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Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held in the Colyford Memorial Hall at 7.00 pm on Monday 9th March 2015

Present: Cllrs A Parr, B Collier, C Collier, S Smith, R Pocock, H West, K Clifford, J Hay, S Real, P Gibbons, R Turner, Dist Cllr H Parr, County Cllr S Randall Johnson (for part of meeting), PCSO S Slater, 13 member of the public , 1 member of the press and E Berry (clerk).

The Chair welcomed everyone to the March meeting in Colyford.

15/03/198 Receipt and approval of apologies for absence – Cllr Mann (work commitments), C Pady (convalescing)

15/03/199 Police Report

PCSO Sam Slater gave the police report. She then went on to brief those present about the community speed watch initiative and demonstrate the equipment needed. Currently there is one set to be shared between Colyton & Seaton. There is a request for additional funding and if funded locally that set would remain in the Colyford area.

Colyton - 3 Crimes

This compares to 6 crimes last month and 4 crimes in February 2014

- **6th – 9th Criminal Damage:** A wooden bench was damaged at the PEACE memorial playing fields. The Neighbourhood team have spoken to a group of youths and advised them on the consequences of committing criminal damage. Extra patrols have also been carried out and there have not been any further reports of damage since. (CR/009200/15)
- **16th Theft:** Whilst a property in Hillside was being cleared out the resident alleged that some money had gone missing. There is a possibility that the money was thrown out by mistake. (CR/011428/15)
- **21st Theft:** A mobile phone was reported stolen from the sports centre at Colyton Grammar School. It was found a short time later outside and returned to the owner. (CR/012166/15)

Various residents of Colyford reported an allegedly deaf man & woman knocking on doors late Sunday afternoon, early evening with goods to sell.

15/03/200 Public Question Time (15 minutes maximum)

A Colyton resident enquired if the full council had read her letter re the licensing application for the Kingfisher pub. When that couldn't be confirmed she left the meeting,
(*Min ref P15/02/260 c shows that her letter was noted by councillors – resident informed.*)

15/03/201 Approval of the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 9th February 2015. The minutes were approved and signed as being a true record of that meeting.

15/03/202 Matters arising from these Minutes

- a) Painting of the Playing Field toilets – Cllr Mann had emailed to say that it would be Thursday/Friday of next week.
- b) Response from Mark Widger re EDMT use of RST car park. His response was discussed and councillors, although in favour of the proposal felt they needed more information on times & dates but in principal were happy with the proposal.

15/03/203 Report from County Councillor (given later in the meeting but recorded here in agenda order).

Cllr S Randal Johnson apologised for not attending the last meeting. She asked if Cllr Hughes had answered the queries on the SLW, Cllr West said yes but felt he had dodged the main issue. She confirmed that there had been discussions with the landowners and that the Seaton to Popes Lane section should be started soon.

She apologised for the 1.99% increase in Council Tax but with continuing cuts from Central Government money was very tight, although extra funding had been received for road maintenance. Services are having to be prioritise with the safety of children remaining a high priority.

She said that she & Cllr Moulding had met with Shute residents at 3 Sycamores last Friday to discuss what could be done by volunteers to help with the flooding problem

Cllr Gibbins asked who is responsible for tasking the repairs to potholes? As on a Saturday morning he witnessed a council employee repairing potholes on a dead end road – surely a waste of time & effort when there are potholes on well used roads not being repaired.

Cllr Randal Johnson reminded everyone that potholes can be reported on the DCC ‘Report it’ website. Cllr Hay said that potholes reported in December had still not been repaired, and the Ridgeway ‘slip’ scheduled to be completed this financial year had not had any work done on it. He asked if the money had gone elsewhere?

A Transport meeting will be arranged shortly. as there are several issues needing to be discussed. Cllr Randal Johnson reiterated that the County needed £65m to fulfil its obligations but had only receive £42m , no money would be taken out of social care and the care of children, so savings have to be found elsewhere.

Cllr West reminded her of the discussion re a 30mph flashing sign for the A3052 – she said this would be one of the items to be discusses at the Traffic Group meeting.

15/03/204 Report from District Councillors

Cllr H Parr told the council that the next few weeks were going to be very busy with EDDC making some very important decision for the future. A number of major decisions are coming up at EDDC this month as follows-

Weds 11 March 5.30pm Cabinet - Office Relocation

Thurs 12 March 5.00pm Joint Overview & Scrutiny/ Audit & Governance Cttees debate the Cabinet Relocation decision

Mon 23 March 10.00am Special Development Management Cttee re Amended Local Plan, including housing numbers & Villages Strategy .This is as a result of the Inspectors comments on the Plan that was submitted previously. He wanted more work to be done on it and evidence provided to back up the numbers suggested. It is proposed to increase the allocation of houses & rewrite the allocation for housing in the villages. These changes will involve the local towns and villages.

Weds 25 March 6.30pm Extra Ordinary Council re Offices Relocation

Thurs 26 March 2.00pm Extra Ordinary Council meeting re Local Plan amendments etc. and agree further public consultation, It is proposed that this Local Plan runs from 2013 to 2031 and that a moderate increase in numbers from 15000 to 17000 be accepted.. More sites for housing will need to be found with Cranbrook expected to increase and in Cllrs Parr view more sites found nearer Exeter as that is where the demand for housing is.

The Amended LP will first go to the Inspector who wishes to issue guidance to help people commenting on the amendments. Consultation will begin end April.

In response to questions from Cllr Smith & West she will check that the houses already allocated, for example the 222 at Seaton on the Tesco site, will still be counted in that allocation.

She also stated that there would be a requirement to register to speak and encouraged all present to take a look at the website for details.

15/03/205 Highway Matters

a) Burnards Field Road – reply from Highways re gritting. Cllr Parr read out the criteria needed before the road would meet Highways criteria for gritting – Burnards Field Rd falls short in both traffic use & population requirements.

b) Email from Mr Buse re Road around Lillylake Cross.

Shute residents organising a meeting with DCC Highways, Shute Parish Council appointed a road warden. Cllr Parr read this email out and hope that CPC would be involved in any plans to alleviate the problem.

c) Notification of SWW Utility works & road closure, 25 The Elms, Fair View Lane – 2/6/15 5/6/15 – confirmation received from Highways.

15/03/206 Reports from meetings attended:

Cllr C Collier reported on a meeting she and Cllr Parr had attended on Neighbourhood Plans and Section 106 changes. It was a well presented, very informative meeting. It is important that Colyton does a Neighbourhood Plans as more of the proposed community infrastructure Levy (replaces S106) will go to towns/villages with a plan in place – 25% rather than 15% which could be substantial. The current S106 allocation is safe for the time being but is still time sensitive, although that may change.

Cllr A Parr had attended a meeting of the Church Fabric Committee where a request for dog bins was made. He explained to them the financial costs involved to the Parish Council in ordering & servicing such bins.

Thanks are to be passed onto John & Nick Weldon for righting the toppled memorial.

15/03/207 Correspondence

a) Publications e-mailed to councillors – Intouch/RsN etc

b) Email from Cllr West to Graham Thompson re East Devon Playing Pitch Strategy – copied to councillors. Cllr West explained his email in context to the report.

Cllr Turner proposed the Council send their comments in reiterating that the cricket wicket cannot be ‘torn up’ as it was funded by a Sports England grant and although not well used at the moment may be so in the future. Also the current football pitches are aligned and positioned to gain the maximum playing space for the maximum number of teams of all ages. This was seconded by Cllr West and agreed by all.

c) Letter to Chair from James Carthy re 15/0131/MOUT requesting a ‘special’ meeting with the Parish Council – noted & replied to.

d) Emails from Mr Arnott re prospective councillor candidates presenting themselves before the public at a parish council meeting. Clerk responded after discussion with DALC. Further email received - noted

e) Letter to Chairman from Mr Bucklar re school coach parking issues at Colyford. Read out and noted. Cllr West read out his reply to Mr Bucklar. There are other ideas to alleviate the traffic congestion which involve the co-operation of the school and DCC. Cllr West will pursue it.

f) Email from local resident in Westaway Rd requesting financial assistance for upkeep of a strip of ‘no man’s land’ - *discuss under finance*.

g) Email Devon County Council community round up – note additional funding has been given for cycling in Devon – no mention of the SLW? Cllr West proposed we reply to Cllr Hughes, seconded by Cllr Real. Cllr West will write letter for clerk to send.

h) Email from PC Speariett giving details of local Community Speed Watch Initiative and requesting funding for a second unit. (*Discuss under Finance*)

- i) Letter from local resident re state of Ham Lane & 2 very large horses in small paddock blocking the footpath access – reported to DCC Rights of Way Officer, Cllr Clifford did visual check of manhole cover, & SWW informed. Noted – SWW agents Metrorod will attend to manhole on 27th March.
- j) Card received from WI thanking the council for replacing the oak - noted

15/03/208 Finance:

- a Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held 23rd February 2015 (Appendix X) to be noted.
- b Accounts to be presented for payment, proposed by Cllr Smith, seconded by Cllr West

AMENDED	TalkTalk	Broadband & telephone			£17.21 in credit
DD	EDF	Electricity	£7.60	£0.40	£8.00
Bank Transfer	PDG	Gardening			£10
3549	Cash	Toilet caretaker			£100
3550	Formost furniture	Wood for shelving in Clerks office	£100	£20	£120
3551	Blamphayne	Wood for seats	£55.36	£11.07	£66.43
3552	EDDC	Dog Bin Emptying	£417	£83.40	£500.40
3553	Mrs Clare	Contribution to landscaping 'no-mans' land at Westaway			£70

- c) John request leave Tuesday March 24th - approved
- d) Clerk request to carry over 3 day annual leave (will be used in April) - approved
- e) PDG Garden Services regrets he can no longer service the Councils gardens – initially advertise for volunteers.
- f) A local resident requests funding for strip of 'no-mans' land in Westaway Rd. Photographs of the area were distributed and the resident thanked for the job she had done. Cllr West propose a cheque of £70 be given as a contribution, seconded by Cllr Pocock and agreed by all.
- g) Request for funding of a second unit for local Speed Watch Initiative. PCSO explained the scheme and the equipment. Cllr West proposed that the Council agree in principal and offer £250, he as mayor of Colyford will try to match the funding with a donation from the Burgesses' and the £500 offered to the Police in the hope that Seaton can match that funding and they can have one set and the other remains in Colyford. Seconded by Cllr Smith and agreed by all.

15/03/209 Planning:

- a) Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held 23rd February 2015 (Appendix Y) to be noted.

b Planning Applications

15/0118/FUL 9 Grove Hill, Colyton – Mr & Mrs Carter.

Extensions & alterations – amended & resubmitted

SUPPORTED – proposed by Cllr West, seconded by Cllr Turner and agreed by all.

15/0191/LBC The Studio, Market Place Colyton – Mr & Mrs Anderson

Alterations to shop front & signage

SUPPORTED - proposed by Cllr Gibbins, seconded by Cllr Real and agreed by all.

c **Planning Decisions**

15/0190/COU The Studio, Market Place, Colyton – Mr & Mrs Anderson
Change of use from A1 (retail) to A2 (professional services). **APPROVED**

15/0040/LBC Stafford Barton House, Swan Hill Road, Colyford. – Mr Holes
Re-slating of rear lean to roof & replacement guttering – **APPROVED**

15/0043/TRE – The Coach House, Kingsholme – Mr Cherry
T1 Thuja – 25% crown reduction, remove two low branches over driveway – **APPROVED**

15/0292/FUL 51 Burnards Field Road – Mr Harris
Single storey rear extension.
APPROVED

***15/0250/LBC Sunday School Building, Market Place**
Replacement rainwater goods & first floor windows on front elevation.
APPROVED

***15/0299/GPD – 2 Park View, The Butts, Colyton**
Rear conservatory extension measuring 3.6m x 3.6m x3.05m high
Prior approval not required.

d **Planning Correspondence**

Cllr B Collier told the meeting that at a very recent DAPC meeting the subject of housing costs and the provision of affordable housing had been discussed, especially in light of new regulations which allow developments of less than 20 houses not to include any affordable properties.

A resolution had passed to further the provision of affordable houses

He also encouraged councillors to report to DAPC anything that had been done in Colyton for inclusion in the ‘yearbook’.

15/03/210 Amenities:

- a) Noise complaints from local resident re skate board park. Email read out. The firm is supplying a spine ramp and will weld the repair on installation in a few weeks.
- b) Play equipment for Play Park from Carnival committee.
 - i) Choice/location of equipment after meeting
 - ii) Availability of Grants.

Cllr West proposed that the Council agree in principal to the idea of a wheelchair roundabout and basket swing and the Carnival Committee be allowed to source it, Cllr Pocock seconded the proposal and all agreed,

Cllr Clifford agreed to help Cllrs Collier & Real with the project.

- c) Caterpillars group request that the hedge outside their compound be allowed to grow to level of surrounding hedges for privacy. This was agreed providing it is kept tidy.

- d) Response from CMH Committee re request from CPC to consider purchase of part of hall car park for a Colyford play park. Cllr Gibbins proposed that the clerk go back to CGS and ask if they could find room for a modest playpark on the school site. Seconded by Cllr Pocock & agreed by all.
- e) Tree pack has arrived. The trees will be identified and planted.
- f) Update on SLW- see 15/03/207g.

15/03/211 Comment on Draft East Devon Playing Pitch Strategy (proposals previously emailed to Councillors). See 15/03/207b

15/03/212 Comment on Public Transport Review – (proposals & request for response previously emailed to Cllrs).

Two 'local' services affected:

Service 53 Seaton to Exeter – to be withdrawn, saving £22.722 (520 passenger journeys affected) X53 service runs fifteen minutes later.

Possible implication on those using it to get to work.

Service 30 Axminster to Chard and then onto Taunton

Withdraw financial support for additional journeys from Axminster to Chard – saving £6330

The Parish Council felt the withdrawal of Service 53 to Exeter could impact on those people using this service to get to work. This comment will be forwarded as our response.

15/03/213 Colyton Social Club

Cllr Parr reported that all seems well with the finances as reported at the last meeting but the Treasurer had threatened resignation over the question of food being brought into the Club. The Clerk had received an email in her personal account asking for a meeting – to be discussed at the next Committee meeting.

15/03/214 Future of the Library – Jane Dauncey had sent a list of dates.

Monday March 20th at 5pm was the preferred choice, The clerk will get back to Jane.

15/03/215 Confirm date of Annual Parish meeting (must be held by June 1st)

Cllr Hay proposed Wednesday 27th May, seconded by Cllr Real and agreed by all (with two abstentions).

15/03/216 Other matters received after the agenda published - to be noted.

i) Letter receive from Taylor Wilkinson on behalf of Mrs Gould requesting clarification on our comments on the Yaffles application - date of accident given to them.

ii) Offer from Viridor (after phone call) to credit one of the missed collections.

Agreed.

15/03/217 Dates of future meetings:

Finance & Planning meeting 23rd March

Full Parish Council Meeting: 13th April 2015

Finance & Planning Committee meeting : 27th April 2015 (Clerk on leave)