

Minutes for the meeting of Colyton Parish Council held in Colyford Memorial Hall on Monday 11th March 2019 at 7.00 pm

Present: Cllrs A Parr, C Collier, B Collier, B Norris, E Jones, A Jarman, S Real, K Clifford, R Watts, J Hay, C Pady, R Turner, Dist Cllr H Parr, 8 members of the public and E Berry (Clerk).

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

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

19/03/126 Receipt and approval of absence – Cllr M Shaw (prior commitment)

19/03/127 Police Report

4 CRIMES

2 x Violence without Injury – 2 x unwanted message received from family member

1 x Theft – Pushbike taken from garden

1 x Criminal Damage – car parked in layby (Boshill by river) windscreen damaged

9 LOGS

3 x ASB – Neighbour issues

1 x Crime Recorded - (above)

4 x Public Safety - Concerns for welfare of family members

1 x Transport

19/03/128 Public Question time (maximum 15 minutes)

A Colyford resident and former Mayor commented on the use of the £100. He felt that it should be given to the Burgesses to be used to fully repair the damage and any left over be spent in Colyford as deemed necessary.

Mr Morgan, having been sent the comments from the Playing Fields Committee felt he could do a feasibility study on the Petanque court with the help of Honiton. He had also received some details of funding sources and will get back to the Parish Council when he had completed the study.

19/03/129 The minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on 11th February 2019 were approved and signed as being a true record of that meeting.

19/03/130 There were no Matters arising from the Minutes

19/03/131 Report from County Councillor – circulated to councillors and printed for members of the public, attached here as Appendix 1.

19/03/132 Report from District Councillors

Cllr H Parr updated everyone on the dance studio issue and stated that EDDC & LED had held several meetings and fully understood the wishes of the School. The existing use continues unaffected and any new arrangement will not be in place this academic year. The District Council are fully aware of the value of this asset to the community & residents.

She hoped everyone had seen the exchange of email re the electric charging points in Dolphin Street car park. She also feels that someone should take a good look at the car par layout and see if the number of spaces could be increased.

She hoped the Enforcement Training document was of some use and went some way in explaining the process of enforcement.

Cllr Pady asked her if she was aware that the Feoffees were prepared to offer financial assistance to EDDC to progress the provision of electric charging points in Colyton.

19/03/133 Highway Matters

- a) Extension of opening times of pedestrian gated from Sidmouth Rd through Queens Court – Cllr Norris explained the background to this and had spoken to Jane Lucas who co-ordinates the residents meetings. At their last meeting the residents were opposed to any extension to the opening times citing issues with children taking plants and playing in the pond, the use of the access by those on bicycles and the potential increase in footfall when Ceramtech is developed.

Cllr Norris felt the issue should still be discussed, and resident canvassed as the potential for a serious accident or injury around the bottom corner of Sidmouth Road is very high. He is gathering evidence from residents of the Butts and Westaway as several of them have had near misses with traffic. He wondered if it was possible for Highways to mark out an area as if it was a pavement, although provision of a pavement would be the best solution.

- b) TTRO 1929180 May 20th – May 24th Dolphin Street – Wall repair – noted.

- c) Cllr Jones asked that the Devon bank of sandbags opposite the White Hart be looked at as it is a mass of weeds and grass and not what we were promised. Cllr Hay said this would be brought up at the next transport meeting as well as the drainage problem at that point.
- d) Cllr Pady reported that the culvert at Sandpits Lane had been cleared and is running free but the ditches need a two year maintenance programme to keep debris out of them and maintain a flow of water. A 5ft x 5ft inspection chamber is also desirable but financing it is an issue. He is still in talks with Stephen Kelly on the collapsed road edge at Ridgeway – now over 2 years since the problem started.
- e) Cllr Clifford pointed out the problem of flooding before Holmbush, waste from the cleared ditches is washing back into them causing severe flooding.
He also commented on the entrance/exit to the Crematorium after a recent visit and was surprised the design had been accepted. Cllr H Parr suggested he write to the Crematorium owners as it was not a facility EDDC operated.
- f) The Clerk reminded everyone that there are report forms online where flooding issues could be reported, this then gave a reference number which could be chased up and the report could be added to by other reportee's.

19/03/124 Report from Meetings Attended

29/2 Cllr Watts had attended a consultation meeting on the siting of Geological Disposal of Nuclear Waste, a meeting arranged by government to locate areas within the UK where underground facilities for the disposal of radiological waste could be constructed. Geographically Devon is a suitable location. He was surprised that there were no representatives from either Devon County or EDDC.

Cllrs Parr & Collier had attended the Social Club meeting, minutes circulated. The Club is keeping its head above water and looking to attract more members.

Cllrs C Collier and Real had visited the new EDDC HQ in Honiton and were impressed with what they saw. Cllr Watts hoped other visits for Councillors would be planned in the near future.

19/03/125 Correspondence

- a) Publications e-mailed to councillors – Intouch/RSN etc
- b) E-Mail Cllr H Parr Guide to Planning Enforcement presentation.
- c) E-mail Cllr H Parr Electric Charging Points – EDDC Policy
- d) Minutes of social Club Meeting e-mailed to Cllrs
- e) Letter of thanks for bin from Colyford resident
- f) Email re Community Resilience – sent to councillors
- g) March County Councillors report – emailed to Cllrs
- h) DALC newsletter – emailed to Cllrs

19/03/126 Finance

Minutes of the Finance meeting held 25th February (Appendix V) to be noted
Cllr Jones proposed they be approved for payment, seconded by Cllr Pady and agreed by all,

Cheque #	Name	Work		VAT	Total
DD	Opus Energy	Electricity for workshop	11.33	0.57	£11.90
DD	Talk Talk	Broadband & Telephone	25.60	5.11	£30.71
4205	Cash	Toilet Caretaker Invoice for January.			£100
4206	Halcyon Landscapes	Invoice for February	468.33	93.67	£562.00
4207	P A Weston	Neighbourhood Plan Invoice 2 of 2.			£2700
4208	MNR Mowers	Stihl Blower BG56	157.50	31.50	£189.00
4209	Viridor	Waste Management	123.33	24.27	£145.60
4210	Mole Avon	Bolts, waterproofs	24.48	4.90	£29.38
4211	Colyford Memorial Hall	March Booking			£28

- a) ANNUAL LEAVE - John request leave – May 17th – 20th. Liz has 5 days A/L to use – request next 5 Fridays off (will be in for Emergency Plan meeting) - agreed
- b) Additional expenses of cemetery extension - £750 + VAT - approved
- c) Suggestions for use in Colyford of £100 from Hatch Green Coaches. Ideas were discussed Cllr Real proposed the £100 be offered to the Burgesses to repair the damage done, seconded by Cllr Turner and agreed by all.
- d) Repeat order form for 2020 Play Inspection from Play Inspection Company or order for inspection year on year until told otherwise. Cllr Real proposed a rolling year on year contract, seconded by Cllr Clifford and agreed by all.
- e) Details of S106 funding available for Sports/Play/Open Space – to be taken to the Finance committee meeting.
- f) Devon Housing Needs Seminar – Sandy Park. Cost £5 per delegate. Cllr Parr proposed payment of the £5 if any councillor wanted to attend, seconded by Cllr Real and agreed by all.

19/03/127 Planning

Minutes of the meeting held Monday 25th February (Appendix W) to be noted

a Planning Applications

19/0349/FUL Land adjacent to Borough House, Swan Hill Road – Mr & Mrs Bennett

Proposed new dwelling and car port. Cllr Turner proposed the application is **SUPPORTED**, seconded by Cllr Watts and agreed by all.

18/2907/FUL Munchkins Miniature Shetland Rescue, Munchkins Barn, Colyton Hill - Mr & Mrs Marx.

Construction of two stable units, comprising 7 timber stables and an area for all weather turnout.

Cllr Pady proposed that this is sporadic development in the AONB and the application is **NOT SUPPORTED**, seconded by Cllr Clifford. Cllr Turner counter proposed that the application is supported but there was no seconder. The motion of no support was carried 9 – 2.

19/0446/FUL 3 Coly Vale, Colyton – Mr & Mrs Marks

Construction of conservatory to the rear. Cllr Parr proposed the application is **SUPPORTED**, seconded by Cllr Watts and agreed by all.

19/0427/FUL Sheepscombe, Colcombe Road – Mr Pike

Loft conversion to include front & rear dormer windows: addition of first floor side window to north elevation. Car port. Cllr Pady proposed the application is **SUPPORTED**, seconded by Cllr Jones and agreed by 7 – 4

19/0432/FUL 3 Springfields, Colyford – Mr Burridge. Construction of first floor extension over existing garage: single storey rear extension. Cllr Turner proposed the application is **SUPPORTED**, seconded by Cllr Parr and agreed by 11 votes with 1 abstention.

19/0313/ADV Land North of Yaffles, Coly Road – Display of site development advertisement – amended. Cllr Turner proposed this is **NOT SUPPORTED and previous comments reiterated as to size of the advert and the disregarding of Government guidelines**, seconded by Cllr C Collier and unanimously agreed.

a) Planning permission

19/0175/VAR Land Rear of Clarence house, The Butts. Variation of condition 2 of planning application to facilitate design change – **APPROVED with conditions.**

c Planning Correspondence

i) **Draft Local List consultation – for comment.**

The following were proposed

Colyton – Victorian postbox between The Butts & Sidmouth Rd

Colyford – Village gateways, milestone in wall of old rectory opposite the Memorial Hall, Georgian gate pillars at rear entrance to Coly House opposite Dares Farm, Petrol station & pumps on A3052. Local pubs in both settlements.

ii) CIL Preliminary Draft Charging Schedule – for comment – no comment at this time.

19/03/128 Amenities

- a) Local resident request Boule/Petanque facility at PMPF – as previously mentioned Mr Morgan will present a feasibility study to the Parish Council. Fencing is required. The meeting was suspended for Mr Morgan to speak.
- b) Consecration of cemetery extension – Having been presented with the details of the cost of this Cllr Parr proposed that the area not be consecrated, seconded by Cllr Real and agreed by all. Cllr Pady proposed it is reseeded as soon as conditions allow, seconded by Cllr Norris and agreed by all.
- c) Picnic site – replacement of wooden bench with ‘recycled’ memorial one by a family whose father was a resident for 23 years. An agreed cost of £25 will be charged for the handyman’s time.
- d) Community Woodland update – Cllr Pady briefed the councillors on what has been done so far, trimming of the apple trees and thinning out of the overcrowded sections by him and Rob Beard from the Axe Valley Conservation team. All were happy with that action. Cllr Pady would like to purchase two plum trees for the orchard – put on Finance agenda for discussion. Mr Beard had also reported on severe ash dieback on the self-seeded ash trees near the river, he will clear them for the wood – agreed.
- e) Allotments – all rented. Problem plot inspection to be 6pm on April 15th before the committee meetings.
- f) Pear Tree Corner – At the Goose Fair AGM there had been some discussion on the state of Pear Tree Corner and it was proposed that something be done as the area is overgrown and untidy. The Goose Fair help with maintaining the village gateways but PTC lets the village down. The onus is on DCC and the clerk will write to them about the state of the corner and further up the loss of the footway because of vegetation.
- g) Disposal of soil from Cemetery – currently 3 – 5 trailer loads per year go into an old gravel pit at Heathayne Cottage with the permission of the owners but the soil needs pushing into the pit and levelling off – about 30 minutes work with a digger. When the weather allows Cllr Parr will take a look and report back.
- h) P3 Bid - £800 received – for information

19/03/129 Neighbourhood Plan for Colyton Parish – a committee meeting had been held with the NP consultant and EDDC and the Committee have been advised to withdraw the CeramTech policy from the NP as it is covered in the local plan and the delay with the planning application is stalling the NP process. It will be included in a supporting statement and a meeting held next week (21st) to discuss it further.

19/03/130 Reece Strawbridge Centre – Cllr Hay reported that no meeting had been held. The outside lights are now operational and a film show is scheduled for later in the month.

19/03/131 Colyton Parish Emergency Plan – update

- a) March Flood Event – 27th March 2pm – 8pm – hosted by Colyton History Society. The Emergency Plan Working Group will have a table at this event and canvass for more volunteers in a variety of roles.

19/02/132 Update of sale of access from the Butts – Legal advice had been received and because of the commercial sensitivity of this Cllr C Collier proposed that this matter be dealt with in Committee under the provision of the Public Bodies Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 (amended by the LGA 1972), the public and press to be excluded by reason of the confidential nature of the business being transacted i.e. commercial and financially sensitive information, seconded by Cllr Real and agreed by all.

19/02/133 Speaker for Annual Parish Meeting – suggestions to be brought to the Committee meetings.

19/03/134 Items brought to the CPC’s attention after the agenda had been published – to be noted

- a) East Devon Forest Plan consultation – deadline April 22nd. Comment as individuals.
- b) Replacement timbers for multi play equipment - to be taken to Finance committee.

19/03/135 Matters to be taken into Committee – Sale of the access to land off the Butts.

19/03/136 Dates of future meetings

Finance & Planning – Monday 25th March 2019
 Colyton Parish Council Meeting – Monday 8th April 2019
 Annual Parish Meeting – April 3rd 7.30pm.

Meeting closed at 2045.

APPENDIX 1 – County Councillors Report, March 2019

Seaton Seafront Enhancement Scheme I have offered funding from my Locality and Investing in Devon funds to support the first phase of this scheme, for which the Town Council has planning permission. This will involve the creation of a small shopping/craft/refreshment area near Fisherman's Gap and it is hoped that getting it up and running will help with obtaining the larger funding which is needed for the more ambitious redevelopment of the seafront in the later phases of the scheme. I have also agreed in principle to support Beer Parish Council's scheme to improve footpaths. This will mean that my current Locality Budget will be almost entirely spent, but there will be a new allocation for 2019-20. However the Investing in Devon fund will not be continued.

Speed limit on Seaton Down Hill and at junction with A3052 This traffic order is being consulted on until 13th March: 'to extend the current 40mph restriction on the A3052 to encompass the junction with Seaton Down Hill (B3172) to address collisions occurring at the junction, and to introduce a 40mph between the A3052 and the existing 30mph speed limit just north of Honey Ditches Drive.' Seaton Town Council and my Locality Budget have funded the order, which is a result of a campaign by residents.

Colyford Crossing Discussions are continuing and I shall shortly be meeting the Headteacher of Colyton Grammar School in an effort to support a way forward.

Proposed Harbour Road, Seaton, replacement crossing Highways have accepted that the location proposed by Seaton Town Council, opposite Premier Inn, appears to be the only suitable one. However there is currently no funding, even for a survey, although I am looking into the possibilities of moving it along.

Council Tax and Budget 2019-20 At the annual budget meeting on 21 February, the County Council resolved to increase its precept (which makes up the largest part of Council Tax) by 3.99 per cent, i.e. 2.99 per cent general increase and 1 per cent for adult social care (the maximums permitted without holding a referendum). These increases maintain statutory adult and children's services. Highways has seen a cut in real terms but this is balanced out by additional capital funding from the Government. All other services have also seen a real-terms cut. However of the 3.99 per cent increase, over 1.7 per cent is going to fund an increase in reserves of £7 million. Together with other Independent, Lib Dem and Green councillors, I voted against this on the grounds that the Council already has reserves of £80 million and the additional amount is in effect a hedge against the possibility that the Government will not provide adequate funding in 2020-21. Council Tax payers have already had many years of above-inflation increases while median earnings have fallen behind inflation, and should not be made to pay more into reserves because the Conservative leadership of the Council cannot trust their own Government.

Devon's Housing Needs My motion on 21 February asking the Council to respond to the major reports produced by the Devon branch of the Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE) was amended by the Conservatives so that no action will be taken.

Brexit Council leaders and officers are worried that Brexit is already contributing to business failures and are concerned that a, inability to import sufficient animal feed from or export lamb and fish to the EU, etc. It is only in the last month that the No Deal Brexit will cause serious harm, e.g. empty supermarket shelves, shortages of medicines Council has been asked by Government to do serious preparations for a No Deal situation and there is insufficient knowledge and time to resolve all likely issues. The Leader has spoken out, calling the national handling of Brexit a 'shambles', but he still opposed my amendment on 21 February that the Council collectively call on Government and Parliament to prevent No Deal arising, so this was defeated.