

**COLYTON PARISH COUNCIL**  
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Minutes of the Colyton Parish Council held Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2015 in COLYFORD MEMORIAL HALL at 7pm.

Present: Cllrs B Collier, C Collier, A Parr, P Gibbins, J Hay, S Real, C Pady, R Turner, K Clifford, P Dean, A Jarman, H Evans, Dist Cllr H Parr, Cty Cllr S Randall Johnson (for part of the meeting), 1 member of the press and 24 members of the public.

Cllr Parr welcomed everyone to the October meeting and thanked Colyford for hosting the meeting.

15/9/108      **Receipt & Approval of apologies for absence** – Cllr G Stephens

15/09/109      **Police Report**    by email.

1: 11/09/2015	CR/064081/15	Assault Person/ now withdrawn. Vicarage Street, Colyton
2: 12/09/2015	CR/063919/15	Assault Person: Two crimes
	CR/063921/15	This refs to a punch up at the Colyton Carnival.
3:14/09/2015	CR/065394/15	Criminal Damage/ Vehicle tyre slashed. South Sq. Coyton
4: 28/09/2015	CR/067767/15	Drink Driver, Whitwell Lane, Colyford.
5: 28/09/2015	CR/067768/15	Threats to Kill, Seaway Head, Colyton.
6: 03/10/2015	CR/069520/15	Possession a controlled Drug
	CR/069545/15	Vehicle searched and Drugs found. Layby Colyton Hill

Reported problems with Youths at the Reece Strawbridge Youth Centre. (log 131 6/10/15).

This ref to youths using spray cans outside the building.

The Neighbourhood Police Team will be working with the Youth Workers at the Centre and enquires will be made.

15/09/110 **Public Question time** (maximum 15 minutes)

Mrs Smith made two observations' the first that copies of the minutes of the Council meeting and the Finance & Planning committee minutes were no longer being provided to the library. The Clerk will look into this and rectify the situation.

Secondly she felt that the Reece Strawbridge Trustees were receiving negative treatment in the minutes. She stated that trustees nominated by the Parish Council have a duty to the charity not the Parish Council.

Natalie McNeice briefed the Council on the 'Walk, Ride or Scoot to School' initiative that she is organising on 22<sup>nd</sup> October and hoped that some of the councillors would join in. The idea of the initiative is to raise the awareness of other road users and to promote confidence levels in the children.

Mr West confirmed that as mayor of Colyford he had written to Seaton Town Council opposing to the latest plan for building in the green wedge. He once again asked that something be done about the overgrown hedge at the approach to the tramway crossing in Colyford.

He praised the Speedwatch team who have now recorded over 800 cars exceeding more than 30mph. This had generated considerable interest from the local speed watch coordinator Elaine Hartley and Devon County Council.

Jacquie McCullough and Roger Bagg from the Promote Colyton Group explained the proposal for Historical Banners to be displayed in the Market Place over the summer period. These will be handmade at various workshops and be of a non-commercial nature which would mean they required no planning permission. This initiative had been successfully done in other towns in the UK.

Paula thanked the Parish Council for the contribution towards the Community Speed watch equipment and confirmed that over 894 vehicles had been recorded over the 30 mph speed limit in the short time they had been in action. The police are now taking an interest, which is a major step forward.

Mr Priestly, a neighbour of Mr & Mrs Percival commented, on their behalf, about the Vineyards planning application. The work had already been done and the subsequent building now severely

affected their enjoyment of their property because of the imposing nature of the building and the loss of the view. They have sent a letter into EDDC but the question was asked as to how the applicant was allowed to build something that did not adhere to the approved planning?

**15/09/111 Approval of the minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> September 2015**

With an amendment from Jim Broom to John Broom the minutes were signed and accepted as a true record of that meeting.

**15/09/112 Matters arising from the Minutes**

- a) Stafford Common Business Tenancy update and letter re tender. \*\* Cllr Gibbins declared an interest. Symonds & Sampson are preparing the tenancy agreement. A letter had been received by a local farmer adjacent to the land asking if they could put in a late tender as they were unaware of it being available. The Parish Council agreed that this would not be possible, after taking advice the whole process had been put in the hands of the land agents who had advertised the tender and followed all approved procedures.
- b) Heads of Terms for transfer of Colyton Library to Colyton Parish Council. Nothing heard from the County Solicitor.

**15/09/113 Report from County Councillor (given later in the meeting but reported in agenda order).**

The latest section of the Stop Line Way across Colyford Common to Popes Lane is due to be opened shortly. She explained the devolution exercise being undertaken by DCC. The 13 districts across Devon & Somerset are working with the county councillors and the unitary authority of Torbay and will take responsibility for a given area for managing and acquiring funding from central government. DCC is fairly optimistic that this scheme will work to achieve the savings expected from them.

Currently the County Council is looking to divest its Youth service programme to save money.

Mr West asked her why there had been no apparent support from DCC of the request for speed restriction signs given the latest report of over 800 motorist exceeding the 30mph? She replied that she had always supported the scheme, it was the police who had been dragging their heels but things may be changing. Paula briefed the county councillors on the community speed watch findings. Cllr Randall Johnson was invited to join them by Cllr Pady.

Cllr Gibbins reiterated the state of the hedge near the level crossing. At previous meetings Mike Brown was going to look into the situation and had, at one time, said that an order was to be served on Western Power. Had that happened? Cllr Randall Johnson will chase it up.

Cllr Dean welcomed the attendance of the County Councillor to the meetings and asked if it would be possible for her to send a report to the Clerk by noon on the day of the meeting as should this meeting have finished early, her late arrival would have meant no report would have been given. She said in theory that would be possible but in practice it would be unlikely. She had attended two meetings prior to this one, hence her late arrival and she would be reluctant to turn up if a report had already been submitted.

**15/09/114 Report from District Councillors**

Cllr H Parr went through the recent performance snapshot, available on the EDDC website. Trials for plastic & cardboard collection are well under way in parts of Exmouth and Feniton.

The Annual Canvas is underway with 58.6% of forms being returned.

The Countryside team reported that local events had been very well attended and volunteers in the district had given 318 hours to the team.

Cllr Dean asked if extra bins were being supplied for the recycling. Cllr Parr said that yes there was extra capacity being provided by 'gull' bags.

Cllr Dean asked her if she felt if it was unreasonable for the County Councillor to submit a report by noon?

Diane Nason commented that the County Councillors had only been at one recent meeting. Her absence meant that she was not available for questions.

She asked Cllr Parr if the review of the public speaking restrictions at EDDC had taken place? Cllr Parr was unaware of any review.

Mr West asked what the latest situation on the local plan was, especially with the recent reports of the Prime Minister saying that if one was not in place and no housing planned the government would do it for them?

Cllr Parr replied that that was for District Councils who had not started their Local Plan. The EDLP is well under way with the Inspector receiving everything he needs.

**15/09/115 Highway Matters**

- a) Temporary road closure Bonehayne & Purlbridge road 8-14 October – patching
- b) Temporary road closure Hillhead, Colyton 8-9 October – patching
- c) Waiting restrictions in Colyton.

- d) Temporary road closure Hillhead, 16-20 October – patching
- e) Cllr Gibbins reported that the potholes in Whitwell Lane very now dangerous – they will be reported again.

#### 15/09/116 Report from Meetings Attended

Cllr C Collier reported on a very successful and well attended meeting at EDDC on 9<sup>th</sup> October with the theme ‘Keeping Well’ There were talks from various professionals including Admiral Nurses who specialise in dementia care, the department of work & pensions, the Chief executive of Young Devon (Mental Health Project ), Awards for All, an RD&E specialist in geriatric & stoke care and a representative from The Project, an Axminster based organisation who offer support to young people with mental health issues.

#### 15/09/117 Correspondence

- a) Publications e-mailed to councillors – Intouch/RSN etc
- b) Visit Colyton Group – Plans for Heraldic Banners. Cllr Pady proposed that the Parish Council support this initiative. Seconded by Cllr Clifford and unanimously agreed.
- c) Request for lighting at PMPF car park – Cllr Parr read out two letters from users of the Pavilion who requested lighting in the car park area. Cllr Turner is to approach local electricians for their thoughts on what can be done and will report back.
- d) Colyton Carnival Committee guaranteeing payment for Christmas Lights for next three years.  
\*\* Cllrs CC Collier & Real declared an interest as they are on the Carnival Committee.
- e) Boundary Commission further consultation – mainly affects North Devon not the local area.
- f) EDDC Statutory Consultation of Licensing Policy  
Cllr Turner had looked at the recommendations and had two comments, currently if someone has an objection to a license they have to provide their name and address to the authority prior to any action being taken. The recommendation is that they can now remain anonymous and a parish councillor asked to speak on their behalf. There was some discussion about this and Cllr Evans felt that it was part of the councillor’s role to speak on residents behalf so couldn’t see a problem with it.  
Secondly there is a plan to introduce a late night levy (currently operating in some parts of the county), which is an additional fee to the licensing fee and will be used to pay for extra policing etc. However it will mean that anyone who applies for a late night license regardless of the venue or location will have to pay it.  
The Gambling & Gaming recommendations had nothing in it to affect Colyton Parish.  
Cllr Turner will submit the CPC comments within the deadline.
- g) DCC Grass cutting limited to visibility at bends & junctions and visibility to signs  
Cllr Hay asked if we could ask for the costings. The clerk will investigate.
- h) Parishes together funding closing date 6<sup>th</sup> November. The clerk had been in discussion with Seaton Town Council about paying for hours for their dog warden. The clerk at Seaton would be happy to manage the scheme. The clerk will pursue the possibility.

#### 15/09/118 Finance

Minutes of the meeting held 28<sup>th</sup> September 2015 (Appendix L) to be noted

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

Cheque	Payee			VAT	Total
DD	EDF	Electricity	£8.55	£0.45	£9.00
DD	Tiscali	Telephone & Broadband	£17.73	£5.54	£21.27
3625	MNR Mowers	Sprayer & Attachments	£189.35	£37.87	£227.22
3626	Cash	Toilet caretaker - September			£100
3627	Musbury Garage	Petrol	£4.67	£0.93	£5.60
3628	Viridor	Waste collection	£106.58	£21.30	£127.88
3269	G L Jones	Playground equipment	£24416.55	£4883.31	£29299.86

- a) Estimates for concrete works at Playing Field & Rosemary Lane Store.  
Cllr Real proposed that this item be dealt with In Committee under the provisions of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 (as amended by the Local Government Act 1972), the public,

including the press be excluded from the meeting as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, i.e. financially sensitive matters.

Seconded by Cllr Evans & agreed by all

- b) Clerk requests a couple of hours' time in lieu on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> to attend a funeral - noted

## 15/09/119 Planning

Minutes of the meeting held Monday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2015 – (Appendix M) to be noted

### a Planning Applications

#### **15/2216/FUL (Adjoining Parish) Colcombe Wood, Colyton for Mr K Mills**

Demolition of existing conservatory and bay window and construction of a two storey front extension and erection of an orangerie –*no plans expected*

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

#### **15/2271/FUL The Vineyard, Seaton Road, Colyford for Mr M Clark**

Erection of detached garage and erection of detached double garage with exercise room with home office/play room over (revised design to 13/2338/FUL)

*Letter and email received commenting on the works done.*

Cllr Real proposed a site meeting, with a decision being made at that meeting, seconded by Cllr Clifford and agreed by all. The Clerk will contact the agent and arrange for Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October at 6pm.

#### **15/2274/FUL 1 Greenclose Court, Colyton for Mr & Mrs S Real**

Raising roof of existing bungalow to provide first floor accommodation

Cllr Evans proposed that a site meeting is made and a decision made at that meeting, seconded by Cllr Clifford and agreed by all. The clerk will contact the agent and arrange for the 19<sup>th</sup> October at 630pm.

#### **15/2277/VAR Land South of Grange Cottage, Gully Shoot, Colyford for Mr A Payne**

Variation to details approved under permission 14/1018/FUL including landscaping works and a lean-to shelter against the eastern elevation of the house – *no plans yet*

#### **15/2304/FUL 2 River View Drive, Colyton for Mr J Parkhouse**

Retention of raised decking – *no plans yet*

#### **15/2188/MOUT Land east of Harepath Road, Seaton – (Adjoining Parish)**

Outline planning application for a mixed use development providing for class B1 (a) (offices up to 5050sqm), class B1(c) and B2 light/general industrial units (up to 3500sqm), open space and the erection of up to 150no dwellings (75no affordable) and associated roads and infrastructure including a main spine road (all matters reserved) – *no plans expected a set borrowed from Seaton Town Council.*

#### **NOT SUPPORTED.**

Cllr Parr proposed that the clerk rework CPC's comments bearing in mind that EDDC has now said that they have a five year land supply to fulfil their housing obligations, and the proposal still remains in the green wedge and all other comments we previously made are valid. Seconded by Cllr Collier and agreed by all. He clerk will email the reworked comments to councillors before submission.

### b Planning Decisions

#### **15/1891/FUL – 2 Queen Square – Mr Nosedá**

Change of use from workshop/garage to a one bedroom ground floor flat.

**APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS**

#### **15/1904/FUL – The Cherries, Hillhead for Mr P Newton**

**APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS**

#### **15/2020/OUT Land north of Cataclew, Station Road, Colyton for Mr A J Carthy**

**REFUSED**

#### **15/2024/TCA 22 Kingsholme, Colyford**

Removal of cypress trees & reduce canopy of others to give 2m clearance of buildings & footway.

**APPROVED****c Planning Correspondence**

- a) Copy of letter of objection to 15/2019/FUL – read out.

**15/09/120 Amenities**

- a) Colyford Playpark – progress report & letter from resident  
The letter of support was read out and Cllr Pady updated the CPC on the progress made so far. An 11 year lease will be granted to secure funding. A letter has been written to Colyton Grammar School asking for comments and support as the site borders theirs.  
Cllr Pady is researching the types of play equipment and the possibility of incorporating an adult gym. Planning will be consulted if a change of use is required.
- b) Annual Play Inspection – Cllr Evans proposed that we agreed to schedule inspections on a yearly basis with the Inspection Company not a rolling contract, seconded by Cllr Real and agreed by all.
- c) Tree work – Jason Mair confirms he will hold quote for further work
- d) Thanks were proposed to the Carnival Committee for the new play equipment which is proving very popular.
- e) Cllr Turner asked if the handy man could take a look at the cracked slabs on the pathway to the Pavilion.
- f) The Rosemary Lane shed is ready for delivery, John is clearing out his workshop and storing it in the Carnival Shed. Colin will chase the other concrete quotes. John will require help in removing the old garages and it was decided to stack the removed slabs down at the playing fields.
- g) Cllr Pady reported that having received permission from the Environment Agency the landowner had got a large digger into the River Coly and cleared the shingle bank to help mitigate the erosion.

**15/09/121 Neighbourhood Plan for Colyton Parish**

Cllr Collier reported that there was a high turnout at the last meeting with over 20 people expressing an interest in being involved in the NP process.

Two ideas for setting up the subcommittee & steering group were discussed and Cllr Evans proposed that the Steering Group is made up in proportion to the size of each community (Colyton & Colyford). This allows for a democratic representation. Cllr Dean seconded the proposal and all agreed.

Cllr Evan proposed 12 people on the Steering group, 6 from the Colyton subcommittee, 3 from the Colyford subcommittee and 3 Parish councillors. This was seconded by Cllr Real and agreed by all.

The interested parties now need to meet and form the Colyton subcommittee which will then put forward the names for the Steering Group.

A meeting will be arranged for Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm in the St Johns Hall – the clerk will confirm.

**15/09/122 Colyton Memorial Social Club – nothing to report****15/09/123 Reece Strawbridge Centre – Cllr Hay had attended the last meeting where the subject of litter bins, the car park were on the agenda but he had to leave early so had nothing to report. He also understood that the constitution was also under discussion.****15/09/124 Council personnel**

Cllr Turner proposed that this item be dealt with In Committee under the provisions of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 (as amended by the Local Government Act 1972), the public, including the press be excluded from the meeting as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, i.e. personal sensitive matters.  
Seconded by Cllr C Collier & agreed by all.

**15/09/124 Items brought to the CPC's attention after the agenda had been published – to be noted**

Playing Field Management Committee AGM Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October

Bonfire & Fireworks Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> November

Temporary road closure – Coxley Lane – Drainage – 22<sup>nd</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> October.

Letter re development at The Vineyard, Seaton Road. Colyford – already noted in Planning.

**15/09/125 Matters to be taken into Committee**

Quotes for concrete works

Council Personnel

**15/09/126 Dates of future meetings**

Finance & Planning – Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October

Colyton Parish Council Meeting – Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November

There being no other business the meeting closed at 0905pm.