & agreed by all.

**14/0429/MOUT Peace Memorial Playing Fields Coly Rd – BDB Developers**

Residential development of 25 units (40% affordable, access road & amenity land) Revised indicative plans showing alternative road & housing, additional FRA information & indicative streetscene layout.

*Copy of letter of objection received.*

*Cllrs Collier declared a personal interest as this is a relative by marriage.*

**NOT SUPPORTED – reiterate our previous comments.**

Although there are now two less units this is still an overdevelopment of a site that has flooding issues. Houses 1 – 3 are now in an area below the rest of the site which is prone to flooding. Access to these properties is unclear.

The development will still adversely affect the privacy & amenities of neighbouring properties. The position of the development will harm the visual amenity of the site and is outside the built up boundary of the town. There is a loss of wildlife habitat and an effect of wildlife in the area. Provision of a wetland does nothing to mitigate this or the flooding issue. The CPC is still very concerned over foul/surface water drainage. The development increases the risk of flooding to these & neighbouring properties even with the provision of the attenuation pond.

The access to the site is hazardous and there are problems within the development with the proposed road layout.

Proposed by Cllr West, seconded by Cllr Mann & agreed by all

**14/1675/FUL Millhayne, 3 Old Blamphayne Sawmills, Northleigh – Mr Baggot**

Provision of solar panels on roof.

**SUPPORTED.** Proposed by Cllr Mann seconded by Cllr West. Agreed by all

**14/1326/FUL Merlins, Coly Rd, Colyford – Mr T Vertigan**

Amendment {to a previous amendment of application (13/0969/FUL) not yet decided on} - this amendment incorporates the lowering of the roof over the dining area and an introduction of stonework & a metal chimney.

**NOT SUPPORTED** – proposed by Cllr Mann, seconded by Cllr West & agreed by all.

The CPC feels that given the time & effort in design of this development to minimise the impact in this sensitive area the original, approved design of a modest dwelling should be adhered to and not amended to something that would be overbearing & dominate the location & footprint of the original garage.

**14/1613/FUL Horriford Farm, Holyford Lane – Mr Elsey**

Installation of replacement sewerage treatment plant.

**SUPPORTED** – proposed by Cllr Mann, seconded by Cllr Hay & agreed by all.

*Cllr Pady declared a personal interest as he knows the applicant.*

**b Planning Decisions****14/1408/FUL 35 Burnards Field Rd**

Single storey rear extension & raising of roof line.

**APPROVED**

**c Planning Correspondence**

- a) Copy of a letter from EDDC re 14/1797/PRETDD – Rasa Sayang, Popes Lane, Colyford .  
Mr Fuller.  
Re Notification of Tree works considered an exception to TPO at Rasa Sayang.

**14/08/83 Amenities**

- a) Colyford Play Area update – article in newspaper & advert in Post Office had not generated any response. There was some discussion over the viability of locating the play park to the car park of the Village Hall. Not all councillors were in favour and the chairman of the hall committee was not enthusiastic but will take the proposal to the trustees.  
Cllr Gibbins will find out the owner of the small parcel of land opposite Popes Lane.
- b) Pre application request put in for grant for War Memorial – clerk request access to newspaper records at a cost of £9.95 for one month. Approval proposed by Cllr Mann, seconded by Cllr Smith, agreed by all.
- c) Application for grant from DALC – ‘Devon Remembers’ started, waiting on letters of support from County Councillor & Conservation Officer’
- d) Allotment realignment.- the clerk gave the background to this. The current tenant of 13QRS wishes to give part of it up. In consultation with the Allotment Association the best solution, to ensure a viable plot for both tenants, would be to split the odd sized plot horizontally (losing plot S). Proposed by Cllr Mann, seconded by Cllr Smith. Agreed by all.
- e) Cllr Parr reported that a red hawthorn planted at the Community Woodland to celebrate VE day had died. Cllr Pady will investigate.
- f)

**14/08/84 Colyton Memorial Social Club** – meeting on Thursday.

**14/08/85 Registration of Parish properties** – ongoing with Stafford Common being finished by Cllrs Parr & Clifford.

**14/08/86 "The future of Colyford as part of Colyton Parish Council" – Cllr H West.**

Cllr Collier put forward her response to the points raised by Cllr West at the last meeting see attached.

Cllr Gibbins stated that as a Colyford resident, voted for by the electorate of both places he did not support Cllr West’s comments.

Cllr West reiterated that he did not at any time suggest Colyford breaking away from the Parish Council just that it had not received a share of the precept that its residents contributed to.

There followed some discussion on what he felt the residents wanted and why some residents felt there was a ‘them & us’ attitude although no other councillor from Colyford had received such comments from residents.

Cllr Parr was disappointed that the maintenance man had been named in Howard’s report which was subsequently reported verbatim in the press which implied criticism of the work he does. The maintenance man had been upset by the report and Cllr Parr thought that the comments had been ill judged. Cllr West agreed to speak to the maintenance man.

Councillors reiterated that Colyton & Colyford is all one parish and councillors should be working together for the benefit of both settlements

**14/08/87 Update on CeramTec site**

Cllr Clifford reported that the response from the parish re the idea of a new primary school, extra parking and possibly new work units was enthusiastic. But all depended on the site not being sold!

Cllr Parr had spoken to the headmaster who was enthusiastic about the idea but realistic about the practicalities.

Cllr Parr will speak to the County Councillors as it wouldn't hurt to have her support at this early stage.

**14/08/88 Other matters brought to the Chairs attention after the agenda published**

a) Donation from Playing Field Management Committee for work at the Peace Memorial Playing Fields.

b) Planning Application at Hedge End Lane.

The applicant points out to the council that the site is not within the AONB.

**14/08/89 Matters to be taken into Committee – none**

**14/08/90 Dates of future meetings**

August Finance & Planning – August 18th

September Council meeting – Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September

There being no other business the meeting closed at 2055.

## APPENDIX 1

**FUTURE OF COLYFORD RESPONSE**

Howard cannot say he was mainly elected by constituents living in Colyford, no-one knows this

2a) John Rollings is always available to come to Colyford when necessary, he spoke to Howard some time ago and explained that painting the shelter would be done in the autumn when he had more time available. He is only part time and during the summer months he is busy with grass cutting etc. He uses the winter months for repairs to seats, painting etc

3 a) Covered above

b) You have answered this yourself – there is no land available for recreation in Colyford, but you do have the wetlands

c) Section 106 monies are ear marked for the Play area at Colyford, Colin is working hard to achieve this. All remarks about money being spent in Colyton and not Colyford – we are still one Parish so any facilities are for all residents

e) Colyton Parish Council had to take on responsibility for St Andrews Churchyard when it was closed for burials, we have never been asked to do likewise of St Michaels

g) East Devon District Council gave up the maintenance of all gardens in the Parish a few years ago. Colyton Parish Council then took on a part-time gardener but we also have volunteer gardeners. The residents of Colyford came to the Parish Council in 2013 and asked if they could take on the gardens in Colyford, these volunteers were thanked for so doing. Colin Pady & Nick Weldon spent much time planting beds in Colyford

h) Colyford is not fighting a lone battle with regard to the Stop Line Way, Howard offered to take this forward and has always had the support of the Parish Council. Likewise the “Green Wedge” Planning application, The Council gave their full support to this fight and requested the Chairman to speak on behalf of the Parish at the enquiry

i) No resident of Colyford has come forward requesting a Neighbourhood Plan, the Parish Council has not said it is not interested but that it is something we need to look at in the future

j) Time spent discussing various items at the Council meetings is for the benefit of the whole Parish

k) The Grammar School bus problems, Howard is not left to do this by himself. The Parish Council have been trying to resolve this issue for many years, probably before Howard came to live here. We have always pointed out the parking problems every time a planning application is submitted for the Grammar School.

l) Pedestrian access to sports in Colyton – Rodney answered this

m) There is a footpath into Seaton, regularly used by the School children. The Parish Council tried to get a footpath on the A3052 between Gully Shoot and Elm Farm Lane but could not obtain support and funding. Also the owner of a property there offered part of his land when he submitted a planning application but this was refused

n) Dog bins, If someone suggest a suitable site one could probably be obtained

o) All residents, whether from Colyton or Colyford have no reserved parking in the town, everyone who uses the car park has to pay, why should Councillors receive dispensations?

By raising these issues is Howard trying to drive a wedge between the two settlements? It would appear so and this would not foster good relations between the two settlements