

**Minutes for the meeting of Colyton Parish Council which was held in the Mortimer Room
of the Town Hall on Monday 10th February 2020 at 7.00 pm**

*The Chairman request that those people recording the meeting declare so and conform to
Standing orders*

Present: Cllrs A Parr, S Real, J Gardiner, E Jones, C Denny, C Pady, R Watts, R Turner, J Hay, K Clifford, A Jarmen and H West (also taking minutes)

Also in Attendance: DCC Cllr M Shaw and EDDC Cllr H Parr

Members of the public: 3

20/02/66 Receipt & Approval of apologies for absence Cllr Arnott (unwell)

20/02/67 Declaration of Interests None

20/02/68 Police Report

Police Report: Colyton KN3C

FROM: 01/01/2020

TO: 30/01/2020

| CRIME NUMBER | DATE | OFFENCE DESCRIPTION |
|--------------|------------|--|
| CR/227/20 | 01/01/2020 | Common Assault |
| CR/355/20 | 02/01/2020 | Domestic Assault |
| CR/801/20 | 03/01/2020 | Domestic Assault |
| CR/1936/20 | 06/01/2020 | Dog Bite to neighbour |
| CR/4150/20 | 14/01/2020 | Crim Dam (padlock broken off fencing around church hall) |
| CR/5965/20 | 20/01/2020 | Indecent photos sent |
| CR/5966/20 | 20/01/2020 | Indecent photo (same crime as above) |
| CR/7605/20 | 27/01/2020 | Theft |

Total = 8 (should be 7)

20/02/69 Public Question time (maximum 15 minutes)

A member of the public wished to thank the Colyton Parish Council for providing an emergency bus service whilst Coly Road was closed to traffic. The Parish Council will try to reclaim the cost of the bus from the contractors involved.

Another member of the public asked the chairman if he had seen the email sent to him and the parish clerk regarding the very sorry state of the footpaths in the parish. The chairman stated that he had not seen the email but pointed out the grass verges and footpaths are the responsibility of DCC, not the parish council. The member of public was not content with the chairmans response, and stated that, for instance the footpath from the White Hart, Colyford to Colyton was a mud bath and almost impossible to use. Cllr Pady responded that it was caused by very heavy rainfall in the last few weeks and months. The member of the public stated that is now very difficult to walk off road between Colyford and Colyton. The same member of the public then asked Cllr Pady why the Colyford newsletter (sent to Colyford residents) contained a request from him to residents to write to the Parish Clerk to object to the closure of the permissive path in Whitwell Lane, when the council had already made the decision not to proceed any further and leave it to the individual residents who used to use the path. Cllr Pady responded stating that it was a contact point for all objections. The member of the public did not accept this response. The chairman intervened and identified that Cllr Pady had acted lawfully.

20/02/70 Approval of the minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on 13th January 2020. These were not approved as Cllr West pointed out they were not a true record of what was discussed at the meeting under para 20/01/55 it was agreed that the minutes should be amended back to

the original copy except reference to EDDC be changed to DCC. Proposed by Cllr West, seconded by Cllr Jones agreed by all but 1 abstention.

20/02/71 Ratification of the Extraordinary meeting held 3rd February 2020. An extraordinary meeting was held on 3rd February 2020 to discuss the issues caused by the road closure at Coly Road. The road closure meant that buses going through Colyton, Coly Vale and Colyford had a hugely reduced time table if they were running at all. This road closure had the potential to last for 17 days. A decision was made at the meeting to spend a maximum sum of £2625 on a replacement mini bus service which would do three return trips to Axminster and three return trips to Seaton Monday to Friday during the time of the road closure at Coly Road, up to £1000 of this can be reclaimed from County Councillor Martin Shaws locality budget. This will be a free service for the public and is running on a daily agreement which means the day the road re-opens the bus will stop running.

Cllr West proposed that the minutes be approved seconded by Cllr Turner, approved with 1 abstention who was not at the meeting. Minutes attached (see appendix B)

20/02/72 Matters arising from the Minutes No matters arising for the original minutes.

20/02/73 Report from County Councillor – see Appendix A Cllr Shaw reported that DCC authorised the main contractors to notify businesses, residents bus companies etc about coly Road closure, apart from the bus companies this was not done. The contractors involved are South West Water, Kier Construction and SMS Construction. Cllr Shaw established that they had signed documentation to confirm that this had been carried out, however it appears that nothing had been done. Cllr Watts requested that a copy of this document be forwarded onto the Parish Clerk. Cllr Turner reported that a disabled resident is more or less a prisoner in her on home, as she is unable to gain access to Colyton from her own land. Cllr Denny reported that South West Water and Kier have completed their work and that SMS have now commenced work on the sewer construction which is quite a major undertaking. The damage caused to road and pavement by the large lorries delivering to the site will be repaired by SMS providing the lorry companies cover the cost. It was agreed unanimously that the Parish Council will contact Kier, SMS and the site developers to complain about the lack of warning about the road closure and to submit a compensation claim from the council. Cllr Shaw also confirmed that he will be providing £1000 from his Locality Fund budget to help towards the cost of the replacement bus being provided by the Parish council. Cllr Shaw also reported that the Chief Fire Officer at Devon and Somerset Fire Brigade confirmed that no further reduction to fire stations is anticipated. He also reported that there are 20000 elderly and 5000 young people receiving social care in the county, and this alone will cause an increase in the DCC content of council tax for 2020-21.

Cllr Hay reported serious continuous flooding on the road to Honiton (Holmbush) to Sutton Cross which seriously deters people from visiting the tip with their rubbish. DCC Highways are in discussion with the land owner to resolve this issue.

Cllr Clifford reported serious potential flooding at Bath House, Colyton. DCC Highways Steven Kelly has visited the site and is aware.

20/02/74 Report from District Councillors Cllr H Parr informed us that the EDDC budget will increase next year by £5 per property. £52 million will be invested in a fund to increase housing stock via a new housing company owned by EDDC to build or purchase houses to sell on the pen market. EDDC intend to concentrate on projects that will make money e.g. the green waste collection which is proving to be profitable.

20/02/75 Highway Matters

Application for road closure made by South West Water to complete utility works. Road past Farway Countryside Park near Tottiskay Farm scheduled 04/05/20-29/05/20. Ref LM501NC7960377.

Application for road closure made by South West Water to complete utility works. Whitwell Lane Colyford. Scheduled 13/04/20 and 15/04/20. Ref LM213MB8037783

20/02/76 Report from Meetings Attended Cllr Watts reported that a copy of the council newsletter is required by the 28th Feb. Parish clerk to be asked to take photos of the Emergency bus to be displayed in the newsletter.

Cllr Jones reported that the Standing Orders sub-committee have met and there is a lot to do to bring them back into a logical order etc.

20/02/77 Correspondence

- a) District Council careful choices survey
- b) Chief Executive bulletin NALC
- c) East Devon planning news issue 1
- d) Community halls photographic competition
- e) The Rural Bulletin January 2020
- f) NALC study tour 2020/21
- g) Axe Valley LAG minutes circulated
- h) Letter from Ian Priestly RE footpaths
- i) RSN Rural Funding Digest – February 2020 Edition.

20/02/78 Finance

Minutes of the Finance meeting held 27th January 2020 (Appendix S) to be noted
Accounts to be approved for payment

| Cheque # | Name | Work | | VAT | Total |
|----------|--------------------|---------------------------------------|---------|--------|----------------|
| DD | Talk Talk | Broadband & Telephone | £35 | £7 | £42 |
| 4312 | Cash | Toilet Caretaker Invoice for January. | | | £100 |
| 4314 | Halcyon Landscapes | Invoice for January - Cemetery | £468.33 | £93.67 | £562.00 |

The above accounts were approved for payment, proposed by Cllr Watts, seconded by Cllr Real all agreed.

- a) Asset register and insurance. Delay to next meeting
- b) Approval for approximately £400 to be spent on local footpaths in the Parish as a result of the annual footpath inspection. This money would come out of the P3 account which currently holds £1282.95. Agreed
- c) Cllr Jones – discussion on DCC waste refuse charge. Cllr Jones stated that EDDC charges for certain waste products are twice as high as those paid in Dorset.
- d) Reece Strawbridge – gas pipe. See Reece Strawbridge report
- e) Cheque 4313 destroyed due to error. Noted
- f) Application for online banking for the clerk has been approved. Going forward does the clerk have permission to make BACS payments? Yes the clerk has permission to make BACS payments as long as the payment is agreed in the prior meeting.

20/02/79 Planning

Minutes of the meeting held Monday 27th January 2020 – (Appendix T) to be noted

a) Planning Applications

20/0097/FUL Road Pitt Farm, Colyton – Mr & Mrs Hurford – Construction of roof over existing silage clamp A and cattle yards.

20/0098/FUL Road Pitt Farm, Colyton – Mr & Mrs Hurford – Construction of roof over existing silage clamp B and cattle yards. Both applications approved unanimously proposed by Cllr Pady, seconded by Cllr Jones.

20/0128/TRE 6 Kingsholme, Colyford – Mr J Norcott – Tree work:

T1 Horse Chestnut – to be felled

T1A Ash – remove two lower branches

- T2 Copper Beech – remove broken, dead and overhanging branches
 T3 Holme Oak – pollard
 T4 Horse Chestnut – remove sub-dominate tree moving through larger tree
 T5 Oak – fell T6 Ash – fell T7 Oak – fell T8 Scotch Pine – fell
 T9 Scotch Pine – remove two lowest live branches
 T10 Silver Birch – fell T11 Silver Birch – remove lower branches
 T12 Silver Birch – remove branches over pavement
 T13 Silver Birch – fell T14 Scotch Pine – fell
 T15 Ash – remove two lower branches T16 Oak – fell.

The Parish council supports the application, but with the following exceptions. Mr Coleman EDDC Tree Officer recommended that T7 Oak be felled. The Council recommends that this remains in place. However, the Council recommends that a further Oak situated in the western corner between the hedge and the A3052 be felled, it is also situated to the left of the steps down to the back pedestrian gateway. This tree is not identified in the Planning Application, and for clarity, the Council recommends that it is treated as tree T17. This tree is also immediately below overhead power lines.

The Parish Council also recommends that the work be carried out by a professional Tree Surgeon, especially with regard to the pollarding of the Holme Oak T3, and removing and pruning trees just below the overhead power lines.

Proposed by Cllr Jarman, seconded by Cllr Hay, all agreed

b) Planning decisions from East Devon

19/2593/FUL Land at Colyford Common, Seaton Wetlands – Mr Nunn – Construction of new tramway halt, pedestrian access bridge, ramp, timber walkways and associated works to provide pedestrian link to Seaton Wetlands APPROVED with conditions.

19/2808/FUL 5 Burnards Field Road, Colyton – Mr Higgins – Single storey side extension incorporating the conversion of the garage and new off road parking and entrance. APPROVED with conditions.

19/2491/FUL Foxworthy, Kingsdon, Colyton – Mr & Mrs Thomas - Construction of detached double garage and change of use of land from agricultural to domestic. APPROVED with conditions.

c) Planning Correspondence

Discussion on Brown Field Sites – do the Council have any recommendations on existing sites within the built up area. A discussion took place on any possible Brown Field sites within the built up area (BUAB) There were no significant sites available except the Ceram Tec site which now has planning approval. Cllr Pady specifically proposed two sites on Green Field sites but the council considered it was probably best for the Colyton and Colyford Community Land Trust (CCCLT) to deal with these cases in the early stages.

Cllr Pady concerns over Whispering Pines development. Cllr Pady is not happy with the design and resultant changes in planning permission and considered that the site was very overpowering. Cllr West agreed. The Council to write to EDDC planning, describing our concerns and to ask planning if the development complies with the planning permission granted

Coly Road – area around new development site. Actions needed to reinstate all curbs and verges. Many Councillors expressed their concerns over the development in Coly Road, Colyton at Yaffles nearest to the Peace Memorial Playing Fields the Coly Road path and grass verges have been taken over by the development. Grass verges, tarmacked footpaths and roads have all been damaged. It was agreed that this would be dealt with by the council when the development is fully completed.

Appeal Decision – Land to the West of Coly Road, Colyford – Planning Application for 15 dwellings (10 affordable) planning application was refused and appeal has been dismissed. This decision was welcomed and Cllr Real expressed the councils thanks to the Colyford residents who fought the appeal.

Email from Hastoe Housing Association. A two bedroom property will become available in the next few weeks up at Seaway Head, if the Parish Council know of any families in need of local rented accommodation they should be advised to contact the Local Authority Housing Needs Department. Cllr Jarman stated that one family living at Seaway Head was having to be relocated until repairs of sewers and treatment of vermin was complete, could this family not be located temporarily in this vacant property? Parish Clerk to contact Hastoe to try to resolve.

Cemetery

Decision on ashes plot for Mr Sutherland. Parish Clerk to liaise with Cllr Pady before a formal decision is made and response given to the applicant.

20/02/80 Amenities

Tree Planting the Colyton Primary School has received a donation of 40 trees. The decision on where these trees should be planted in the Parish is to be put on the agenda for the next full council meeting. Mr Anholt has stated that he is happy for the trees to be planted on his land if requested to do so.

P3 grant – the P3 account is looking rather healthy with money which can only be spend on the footpaths. The deadline to put in a request for a grant is fast approaching but after a meeting between Ros Davies (P3 liaison officer) and the clerk it was suggested the Parish Council would not submit a request at this time. If at any point any funding is needed it will be readily available upon request. Does the Council agree to this? Due to the very poor condition of some of the footpaths in the Parish due to a combination of little maintenance last year and very wet weather, it was agreed that Cllr Pady will put together a claim for more P3 funding to make good some of the poorly maintained paths, such as the path between the White Hart, Colyford and Colyton.

Cllr Pady stated that more hooks need to be fitted to the cemetery trailer to hold the tarpaulin down in windy weather. Cllr Jarman stated that the current tarpaulin is of low quality and strength and stated that a better quality tarpaulin should be obtained. Cllr Pady was asked to obtain prices for tarpaulin and hooks and present them at the next full council meeting for discussion.

20/02/81 Neighbourhood Plan - Nothing to report.

20/02/82 Reece Strawbridge Centre - Cllr Hay reported that the current heating system had failed completely electric heaters are being used to heat th building. The centre committee have decided to have a gas supply fitted to the building at an approx. cost of £1400 to £1500 As future funds allow, the committee propose to renew a system similar to the previous which is more reliable and efficient. The Council approved the request to fit the gas supply. The chairman reported that there has still not been a response to the request made to the committee to produce an insurance certificate with Colyton Parish Council added to their policy. Clerk to follow up.

20/02/83 Emergency Plan-Who wants to be involved and what are you able / not able to do?

What will your input involve? Cllr Jones reported that preparations for the plan are proceeding well, and real progress is being made. There is a committee meeting this week to plan further work. All Councillors present at this meeting volunteered to be available to assist in the case of a declared emergency subject to availability and ability to carry out any task.

20/02/84 Declaring a Climate and Biodiversity Emergency next steps – working party.

Delayed until next full council meeting.

20/02/85 Items brought to the CPC’s attention after the agenda had been published – to be noted

20/02/86 Matters to be taken into Committee

20/02/87 Dates of future meetings

Finance & Planning – Monday 24th February 2020

Colyton Parish Council Meeting – Monday 9th March 2020 in the Colyford Memorial Hall.

Meeting closed 21:30

Appendix A

County Councillor's Report, February 2020

Funding for proposed Health Hub in Seaton Hospital

Seaton Area Health Matters presented their outline business case for a community charitable organisation to purchase the hospital from NHS Property Services to EDDC Cabinet, and a request was made that EDDC agree (in principle only at this stage) to apply for a Public Works Board loan to fund the purchase, which the charity would repay over time, in order to enable detailed negotiations between SAHM and NHSPS to take place.

Following an intervention by the Conservative Group, the majority of the Independent-controlled Cabinet decided not to agree this proposal and that it would be more appropriate for DCC to be involved in supporting the project. Following this, discussions have taken place between the two Councils. I have asked the DCC leader, John Hart that the County Council do everything it can to help move the project forward. I will continue to monitor developments and assist in any way I can.

Colyton Fire Station saved

I was very pleased that the combined pressure of the local community, together with similar campaigns around the two counties, ensured that Colyton and most of the other stations slated for closure were saved for the time being. Two serious local fires in the last ten days have amply demonstrated why we need both Seaton and Colyton fire stations. The new Fire Service proposals continue to give rise for concern, however, and I will be taking part in discussions at the County Council over these.

Seaton Seafront Enhancement scheme

I have supported Seaton Town Council, which is waiting to commence the first phase of the Seafront Enhancement Scheme, by pressing Highways to resolve issues around the relocation of the taxi rank.

Seaton Beach Management Plan

I attended a meeting of the Stakeholder Group. The draft plan, including a proposals to reinforce sea defences - but unfortunately not including measures needed to stabilise the mudstone cliffs against rainwater erosion - has been significantly delayed due to staff changes at EDDC, but will now proceed to seek the necessary funding estimated at £882,000.

SEA - Seaton Environmental Action

I have continued to support this group which was set up through collaboration between Seaton Town Council and local environmental activists. The group is prioritising planting trees before the end of the winter. SEA has a Facebook group, 'SEA - Seaton Environmental Action', and meets monthly, the next meeting being on Wednesday 5th February at 7 pm at Pebbles. Both are open to all who are interested.

Colyton Primary School parking permits

I have asked EDDC to continue the scheme providing free parking for parents, which I helped to negotiate last year, and which has apparently been successful so that an increase from 20 to 25 permits is being requested.

Beer Parish Council depot

I have approved an application for a Locality Grant to replace the roof of the depot.

County Council budget and likely Council Tax rise

Budget meetings take place during February and it is looking like yet another above-inflation Council Tax increase, including the extra 2 per cent which the Council is allowed to charge for social care. The Government's refusal to provide adequate funding or increase national taxation means that council tax increases are required to pay for this and other essential services. I will report more fully next month.

Last but not least: the UK's exit from the European Union

I am aware that most local voters supported Brexit in 2016. However I continue to be very concerned that it will not only deprive present and future generations of crucial rights to live, work and study around Europe, but also - shamefully - require people who came originally from other European countries to apply for permission to continue living in their own homes. I have supported local residents who are affected by the Government's 'Settled Status' scheme, and will continue to do so. I also deplore the poor deal which the Government has agreed and the disruption which it will cause to industry, farming and services. Most of the damage will not be evident until next year when the transition period has ended (until the end of 2020, everything stays the same). I shall be taking part in a Devon for Europe event in Exeter on 1st February to show my support for the campaign to offset the harm that Brexit will cause.

Appendix B

MINUTES FOR AN EXTRAORDINARY CPC MEETING HELD MONDAY 3rd FEBRUARY AT 7PM IN THE BOARD ROOM OF THE TOWN HALL

Present: Cllrs A Parr, K Clifford, E Jones, S Real, C Pady, H West, J Hay, C Denny, P Arnott, R Turner and J Gardiner.

Also in Attendance: S Haines (clerk)

- E20/02/167** **Receipt & Approval of apologies for absence:** Cllr Watts (unwell) Cllr Jarman (prior commitments)
- E20/02/168** **Declarations of Interest.** None
- E20/02/169** **Coly Road road closure – replacement buses and costings.** Coly Road is currently closed, a hole goes right across the whole highway and is caged in with signage for South West Water. There are two separate road closures agreed, with the potential of the road being closed for 17 days. The Parish Council approached County Councillor Martin Shaw to ask if the works could be done half a highway at a time so only half the road was closed but we were told the road was too narrow for that to be an option. Cllr Arnott stated that an investigation would be needed to find out how this was allowed to happen with very little information being sent out to the public in way of notification, Devon County Council should have seen that the road closure was going to have a huge effect on the bus route and should have organised alternative options.
- The Parish Council need to request a formal review into the lack of notice, the lack of information on the notice given and the fact that we now have a resident who is disabled and trapped in her home as the pavement outside her house has been destroyed.
- Children living in Coly Vale getting the school bus are being dropped to Colyford by parents.
- Cllr West and Cllr Arnott have organised a temporary mini bus service which will do return journeys to Axminster and Seaton three times a day respectively there will be no charge to the public for this service and will be at a cost to the Parish Council. Cllr West assured that the bus is fully insured and Cllr Arnott has put up time tables around the town. This is a daily agreement so if the road is re-opened the bus will stop immediately. The cost is £175 a day. If the road is closed for the full three weeks the total cost will be £2625, the Parish Council

can apply for funding from Cllr Martin Shaw through his locality budget funding, it has been agreed that he can cover some of the cost up to £1000. Cllr Jones stated that the Chair and Vice Chair along with the clerk can approve this payment and it will be ratified in the next full meeting.

The payment was voted on with all in agreement and the payment was approved.

Cllr Gardiner advised that the insurance company be notified of the bus service.

E20/02/170 Statement for Midweek Herald. To be produced by Cllr Arnott – all agreed.

E20/02/171 Date of next meeting – Monday 10th February 2020.

Meeting Closed 19:45