

COLYTON PARISH COUNCIL
Feoffees Town Hall, Colyton
EX24 6JR

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held in the Mortimer Room of Colyton Town Hall on Monday 9th November 2015 at 7.00 pm

Present: Cllr A Parr, C Collier, B Collier, P Gibbins, J Hay, C Pady, S Real, R Turner, K Clifford, P Dean, A Jarman, H Evans, Dist Cllr H Parr, County Cllr S Randal Johnson (for part of the meeting), 4 members of the public (for part of the meeting), 1 member of the press and L Berry (Clerk).

15/10/127 Receipt & Approval of apologies for absence – Cllr G Stephens

15/10/128 Police Report - 1 crime
 CR/075163/15. Common Assault.

15/10/129 Public Question time (maximum 15 minutes)

Shelia Smith noted that the agenda of the full council meeting was now on the website and asked if the Finance & Planning minutes could also be displayed there?

She asked if the Library were getting copies of the minutes the clerk responded that they were getting ratified copies of all meetings at the end of each month.

A Ridgeway Lane resident expressed his concern at the state of the upper part of the lane and had challenged Cllr Randal Johnson to drive up and down it 6 times. Many of the residents had damaged their car suspension and he was sick and tired of the pathetic excuses he was receiving from DCC. Cllr Parr said the matter would be raised directly with the county Councillor and agreed that in his opinion the lane fell well below any standard of a public road.

A Yarbury resident was dismayed and disgusted at the quality of the work that had been carried out at Yarbury Cross. The drainage attempted was not fit for purpose, it did not solve the problem and in his opinion would just exacerbate the situation, something needed to be done now as this attempt was just a waste of money.

15/10/130 Approval of the minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on 12th October 2015

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

15/10/131 Matters arising from the Minutes

a) Details of CPC solicitors sent to DCC re transfer of Library – nothing heard from them.

15/10/132 Report from County Councillor

Given later in the meeting but reported here in agenda order. Cllr Randal Johnson reported that work had started in Honiton on the Turks Head roundabout and would continue for 20 weeks causing some disruption which she hoped would be managed by DCC staff.

The Stop Line Way had a ‘soft’ opening earlier in the month and she reiterated that the bridges provides was a correct size to manage both the walkers and the cyclist. Cllr Gibbins pointed out that 1048 yard of bridge has cost £4000 – in his opinion the money could have been better spent repairing the roads.

Cllr Randal Johnson commented on the estimated shortfall in the DCC ‘peoples budget’, with £12m overspend the shortfall was likely to be £4.5m. This was largely due to more children than anticipated coming into care with complex needs that required specialised care. Inevitably this shortfall will impact on the road programme for the following year but in her opinion people had to come before potholes.

There was some discussion about the repairs that had been done between Easybridge and Yarbury Cross, the councillor had missed the member of publics concerns and frustration over such a poor job. Cllr Randal Johnson confirmed that Mike Brown was aware of the inadequate job and was chasing the contractors to put it right before the area was scheduled for tarmac works later in the month. Parish Councillors expressed their concern that this would be throwing money away. Until

the job was done properly there would be no point in tarmacking the road as the escaping water would just lift the tarmac and still flood the road. There was a lot of discussion about the lack of on-site supervision and Cllr Randal Johnson confirmed that the crews worked on a self-supervising basis and the public would report problems to DCC staff. Cllr Parr asked that she press Mike Brown to get the contractors back to get the remedial work done and then reschedule the resurfacing and to keep the council posted on progress.

Cllr Hay reported the problems at Lishams drain which is now damaging the repair that was done about 14 months ago and again the problem is springs which were not initially tackled when the major work was done about 10 years ago. Cllr Randal Johnson confirmed that if the problem is reported online by several people it is given a greater priority.

The state of the upper part of Ridgeway Lane was also discussed and again Cllr Randal Johnson stated that the more reports made about it the more attention it would receive but repairs were only made to potholes considered to be a safety defect – she will email a link to the clerk explain the criteria.

Cllr Gibbins reported that some Colyford residents were unhappy at not being invited to the opening of the Stop Line Way. Cllr Randal Johnson explained that this was not an official opening.

15/20/133 Report from District Councillors

Cllr Parr went through some of the ‘snapshot’ performance figures for EDDC which are reported in full online. Cllr Pady asked if she could check the progress of the offer of the reservoir in Holyford Woods from its current owners to EDDC.

Cllr Turner thanked her and Cllr Godbeer for their support in objecting to the latest Yaffles development and its subsequent refusal.

15/10/134 Highway Matters

a) Temporary Traffic notices – Road Closures:

10th November – 1 day – Chapel Knap, Colyton – Resurfacing

11th November – 1 day – Hillside, Colyton – Resurfacing

12th – 13th November – 2 days - Gribblemead – Resurfacing

15th November – 1 day - Coly Vale & B3161 Coly Road – Resurfacing

18th November – 1 day - Coxley Lane, Shute – Resurfacing

2nd December – 1 day – Market Place, Colyton 1200 – 2030 – Colyton Christmas Fayre

25th Jan 2016 – 27th Jan 2016 – Northleigh Cross to Coombe Lane – Water Utility works

b) Yellow line report picked up by Highways – will get back to us

c) Cllr Hay reported on the state of the road at Lishams drain,, the repaired section has been washed out by the springs which had not been piped when the major repairs were done about 10 years ago. There was also water pouring out of a telecom culvert at the bottom of Lishams drain and a huge pothole. Cllr Collier said this had been reported at DCC would repair it on December 8th. He also reported that now in his 70’s he could no longer keep the ditches at Clay Lane, Ridgeway Lane and Southleigh Lane cleared. They were always the responsibility of the district council and they must take this on again.

d) A streetlamp in Ridgeway has gone missing in the last month – it has been reported at least three times.

The Parish Council agreed that many of these problems were caused as local knowledge had been lost and there is a need to take back greater control over local work to ensure we get the best value for money.

15/10/135 Report from Meetings Attended

Cllr Real reported on the DAPC meeting he had attended at Hawkchurch with Cllr B Collier. Bob had been elected Chairman. There had been an interesting talk by Mr Chubb about the ongoing recycling trial taking place in parts of Exmouth. It is proving very successful with a lot of the initial concerns of the residents not happening or being resolved quickly.

Hawkchurch was having its own planning battles with a 5th solar farm being proposed on prime agricultural land.

Cllr Parr has attended the Church Fabric Committee meeting where the offer from Nick and John Rollings of establishing a ‘wild area’ by the side entrance of the church was discussed and accepted. He confirmed that the Church had taken legal advice on ownership and St Andrews Hall is now being offered for sale.

15/10/136 Correspondence

- a) Publications e-mailed to councillors – Intouch/RSN etc
- b) Invitation for two representatives to EDDC Tuesday 1st December 6 – 8.45pm. – Interested councillors were asked to contact the Clerk.
- c) Letter of support for Colyford playpark from local resident of Colyford – read out and noted.
- d) Offer from local professional decorator to paint cemetery gates after shot blasting. Offer accepted. Letter of thanks to be sent.
- e) Letter from local resident re PMPF. This was read out and discussed. The maintenance man will be asked to trim the bank around the skateboard park and to make a couple of benches that could be concreted into place when the work on the paths is scheduled. Cllr Turner would report on the downpipe to the Playing fields committee in the hope that it would be reinstated.
- f) Signed copies of Stafford Common Business Tenancy received.
- g) Email ‘Government News’ - [Independent organisation to run Devon’s libraries](#)
Plans for an independent organisation to oversee Devon’s libraries could be given the green light next week. Cllr Parr commented on where the funding was coming from and suggested this whole scheme needed to be looked at in far greater detail.

15/10/137 Finance

- a) Minutes of the meeting held 26th October 2015 (Appendix N) to be noted
Accounts to be approved for payment. Cllrs Collier declared an interest in 3640 as this is their son. Cllr Real proposed payment of the accounts, seconded by Cllr Turner and agreed by all.

Cheque	Payee			VAT	Total
DD	EDF	Electricity	£8.55	£0.45	£9.00
DD	Tiscali	Telephone & Broadband	£16.81	£3.36	£20.17
3638	RBL Poppy Appeal	Poppy Wreath			£18.50
3639	CASH	Toilet Caretaker			£100
3640	Mr R H Collier	Cemetery Grass cutting			£1330
3641	DALC	AGM Attendance	£20.00	£4.0	£24.00
3642	LDDSS Newspapers	Advert in View From Colyton	£78.00	£15.50	£93.60
3643	Colyton Thursday Club	Hire of Hall for NP meeting			£25

- b) Fees to be charged for Colyton Cemetery 2016/17 – defer to Finance meeting.
- c) Clerk request TiL over the Christmas period from Thursday 24th to Jan 5th (5 days) - OK
- d) John requests Tuesday 10th November as annual leave and also Monday 16th, Wednesday 18th & Thursday 19th - OK
- e) John request purchase of Algroc clear pro moss preventative at £72 plus VAT. Approval proposed by Cllr Real, seconded by Cllr Turner and agreed by all.

- f) Came & Company have increased the Playground equipment section of our insurance to £50,000, no additional premium this year, but it will adjusted at the next renewal by £58.21

15/10/138 Planning

Minutes of the meeting held Monday 26th October 2015 – (Appendix O) to be noted

a Planning Applications

15/2277/VAR Land South of Grange Cottage, Gulley Shoot – Mr Payne

Second variation to details approved under 14/1018/FUL including landscape works and a lean to shelter against the eastern elevation of the house.

Cllr Real proposed a site visit, seconded by Cllr Evans and agreed by all. The Clerk will speak to them and suggest Saturday morning about 0930.

15/2470/FUL Tritchayne Farm, Colyton - Ms Urquhart

Construction of garden office & garage/store building

SUPPORTED, proposed by Cllr Real, seconded by Cllr Jarman and agreed by all.

15/2482/TCA Whiteways, Swan Hill Rd – Mr Bishop

B1 Beech – 15% crown thinning & reduce height by 2m and spread by 2.5m - *no details yet*

15/2483/TRE Whiteways, Swan Hill Road – Mr Bishop

T1 Walnut – Lift crown by removing branches on east side of tree, and remove short overhanging branch on the west side & lower twiggy growth on the south side.

Clerk to arrange site visit on Saturday.

15/2376/TCA – Colyton House, Vicarage Street - Mrs H Parr

Holm Oak – reduce & thin to remove 20% of leaf area, reducing height and spread by 1 – 2 m making pruning cuts up to 75mm diameter. Raise crown to give 3m clearance above ground

T1 & T2 – Incense Cedar, T4 Pittosporum, T5 Holly, T6 Cypress – Fell

T3 Copper Beech – reduce side branches by 1-2m

Site visit to be arranged on Saturday.

b Planning Decisions

15/2274/FUL 1 Greenclose Court – Mr Real

Raising of roof of existing bungalow to provide first floor accommodation.

APPROVED with conditions.

15/2304/FUL 2 River View Drive – Mr Parkhouse

Retention of raised decking.

APPROVED

***15/2294/GPD Bridge Cottage, Dolphin Street.**

Construction of a single storey replacement rear extension (0.6, deep, 3.7m wide and max height 3.5m with max eaves height of 2.5m)

Prior approval not required.

***15/1965/OUT Land South of Yaffles – Mrs Gould**

Outline application for 4 dwellings & associated access.

REFUSED

***15/2271/FUL The Vineyard, Seaton Road – Mr Clark**

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

APPROVED with conditions.**c Planning Correspondence**

- a) Copy of letter of objection to application 15/1758/MOUT Hillhead - noted
- b) Copy of letter of objection to 15/2188/MOUT Land east of Harepath Rd, Seaton - noted
- c) Notification from EDDC that paper copies of planning application will cease being provided from 1st May 2016. Clerk to look at funding options for a digital projector.

ADDITIONAL INSCRIPTIONS - request

BB12 – Madeleine Ann Orange - **APPROVED**

HH09 – Roy Mear - **APPROVED**

F280 – Evelyn Ethel Wakley - **APPROVED**

15/10/138 Amenities

Cllr Parr thanked Cllrs Collier & Gibbins for removing the diseased tree at the Playing Fields.

- a) Rodney Parsons has volunteered to tackle St Andrews garden as a one-off - accepted and a letter of thanks sent
- b) Update on Playpark
Cllr Pady reported that he has a meeting with Neil Hudson the representative at Sovereign at 0830 on 10th December to look at the space and what could be fitted into it. He has also been in touch with his solicitor to draw up an 11 year lease that would be acceptable to EDDC so that the funding could be released.
- c) Update on War memorial
The cleaning work and the repairs have been done. The two additional names will be inscribed when the weather allows it. Comments were made on some of the indistinct inscriptions – the clerk will ask the stone mason for his advice.
- d) Update on workshop
The concrete base had been laid by Cllrs Collier and Pady assisted by John Rollings. Cllr Clifford was going to check on the electrician who was expected to disconnect the electricity early this week. Cllr Real proposed the shed is dismantled, the roof stored and disposal sorted out later so as not to delay the erection of the new shed. Seconded by Cllr Gibbins and agreed by all. Cllr Pady suggested 0900 on Thursday to start dismantling and asked for volunteers to help. The up and over door and frame will be cut up and Cllr Real will arrange disposal.
- e) Cllr Collier briefed the council on the progress of the lights that the carnival committee were arranging. They are waiting for one building in Market Place to give their consent. The electricity supply had been sorted with a cost of £87 for the duration of the Christmas period.
- f) Cllr Gibbins was thanked for the work he had done on the ditches at the Playing Fields.

15/10/139 Neighbourhood Plan for Colyton Parish – update

Colin Chesterton had been elected as Chairman. Two meetings had been held with another one planned on 25th November and a meeting on December 3rd with two councillors from Lymphstone. A separate meeting with Colyford will discuss the Terms of Reference. Volunteers will man a table at the Christmas Fayre to canvas the public on the NP and their concerns – this is to garner information on what topics to include in the questionnaire. Colyford will also be canvassed – Cllr Evans is designing the poster to be displayed at various locations.

The Steering Group needs to be formed asap so it can drive things forward and there needs to be three councillors appointed onto it. It was agreed to defer the appointment of the three councillors onto the

Steering Group to the Planning committee meeting with all councillors present allowed to vote on this issue.

15/10/140 Colyton Memorial Social Club

The finances are being controlled, the club is paying back its debts and their head is above water. The Hunt skittle league now plays there which is helping the takings.

15/10/141 Reece Strawbridge Centre

a) Letter received re waste bins. This was read out & discussed. The Council fully supports the idea of bins at the Reece Strawbridge centre but whose responsibility will they become and who is expected to pay for them?

Cllr Hay was asked to go back to the RSC committee and clarify what they actually expected from CPC?

15/10/142 Items brought to the CPC's attention after the agenda had been published – to be noted

a) Colyford – contractors making a mess of the road/verge by the new Fair View lane houses. This was discussed. The development is virtually finished and the houses marketed. It is in the contractors own interest to reinstate the verge – CPC to monitor the situation.

b) Potholes on Fair view Lane – report on website.

15/10/143 Matters to be taken into Committee – none

15/10/144 Dates of future meetings

Finance & Planning – Monday 23rd November

Colyton Parish Council Meeting – Monday 7th December

Finance & Planning – Monday 21st December

The meeting closed at 2057