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Minutes of the Parish Council which meeting held in the MORTIMER ROOM, COLYTON TOWN HALL at 7.00 pm on Monday 1st September 2014

Present: Cllrs C Collier, R Collier, J Hay, K Clifford, C Pady, A Parr, H West, S Smith, M Mann, R Turner, S Real, R Pocock, Dist Cllr H Parr, Cty Cllr Sarah Randall Johnson and 1 member of the press.

14/09/91 Receipt & Approval of apologies for absence – P Gibbins

14/09/92 Police Report

Colyton - 0 Crime

This compares to 7 crimes last month and 5 crimes in August 2012

Compared to August last year, crime in the area has decreased from 12 in 2013 to 1 this year – a decrease of 92%.

Compared to last month crime has decreased from 14 in June to 1 in August – a decrease of 93%
 Since 2004 the monthly average crimes for August has been 18

PC Speariett said “August has seen the lowest ever monthly recorded crime total for the Seaton Rural beat, considering we are at the height of summer when traditionally we see an increase in crime, the one reported incident is exceptional. The whole neighbourhood team would like to pass on our thanks, especially to the young people who have shown respect to the communities they live in.

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

14/09/93 Public Question time (maximum 15 minutes) - none

14/09/94 Approval of the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held 11th August 2014. Two amendments – page 24 14/08/80e – replace Parr with Pady & Page 26 14/08/86 remove the line ‘apologise for any offense caused, as this was never his intention’. With these amendments made the minutes were signed & accepted as a true record of that meeting.

14/09/95 Matters arising from the minutes *not otherwise on the agenda* - none

14/09/96 Report from County Councillor – Cllr Randall Johnson reported that it had been a busy August for the County Council. A traffic order for Colyton along with one for Honiton had been submitted to introduce a better flow of traffic through the town. A joint application with Honiton was submitted as it was the more cost effective way but a downside could be that if any objections are received to either order there could be delays in implementation. The paperwork is in hand but she is unaware of the timescale. A strategy has been brought out during the consultation process by the NHS on how to take the service forward to reflect the need to save money and the change in service provision. There followed some discussion on the consultation meetings and the notices which imply that a local consultation has taken place & all views have been considered, this was not the opinion of the councillors, especially those that had attended the recent DALC meeting where a presentation had been given and the issue highlighted as needing more consultation & local input. She explained the funding issues and stated that the amount of money is finite and the issue is to see if prices can be driven down and patients moved elsewhere to recover rather than kept in hospital, but to provide that service without putting the welfare of the patient at risk. She urged everyone to try to attend one of the consultation meetings.

Cllr Parr asked her if anything had come from the discussions on the CeramTech site & the primary school. She replied by saying that she had received an email which she will forward to us which showed that calculation had been done showing that the current school can cope with the number of pupils expected in the near future. Cllr Clifford pointed out that the current school site would be ideal for housing development which could be used to fund a new site. Cllr Randall Johnson stated that there could be a problem with this as the Department for Education could insist that this remains an educational site.

There is no budget to deliver a new school because there is no demand to do so. The County is not in a position to buy the site.

Cllr Hay thanked Cllr Randall Johnson for her help in the work planned to alleviate the problems at Ridgeway Lane. He also mentioned that he had spoken to Highways in view of the imminent closure of Lishams drain for resurfacing to see if they were going to address the water problem there rather than just tarmac over it. The answer he's received was no, the machine is already booked and it was going to be resurfaced and if necessary dug up afterwards.

14/09/97 **Report from District Councillors**

Cllr H Parr explained how the S106 allocation works, every time there is a planning application EDDC gets onto the County and consults on what the effect will be on the local schools & infrastructure. From that consultation the amount of S106 money & its allocation is decided. They have not required funding in the case of affordable housing.

The Annual Report goes to cabinet on Tuesday 2nd and is available online to view – she encouraged everyone to do so. The EDDC budget is in the region of £55.9m.

In the past year EDDC has acquired 311 new affordable homes, a record over past years. They have also built 14 new council houses, all down to EDDC getting a loan in 2012 for council homes which they could own & manage.

The Development Management Committee meets on Tuesday 2nd where there will be a report on the local plan inspection. There is still a delay in presenting this to Government Inspector as the consultants had come back with something that was not adequate. There followed a lengthy discussion on the process, its cost and the need for consultants when the council have fully trained able staff on its payroll. Cllr H Parr explained that the consultants were working for 5 authorities so EDDC only paid 1/5 of the cost and the Inspectorate wanted independent assessments on defined areas and this was what the consultants were looking at.

The average house price in East Devon currently stands at 12x the average salary.

14/09/98 **Highway Matters**

- a) Briefing document – Road Wardens - Community self help – will be emailed to all councillors if possible, in the meantime councillors are asked to circulate the copy & initial it as read.
- b) Notification of road closure 17/11 – 21/11 Gully Shoot opposite Sherwood. & Lishams Drain – 9th September for a max of 5 days.
- c) Devon Highways Conference – 17th September – emailed to councillors
- d) Clerk to check with Highways that work in Sidmouth Rd will be finished in time for the carnival procession as this is a diversionary route.
- e) Problems with parking in Burnards field Rd close to the junction with Hillhead, this is a diversion route because of the road works – reported DCC, ref number 14725348
- f) A3052 alongside the substation there is a lot of overgrown trees which means drivers cannot see around the bend – Clerk reported it to Western Power ref 2044934 (01823 348771)

14/09/99 **Report from Meetings Attended**

Friends of the Library – Cllr Mann.

They are waiting for DCC to present the ideas at a consultation. A working party has been formed.

Social Club

There is a new chairman. Finances are steady and debts to HMRC are being paid off in instalments.

They will contact the Parish Council, with dates & discussion items, for a meeting in the near future.

14/09/100 **Correspondence**

- a) Publications e-mailed to councillors – Intouch/RsN etc
- b) EDDC DMC agenda – emailed.
- c) DALC AGM & Conference – 11th October – Westpoint. Cllrs Smith & B Collier to attend.
- d) Email from Colyton resident re footpath 9 – DCC/maintenance man aware
- e) Email from Hillhead resident re height of Mount View development. Cllr A Parr went to investigate and feels the residents have a point. Because of the way the land rises this property is overlooked at the back and some form of obscure glazing may be required. He will write a letter for the clerk to send.
- f) Invitation to the 'Working Together for the future of East Devon' event – emailed to councillors (Cllr Smith attending)

14/09/101 Finance

Minutes of the meeting held Monday 18th August (K14) to be noted

Accounts to be approved for payment – proposed by Cllr Mann, seconded by Cllr West.

Cheque	Payee			VAT	TOTAL
DD	Tiscali	Broadband	£12.25	£3.06	£15.31
DD	EDF	Electricity	£7.60	£0.40	£8.00
3482	Spar Musbury Garage	Fuel	£5.59	£1.22	£ 6.71
3483	Colyton Feoffees	Rent			£1500
3484	PGD Services	Gardening			£45

- a) Grind rail ordered from Park Leisure.
- b) DCC Grant for Tractor shed received.
- c) Approved payment for Cllr Smith to attend DALC AGM – proposed by Cllr Mann, seconded by Cllr West.

14/09/102 Planning

Minutes of the meeting held Monday 18th August 2014 (Appendix L14) to be noted

a Planning Applications**14/1998/FUL Colyton Business Park, Wheelers Yard – E J Dayment Construction Ltd.**

Construction of workshop, store & offices & associated parking.

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

14/1054/FUL Land lying to west of Colyton Hill Plantation. Jobbles Lane – Ms C Jenner

Amendment – shed size reduced from 15.1m to 9m

Two letters of objection to original plan.

NOT SUPPORTED – the council feels that this is still an oversized shed for the site & the requirements stated. Proposed by Cllr Mann, seconded by Cllr Real & agreed by all.

b) Planning Decisions

***14/1519/FUL Gatcombe Farm** – retention of 1 x mobile home for use as permanent agricultural workers dwelling & retention of 2 x mobile home for seasonal workers – **APPROVED**

***14/1294/FUL – Kintra, Whitwell Lane, Colyford** - Construction of conservatory to front elevation – **APPROVED**

***14/1018/FUL Land South of Grange Cottage Gully Shoot Colyford Colyton EX24 6HF**
Construction of dwelling (1.5 storey and part submerged) and associated garage – **APPROVED**

***14/1613/FUL Horriford Farm Holyford Lane Colyford Colyton EX24 6HW** -Installation of replacement sewerage treatment plant - **APPROVED**

c Planning Correspondence - none**14/09/103 Amenities**

- a) Colyford Play Area update – response from CGS & copy of email sent to Cllr West from Colyford resident. These were read out. The gentleman who owns the field on the Seaton Rd does not wish to sell.
Cllr West proposed that as all avenues had been tried for an alternative site we press ahead with a planning application for the Church site. Cllr Mann seconded the proposal and all agreed. The working party will consult with the architects & inform the Church, as a courtesy.
- b) Application for grant from DALC – ‘Devon Remembers’ submitted
- c) Allotment - idea for marking plot numbers – posts with number burnt into them. Estimated cost £100, £50 donation from Allotment Association. Cllr Real proposed we go ahead with this, seconded by Cllr Mann & agreed.

- d) Further quote for war memorial (needed for war memorial trust application) – Orchard Stonemasons
- e) Request from Seaton Rotary re space for planting of 100 trees to commemorate start of WW1. There was some discussion on a location and it was proposed by Cllr Parr & seconded by Cllr Clifford that a continuation of the millennium avenue from Stafford Cross towards Colyton would be a good idea. All agreed. The clerk with contact the Rotary Club.
- f) Quote from Nigel Hales re Dolphin Street Wall - other quotes will be sourced.
- g) Quotes for wet pour replacement pack & replacement rope for Twister. Cllr Smith proposed that this be purchased, seconded by Cllr Mann & agreed by all

14/09/104 Colyton Memorial Social Club – update – already discussed

14/09/105 Registration of Parish properties – deadline for the initial paperwork to be completed is September 30th

14/09/106 "The future of Colyford as part of Colyton Parish Council"

Colyford issues for debate:

- a) That a dog bin be fitted at the Elm Farm Lane/Whitwell Lane crossroads - £150 supply & install, £200/annum to empty. Purchase proposed by Cllr West, seconded by Cllr Smith.. Ordered.
- b) The Council to debate and decide if maintenance of the grounds of St. Michael's Chapel of Ease, Colyford will be funded by Colyton Parish Council as is St. Andrews, Colyton. The clerk explained the legal requirement that the council has to maintain St Andrews, this is not the case for St Michaels.
- c) The road nameplate signs for Thomas Bassett Drive, Colyford be replaced and refitted as they are in a terrible state – EDDC aware – recycled plastic signs on order – 6-8 weeks delivery.
- d) The Council consider making a donation to the residents of Colyford who are now maintaining the gateways and gardens, towards the annual cost of border plants and shrubs currently funded by the residents themselves. The Parish Council do not fund any of the gardens maintained by volunteers in the parish. Cllr Pady though this could be a good use of Goose Fayre money.
- e) That the second bus shelter be painted prior to the students return to the Grammar School after their Summer Holidays. Maintenance man's workload & holiday means this is not possible. Target date will be half term.
- f) That a new notice board be supplied and fitted to replace the tatty one currently existing in the hedge next door to St. Michael's Chapel of Ease, and consideration be given for a second notice board adjacent to Pear Tree Corner, but to the West, on the A3052. Clerk will poll resident who read the board.

14/09/107 Update on CeramTec site – already discussed elsewhere

14/09/108 Discuss DALC approved protocol for recording meetings after new regulation 2014. Cllr Smith proposed that the protocol approved by DALC & already circulated to councillors be approved & adopted into Standing Orders, Cllr Mann seconded the proposal and all agreed.

14/09/109 Other matters brought to the Chairs attention after the agenda published

- a) Letter from resident re condition of path beside the Church – clerk will investigate ownership.
- b) 27/8 Request from Channel 4 for permission to film in the streets of Colyton on 1st September
- c) Playing Fields Toilets – still closed – 10 weeks now – now sorted.
- d) Third quote for memorial from West Country Stonemasons.
- e) Re inspect allotment plots especially 11 P/Q as no response to letter. Cllr Mann proposed the tenancy be cancelled, seconded by Cllr Smith & agreed by all.
- f) Application 14/0677/MFUL Seaton Heights – amendment – comment as adjoining parish – no paper plans available. Clerk requested we borrow Seaton's (but not yet received)
- g) Skate park signage –details copied from EDDC . Clerk to get quoted to produce sign.

14/09/110 Matters to be taken into Committee - none

14/09/111 Dates of future meetings

September Finance & Planning – Monday Sept 22nd

October Council meeting – Monday October 13th Colyford Memorial Hall.

The meeting closed at 2100.