

# COLYTON PARISH COUNCIL

Feoffees Town Hall, Colyton

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## Minutes for the Colyton Parish Council meeting held in the Mortimer Room of Colyton Town Hall on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2019 at 7pm.

**Present:** Cllrs. Parr, Clifford, Pady, Jones, West, Real, Turner, Gardiner, Hay, Watts & Jarman

**In Attendance:** DCC Cllr. Shaw, EDDC Cllr. Parr and A. Jenkins (Locum Clerk)

**Members of the Public:** 4

**19/09/46** Cllr Parr welcomed everyone to the September meeting and reiterated the need to declare any recordings being made. He congratulated the Carnival Committee on having organised a successful Carnival and raising over £7,000

**19/09/47 Receipt & approval of apologies for absence** – Cllr. Denny (unwell) and Cllr. Arnott

**19/09/48 Police Report** -None given

**19/09/49 Declarations of Interest** – None

**19/09/50 Public Question time (maximum 15 minutes)** – No matters were raised

**19/09/51** Cllr. West raised the matter of Item 12h and it was agreed to reword this paragraph.

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 12<sup>th</sup> August 2019 were not approved or signed as being a true record of that meeting.

**19/09/52** There were no matters arising from the Minutes.

**19/09/53 Report from County Councillor – See Appendix A**

Cllr. Shaw said that residents had complained about the state of the pavements on Coly Road and that S. Kelly, the DCC Highways Officer had asked the developers to carry out repairs.

Cllr. Shaw said that he had raised with Highways the issue of the road surface in Hillhead after it had been resurfaced following the gas supply installation.

The rent and maintenance on the Colyton surgery had increased from £5,500 to £36,000. The Seaton Colyton Medical/health practice was providing him with documentation, so that he could raise the matter at the next Scrutiny Committee meeting.

Two Colyton residents had voiced anxieties about the settlement process after the 31<sup>st</sup> October.

He had attended the Carnival and said that there had been a good campaign about the Fire Service proposals. He was on the Scrutiny Committee and had been disappointed that the Fire service had declined to attend the last meeting of the Committee. He was going to request that an item re the Fire Service proposals be put on the agenda for the next Scrutiny Committee meeting.

Cllr. Real voiced his concerns about the Pavement near Coly Vale and the Health & Safety implications for children going to school and wheelchair users. It was alongside a busy road and he had counted 75 vehicle movements in a 20 minute period when children were going to school. He asked Cllr. Shaw to stress the H& S issues to Highways and to ask for them to urgently resolve the matter.

Cllr. Pady raised the matter of the lack of warning signs on Coates Lane for motorists about cyclists and walkers exiting from the new cycle path. He requested that Cllr. Shaw asked Highways to investigate the matter.

### **19/09/54 Report from District Councillor**

Cllr. Parr urged that the Council urgently send their written response to the Fire Service about their proposals. She believed the data the Fire Service was basing their proposals on was incomplete.

Concerns had been raised about the condition of the Public Toilets in Dolphin Street but that this matter would not be considered by Cabinet until the winter.

She said that she had declared an interest in the Ceramtec site planning application and had not been involved in the meeting or decision. She felt disappointed that there would only be 14 affordable houses. The Planning Officer's report had shown that the developer seriously overpaid for the site and that this had affected the valuation and viability of the amount of affordable housing.

There were concerns that this low number of affordable houses may have set a precedent for the Kingsholme Cricket Club field.

### **19/09/55 Highways**

- a) Reply from Wales & West Utilities re Colyton gas pipe update forwarded from DCC Cllr. Shaw. **Noted.**
- b) Request had been made to Highways as a matter of urgency from Colyton Carnival Committee to clear shrubs and foliage growing on side of the road in Dolphin Street. **Not been done**
- c) Merger of Seaton & Colyton Traffic Groups. Inaugural meeting was due to take place on the 16<sup>th</sup> September in the Marshlands Centre, Seaton. **Cllr. Shaw advised that it had been postponed and he would advise the new date.**

## 19/09/56 Reports

Cllr. Jones had attended DCC meeting.

Cllr. Pady reported that he had met with the Environment Agency at the Cemetery to discuss the relocation of the slow worms and requested that an item on this matter be included on the agenda for the next Council meeting.

Cllr. Watts had met with Barry Hedges to discuss the Communication Strategy.

## 19/09/57 – Correspondence

- a) Publications emailed to Councillors – Intouch/RSN/EDDC meeting details etc. **Noted**
- b) Letter from Colyton Parish History Society re digitisation of Council records **Noted**
- c) E mail re buying with confidence to battle Modern Day Slavery **Noted**
- d) Email forwarded by Cllr. Parr re Dolphin Street toilet review-delayed to later in year **Noted**
- e) Picture of homemade bong found in playpark sent to all Cllrs/social media/Police **Noted**
- f) Email re Colyton NH Plan SEA/HA-Wardell Armstrong the consultants are tasked to undertake the consultation. Date for meeting with CVRA to be arranged. **Noted**
- g) Email from EDDC re free voluntary & community group event **Noted**
- h) DCC email re Cycle September challenge **Noted**
- i) DCC Cllr. Shaw's September report – appendix A **Noted**
- j) Thank you letter from Axe Valley & West Dorset Ring & Ride for £250 donation **Noted**

## 19/09/58 – Finance

Minutes of the Meeting held Monday 27<sup>th</sup> August (Appendix 1) **Noted**

Accounts approved for payment. Proposed by Cllr. Real, seconded by Cllr. Clifford, all in favour.

DD	Opus	Electricity	£11.65	£0.58	£12.23
DD	TalkTalk	Telephone & Broadband	£24.95	£5.00	£29.95
4256	Henry Fitzpatrick	Toilet Caretaker August invoice			£100.00
	*BACS Shaw Pest Services	Dealing with Wasp Nest in CMPF			£50.00
4257	Halycon Landscapes	Cemetery work for August	£468.33	£93.67	£562.00
4258	Infotone	Toner	£16.95	£3.39	£20.34
4259	G H Down	Church Wall As per quote			£350.00

- a) Future holiday dates for John – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October, Friday 27<sup>th</sup> December and 24<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup> March 2020. **Noted**
- b) BACS payment to Shaw Pest Services already paid in consultation with Cllr. Turner & Parr **Noted**

- c) Mandate Variation to remove Miss E Berry from the account. **Proposed Cllr. Pady, seconded Cllr. Real, all in favour. Mandate signed.**
- d) Mandate variation to add Ms Sasha Hines. **To be done at Finance Meeting.**
- e) Second precept payment received. **Noted**
- f) ICO renewal confirmation and certificate received and displayed in office. **Noted**
- g) John's salary for September submitted through PAYE/RTI, pay slip formatted, will need mileage and any additional expenditure added. CPC PAYE submission made successfully. P45 for Miss Berry submitted and printed. **Noted**
- h) Model Financial Regulation to be looked at Cllrs. Pady, Watts & Turner. **Noted**

## 19/09/59 – Planning

### a) Planning Applications

#### **19/1890/FUL 10 River View Drive – Mr & Mrs Blackmoor**

Demolition of existing garage and construction of single store side/rear extension

Councillors resolved to **support** this application.

(Cllr. Pady proposed, seconded by Cllr. Watts, all in favour).

#### **19/1515/LBC Hooperhayne, Colyton – Ms Houldsworth**

Alterations to part of barn to create one bedroom self contained annex including remedial work to stonework and slate roof, new bi-fold doors to front (south) elevation, removal of false ceiling, new staircase, reconfiguration of layout and new partition to create first floor en-suite, insertion of 2 roof lights on west elevation and 2 roof lights on east elevation and relocation of steps to decked area,

Councillors resolved to **support** this application.

(Cllr. Parr proposed, seconded by Cllr. Turner, all in favour).

### b) Planning Decisions – Noted

#### **19/1315/LBC Higher Bolshayne Cottage – Mr & Mrs Strawbridge**

Retention of sitting room fire place opened up to reveal inglenook. Removal of central beam, re-plaster kitchen & dining room, Stud wall construction at bottom of stairs. Fire door installed & repair timber beam –

**LISTED BUILDING CONSENT GRANTED**

**19/1315/LBC & 19/1316 Higher Bolshayne Cottage, Whitwell Lane -** Retention of partition wall with clerestory window. Proposed trickle vents on first floor windows (south) elevation and positive input ventilation (PIV) in nursery – **REFUSED**

**19/1365/FUL Land and buildings south west of Heathayne Cross -** Creation of new access, installation of car park and access paths, in association with proposed use of land as allotments. - **WITHDRAWN**

### c Planning Correspondence

- i) Letter re 18/2376/MFUL Appeal re Land North of Kingsholme and west of Coly Road. Proposed residential development of 15 dwellings (10 affordable). All representation must be received **by October 2<sup>nd</sup>**. **Noted**
- ii) Letter to DMC Chair and Local District councillors sent on 2/9/19 for DMC Committee meeting re Ceramtech proposal – as per min ref – P19/08/39cii (*Also sent to all DMC members at Cllr Watts request*). **Noted**

Complaints from Colyford residents re the state of the hedge bordering the old cricket ground – Clerk spoke to the owners and they are obtaining quotes from local contractors to cut back the hedge. They will keep in touch and hope to have a contractor in place by the 16<sup>th</sup>. **Noted**

### 19/09/60 – Amenities

- a) S106 money – Some required detail sent to S106 officers and pictures of suggested play equipment. **Cllr. Pady proposed a site visit to PMPF by EDDC Officers and consultation with Playing Field Committee re proposals, seconded by Cllr. Watts, all in favour.**
- b) Millfield – complaints from Allotment holder re the grass seeds and unkempt area – Richard Collier says grass is too high for his machine. This is now untenanted land owned by CPC.  
**Cllr. Pady proposed spraying the area in the spring, seconded by Cllr. Real, all in favour.**
- c) Mr Bakers Garden, Dolphin Street.  
Mr Jenkins who has been doing this for several years is now hanging up his trowel. A new volunteer/s for both this garden and St Andrews will be needed. **It was agreed that an article appealing for volunteers be placed in The Coly Times and on Facebook, and a notice on the Notice board.**
- d) Cllr. Pady reported that the new metal trailer had been delivered to the Cemetery and the old one taken away. The new trailer will need a heavy duty tarpaulin with a supporting framework and the trailer should not be filled more than  $\frac{3}{4}$  full with soil. The site for soil disposal had been agreed. **Cllr. Jarman to contact the Undertakers to advise the gravediggers.**
- e) It was reported that the gate latch was detached on the gate at the end of Heath Hayne Lane. **Cllr. Parr undertook to speak to the owner, Mr Underdown.**

### 19/09/61 - 1st Colyton Scouts

Email requesting a Councillor to visit their meeting in the Reece Strawbridge Centre on the evening of Tuesday, the 5<sup>th</sup> November (6-7.30pm) when they will be celebrating UK Parliament Week.

**Cllr. Jones volunteered.**

**19/09/61 Colyton Memorial Social Club** – Nothing to report

**19/09/62 Neighbourhood Plan update.**

NP Contact in EDDC is now Claire Rodway (Phil Twamley leaving on 18<sup>th</sup> September. Cllr. Real said nothing to report at present.

**19/09/63 Reece Strawbridge Centre**

Annual Accounts received.

At time of issuing the agenda the insurance schedule as required under the terms of the lease had still not been received despite reminders being sent and a promise received that it would be actioned.

**Cllr. Hay requested that an item re the Annual accounts and Insurance be placed on the agenda for the next Full Meeting.**

**19/09/64 Members Motion submissions: None**

**19/09/65 CPC Response to proposed fire station closure**

Draft letter had been sent out to Councillors for comment. It was agreed that the letter be sent to DCC Cllr. Sara Randall-Johnson, (Chair of the Health and Adult Care Scrutiny Committee) and copies to the Members of the Devon & Somerset Fire service Committee. **Cllr. Parr to issue the letters.**

Cllr. Gardiner reported that she had contacted the Land Registry to check on any covenants applying to the Fire Station but that the investigations had been inconclusive.

**19/09/66 Continuing problems with TalkTalk email access and operation.**

Cllr. West suggested contacting the Computer Doctor for advice

**19/09/67 - Matters to be taken into Committee**

None

**19/09/68 Items brought to the CPC's attention after the agenda had been published** – to be noted.

Obtaining quotes for trimming hedges at Tennis Court end of playing Field next to Building Site.

**19/09/69 Dates of future meetings**

Finance/Planning Committee – Monday September 23<sup>rd</sup>

October CPC meeting – Monday October 14<sup>th</sup> Colyford Memorial Hall

The meeting closed at 2030.

## Appendix A

### County Councillor's Report September 2019

#### **Colyton Fire Station**

The Fire Service has refused to attend DCC's Corporate Infrastructure and Regulatory Services Scrutiny Committee, on which I sit, to be questioned in public by councillors on their closure proposals (there would also have been a chance for the public to speak). The Committee had agreed in June to my proposal to invite them, but the Service would only agree to present informally to councillors behind closed doors instead.

I complained that this was not the public scrutiny of the proposals which had been requested and was needed. I appeared on Spotlight to make these points and complain about the way the consultation was framed. Members of the Fire Authority have also complained about the consultation which has been the subject of heated discussion among members.

#### **Seaton Down Hill and Tower Junction**

The long-awaited change to the speed limit from 60 to 40 mph, campaigned for by the Speedwatch team and supported financially by Seaton Town Council and my Locality Budget, was finally implemented. The police will launch an educational campaign in September and take enforcement measures in October.

#### **Sign erected to direct cyclists off Seaton Road, Colyford, and onto the Wetlands cycle route**

This measure, even longer awaited (I was first promised it in June 2017!) was also finally implemented. Let us hope that it improves the safety of cyclists on this road.

#### **Further development of the Stop Line Way multi-user route**

The County Council has formally started the compulsory purchase process for the land needed to complete the route through the Wetlands. I have been pressing for this for the last 18 months. Councillors Ian Hall (Axminster) and Ian Chubb (Whimple and Blackdown) are now also pushing for development of the remainder of the route from Colyford to Axminster and beyond, which I have raised several times over the last year or so, and we are coordinating our pressure.

#### **Seaton and Colyton Traffic Group**

All consulted agreed to the merger of the traffic groups and the first meeting of the combined group will take place in Marshlands, Harbour Road, Seaton on Monday 16 September at 2pm.

#### **Farway ford**

Repairs were completed in July (my Locality Budget paid for this to be done with stone blocks, rather than tarmac) but members of the Parish Council believe that more needs to be done and I am arranging a site meeting with the Neighbourhood Highways Officer.

#### **Seaton Area Health Matters survey**

I took part in drafting a survey on health needs in the area which will be launched in the Autumn.

#### **Climate Change and Species Extinction**

On 15 August I attended an informative and inspiring presentation by James Chubb of EDDC's Countryside Team in Seaton, organised by Extinction Rebellion Seaton and attended by 80-90 people from all over East Devon.

I also attended Seaton Town Council's Climate and Environmental Emergency working group on 21 August, which is recommending to the Council a public meeting on 16 October (details to be confirmed).

#### **Axe Yacht Club President's Lunch**

I attended this event on 7 August and was particularly pleased to learn about the Club's work to introduce young people to sailing from the Club's first female Commodore, Amanda Parker