

**COLYTON PARISH COUNCIL**  
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**Minutes of CPC meeting on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> August 2015 held in the Mortimer Room of the Town Hall at 7pm.**

**Present: Cllr Parr, C Collier, B Collier, P Gibbins, J Hay, S Real, R Turner, K Clifford, P Dean, A Jarman, G Stephens, Dist Cllr H Parr, County Cllr S Randal Johnson (for part of the meeting), 8 members of the public & E Berry (Clerk).**

**15/08/67 Receipt & Approval of apologies for absence - none**

**15/08/68 Police Report – by email**

**Colyton Crime 06/07/2015 – 09/08/2015. 4 crimes.**

**12/07/2015 CR/048448/15:** Theft. St Leonards Terrace The Butts.

Reported Theft of cycle: Found later at Peace Memorial Field.

**26/07/2015 CR/052200/15:** Theft. Colyton/Shute.

Owner of a Catering Trailer moved the trailer from storage location in Colyton and left it at a lay –by at Shute Pillars. The Trailer was then stolen from there.

**29/07/2015 CR/052815/15:** Killing A schedule 1 Wild Bird. Govers Meadow.

Resident has found several birds in the field at the rear of his property.

**06/08/2015 CR/05490/15:** Criminal Damage to Property.

Peace Memorial Playing Field Bolt to locked toilet door damaged.

PCSO 30196 Mike McGauley has changed his shift pattern to work late on various Mondays to attend the youth club at Colyton to address some concerns.

Still awaiting appointment of new Neighbourhood Beat Manager we will be updated of any further development.

**15/08/69 Public Question time (maximum 15 minutes)**

A resident of Hillhead spoke in objection to planning application 15/1275/FUL. She paraphrased her letter of objection to EDDC stating loss of light and concern that any modification to the leat would not solve the problem of it flooding and could worsen the situation.

A second resident shared the same concerns with the leat and also paraphrased his letter to EDDC. He felt that the applicant had totally disregarded the fact that the building is in a conservation area. The extension would result in a loss of amenity and privacy with the applicant being able to see right into his garden. The subject of parking in South Square was also of concern to him as was the leat.

Mr West from Colyford was dismayed at the Councils decision not to allow the residents of Harepath Hill having a vote in the Colyton Parish Neighbourhood plan. He said the decision was made at a planning meeting which in his opinion was not democratic. He said the residents are signing a petition and asked the council to reconsider.

Another resident asked how they could obtain the minutes if they weren't on the website? The clerk explained that minutes on the website were those that had been approved at the following meeting. Draft copies of any minutes could be obtained from the clerk. Previously copies had been printed and made available for members of the public at the meeting but having thrown away numerous copies in the past this was a waste of resources when anyone who wanted a copy could request one.

**15/08/70 Approval of the minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> July 2015**

The minutes were approved and signed as being a true record of that meeting.

**15/08/71 Matters arising from the Minutes**

a) Update on bin and sign at Cuthouse Meadow

EDDC Highways will not put a sign in a residential cul de sac that has no history of problems. Sovereign were approached and are considering it.

EDDC Streetscene will not put a litter bin in the play area as they feel the litter can be taken home and their litter pickers already visit the site.

- b) Response from David Black (Head of Planning, Transportation & Environment) re the Ceramtech site  
He stated that the site would potentially attract a significant value which would be beyond the County's finances to purchase even with capital receipt from the former site.

**15/08/72 Report from County Councillor** (Given later in the meeting but reported in agenda order).

Cllr Randall Johnson apologised for not making the last meeting. She is pursuing the yellow lines at Western Place and King Street. As to the white lines that were outside the cycle shop, there was no record as to why they were there and they will not be replaced. She had looked at Guernsey Corner and couldn't see a problem. As to visibility issues at junctions it was the landowner's responsibility to cut back trees & bushes and the Parish Council should be writing to them to ensure this was done. There followed some discussion as to whether this was DCC 'passing the buck'. She stated that these issues would be under discussion at the Joint meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> August and encouraged as many of the councillors as possible to attend.

The subject of the road repairs from Lilylake to Umborne /Easy Bridge and the timetabling of the repairs was discussed. All sections have now gone to the maintenance teams to be allocated a timing. There had been some confusion over the scope of the work, it would be patching not a total resurfacing. The comment was made that hopefully it would be better than the Rosemary Lane 'patching' which is a very poor job. Cllr Randall Johnson had come in that way and couldn't see a problem, except for some slight unevenness.

Cllr Hay wanted to know what was happening at Ridgeway as the road, scheduled for repair last year remains in a poor and dangerous state. Cllr Randall Johnson said that there were no plans to repair it as it is still passable. It was pointed out that with every period of rainfall more & more soil is washed into the leat. Cllr Randall Johnson there was no opportunity or funds to pursue the repair. Every potential repair has to compete with other projects and the funds allocated.

After a FOI request Cllr Gibbins had found out that the Colyford to Seaton cycleway is costing £335,000 for a 1148 yard cycle way – a cost of £320 per yard, with the provision of a 4m bridge. In his opinion this was 'crazy money' being spent on this project whilst the roads fell into disrepair and hospital beds were being closed. Cllr Randall Johnson pointed out that this money came from a different budget and they had to enable people to have a good, healthy standard of life which was why cycling was an important part of the whole picture. Cllr Dean felt that council and members of the public were being patronised by the County Councillor, and that whilst she 'took comments on board' and were 'glad they had been brought up' nothing was done in the long term. Cllr Randall Johnson agreed that it was incredibly frustrating, there is over 8000 miles of roads in Devon and a very limited pot of money. Cllr Pady felt that these problems stemmed from the decision by DCC to do away with the lengthsman service, the first line of defence. Cllr Randall Johnson reiterated that the County needed to balance its books and repairs and projects had to be prioritised. Parishes must work together, the lengthsman service was discarded to help to balance those books and communities needed to be more resilient.

There was some discussion over the continuing problem of the overgrown trees on the A3052 near the Western Power substation. The grass has been cut but not the trees. CPC was under the impression that an order was being served on Western Power to get the job done. Cllr Randall Johnson will look into it.

Mr West commented on the discrepancy between the Police report on speeding at Colyford and the findings from the Speedwatch group He felt that the number of speeding motorist justified a flashing 30 sign at each end of the village like the signs on the Honiton to Cullompton Road. Cllr Randall Johnson stated that it was more likely to be locals speeding who knew the road rather than visitors and was asked if there is evidence of this?

She confirmed that any sign would have to have the backing of the police and be supported by them. She was prepared to put money into such a project providing the evidence and police support was there. Cllr Parr said that there should be a record of the motorist caught speeding which could be used to put forward a case for signage.

**15/08/73 Report from District Councillor.**

As a point of information Dist Cllr H Parr stated that even in a conservation area UPVC windows could be placed in a domestic dwelling. She answered the question about the Chief Executive made by Cllr Hay at the last meeting. The Chief Executive still has a full time employment contract with EDDC. He had been released to South Somerset on a part time basis with them paying a contribution towards his salary. As they had terminated this agreement early they will be paying compensation to EDDC. The financial implications of this early release had been referred to the cabinet and they were happy with the compensation for payment of wages.

There is a lot of work going on at the moment with the new town, Sky Park, the Science Park and the office move so Councillors have a heavy workload. She reiterated that the Council Tax is the lowest in Devon and they are very mindful of their spending and giving value for money.

**15/08/74 Highway Matters**

- a) Petition received from Colyton Businesses' on state of the roads. This was read out. A letter of thanks will be sent to the organisers stating that we understand their frustrations and that we will be pushing for the work to be done.
- b) Yellow lines at Western Place reply from Cty Cllr – in hand
- c) Repainted lines at Guernsey corner reply from Cty Cllr – unsure as to what the problem is, will look again.
- d) Response from Mr Brown re future road repairs. Some works are programmed for this year, others will be done in the financial year but have yet to be scheduled.
- e) Road Closure request for SWW – 23/11 – 25/11 from 1 Colybank to Colyhouse, Rosemary Lane. Clerk to ask that this timetable is adhered to as this is a major route into Colyton.
- f) All parishes meeting on Thursday 20th August 1800-1930 Tiard Room, The Beehive, Honiton.

**15/08/75 Report from Meetings Attended - none****15/08/76 Correspondence**

- a) Publications e-mailed to councillors – Intouch/RSN etc
- b) Briefing document from Northern, Eastern & Western Devon Clinical Commissioning Group re resilience of East Devon's community hospitals (emailed to councillors)
- c) Email from Tom Butt – Devon Communities re Launch of a Devon Social Enterprise Network – emailed to councillors who were asked to email it onto any other interested parties.
- d) Letter of thanks from Colyford Speedwatch group and details of their initiative & findings so far. Cllr Pady proposed a letter of thanks be sent to the group as the data provided presents a strong case for a flashing sign. Seconded by Cllr Real.
- e) Email Douglas Hull – Statement by Cllr Jill Elson. Copied to Councillors.
- f) Copy of email correspondence between Howard West and Cllr Sara Randall Johnson. This was read out.
- g) Email copy of EDDC Development Plan Document re Gypsy & Traveller accommodation. Comments invited.

**15/08/77 Finance**

Minutes of the meeting held 27<sup>th</sup> July (Appendix G) to be noted  
Accounts to be approved for payment – payment proposed by Cllr Gibbins, seconded by Cllr Real and agreed by all.

Cheque	Payee			VAT	Total
DD	EDF	Electricity	£8.55	£0.45	£9.00
DD	Tiscali	Telephone & Broadband	£15.74	£3.14	18.88
BACS	Shute Parish Council	PT funding min ref F15/07/21d			£80
3604	Lars Larj	Replacement wall grips	£58	£11.60	£69.60

3605	Cash	Toilet caretaker			£100
3606	Office Depot	Toner & Paper	£30.56	£6.11	£36.67

- a) Audit returned from external auditors – All acceptable. Only comment was that one section although signed had not been dated.  
Advertised as available for inspection from the public and due to new transparency laws will be on the CPC website.

## 15/08/78 Planning

Minutes of the meeting held Monday 27<sup>th</sup> July – (Appendix H) to be noted

### a Planning Applications

#### **15/1275/FUL Westcotts, South Street, Colyton – Mr M Mann**

Two storey side extension including associated groundworks

Decision to be made after site inspection.

6 letters of objection received and read out.

Cllr Real declared a personal interest as the builder is a family member.

Cllr Gibbins proposed that the application is **NOT SUPPORTED for several reasons:**

There is insufficient information on the sketches/plans, with no scale or dimensions being given.

The proposed development also overlooks and compromises the light and amenity space of the cottages on Hillhead and other neighbours.

There is no supporting evidence from a professional water or civil engineer to back up the applicants statement that his new design for the leat will be able to cope with any excess water flowing into the town leat and that the leat has more than enough capacity to cope with it.

Seconded by Cllr Clifford and agreed by all.

#### **15/1764/FUL Kimaric, Elm Farm Lane, Colyford – Mr & Mrs Jarvis**

Construction of a two storey side extension & single storey rear extension

Site meeting arranged for 17<sup>th</sup> August with authority given to those present to submit the comments to EDDC after the site meeting.

### b Planning Decisions

#### **15/1526/FUL Communication Station, Gatcombe Farm – Vodaphone ltd**

Replacement of existing mast with a new 17.5m mast, 6 new antennas, 2 new 600mm dish antennas and 1 further 300mm one plus ancillary works.

**APPROVED**

#### **15/1271/CPE Watchcombe Point, Shute – Mr Clark**

Certificate of lawfulness to retain section of outbuilding in breach of condition 2 of planning application 00/P1571

**GRANTED**

#### **15/1310/FUL Land adjoining rear of number 53 Govers Meadow – Mr Knight**

Erection of stable & hay store.

**APPROVED**

### c Planning Correspondence

- a) Leaflet from GJR Architects on behalf of Mssrs Harris re proposed development of 31 dwellings at Hillhead. - Sent to residents in the immediate area. Noted.
- b) Email EDDC consultation on proposed criteria for defining built up areas boundaries for small villages & towns. Comments by 21<sup>st</sup> September. Deferred to planning meeting.

## 15/08/79 Amenities

a) Minutes of the Amenities Committee meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> July (Appendix I) to be noted.

b) Request from PCC re churchyard flowers. Cllr Pady proposed we do as the PCC asks and put a notice in the Coly Times, seconded by Cllr Parr. Agreed by all.

c) Update on Ridgeway dog bin – EDDC looking into it with SITA who do the contract.

- d) Update from DCC re land at Pear Tree Corner – confirmation that DCC do not own it – unsure as to who does.
- e) Update on Handyman’s workshop. Blamphayne have come back with a quote for £1985 – this will be a 10’ x 20’ shed made from dipped tongue & groove with double doors, pedestrian side door and non-opening windows. Delivered & erected in October. Cllr C Collier proposed we accept this quote, seconded by Cllr Dean & agreed by all.
- f) Cllr Pady also commented on a bolt that had broken on one of the field gates on the Pratts Hill Bridleway. He will arrange with John Rollings to do the repair.
- g) Concern was expressed about the bank erosion on Footpath 27. Cllr Pady proposed a meeting with the Environment Agency, seconded by Cllr Gibbins and agreed by all. The clerk will contact them.

**15/08/80 Neighbourhood Plan for Colyton Parish**

- a) Limited copies of 2008 Parish Plan – prioritise distribution. Will be given to Committee members once the make-up of the committee is agreed. It is on the EDDC website.
- b) Email from Tim Spurway confirming the Colyton Neighbourhood area has now been designated & advertised. Also details of grants we can apply for.
- c) Date for public meeting (to make deadline for Coly Times) – 16<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm in the Town Hall.

**15/08/81 Colyton Memorial Social Club**

Cllr Parr read out the minutes of the last Social Club Committee meeting where it was agreed not to pursue the matter of amending the title of the Club as regards disposal as without the CPC agreement there would be very little chance of Land Registry accepting any amendment proposal. They had also been told that because of the historic relationship between the club and the Parish Council they had in effect a protected business tenancy and it was recommended that they let this matter drop as well.

**15/08/82 Reece Strawbridge Centre**

Cllr Hay will attend his first meeting as the CPC representative on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> and report back at the next meeting.

**15/08/83 Stafford Common Business Tenancies**

Cllr Gibbins declared a pecuniary interest as he is the current tenant. Ross Wilmington had not got back to the Clerk – she will chase the information we need.

**15/08/84 Update of Standing Orders re casual vacancies.**

Cllr Dean proposed acceptance, seconded by Cllr Gibbins and agreed by all. This will now go into Standing Orders.

**15/08/85 Matters to be taken into Committee – none.**

**15/08/86 Items brought to the CPC’s attention after the agenda had been published – to be noted.**

- a) Land offered for Colyford Playpark – site meeting agreed on the 16<sup>th</sup> August.
- b) Letter from local residents re Dolphin Street and accident risk to walkers & property by speeding traffic. Cllr Parr encouraged councillors to take a look at the situation and see if there was anything that could be done. To be discussed at the next Traffic Group meeting.

**15/08/87 Dates of future meetings**

Finance & Planning – Monday August 24<sup>th</sup>  
 Colyton Parish Council Meeting – Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.20pm.