

**Minutes for the meeting of Colyton Parish Council held on Monday 11th
July 2022 at 7.00 pm in the Colyton Town Hall.**

Present: Cllrs K Mills, K Clifford, A Mills, J Gardiner, A Stenning, C Denny, A Parr, J Hay, P Arnott and R Turner.

Also in attendance: DCC Cllr M Hartnell, Mr Ayre and Ms Stacey from Bakers Estates and S Haines (clerk)

Members of Public: 4

Cllr Parr welcomed everybody to the meeting and proposed that a letter of thanks be sent to Jacquie McColloch and her team who put on the Monmouth Day celebrations, a fantastic day was had by all, this was seconded by Cllr Clifford and agreed by all.

22/07/75 Receipt & Approval of apologies for absence. Cllr Real, Cllr Pady and Cllr Jarman sent apologies, as did EDDC Cllr H Parr.

22/07/76 Declaration of Interests. Cllr Parr declared an interest on the Highways matter regarding the proposed closure of Kings Street as he has a business and land off the road. Cllr K Mills declared an interest on the financial matter of the Colyford Memorial Hall request for a donation as he is heavily involved in the daily running of the hall.

22/07/77 Police Report none received.

22/07/78 Approval of the minutes of Parish Council Meeting held Monday 13th June 2022. Cllr Clifford proposed these by approved, seconded by Cllr Stenning and agreed by all, thanks to Cllr Stenning for taking the minutes in the clerks absence.

22/07/79 Matters arising from the Minutes. None

22/07/80 Public Question time. Mr Richard Ayre and Ms Nicole Stacey introduced themselves as working for Baker Estates, they were previously involved in the developments at Rowan Drive and Barnards Hill. They invited Councillors to an open public consultation day happening on 12th July at the United Reformed Church Hall (Cross St, Seaton EX12 2LH) from 3pm to 7.30pm. The local community will be invited and plans will be on display. There will be a preview slot between 2pm-3pm for Councillors to attend. Plans are in early stages but the proposal is for 150 dwellings, some of which will be affordables and some bungalows, there will also be a sports pavilion. 850 households have been written to with an invitation.

Cllr Denny asked if this would be in the area of Seaton Town Council? Mr Ayre confirmed that it would be but they are keen to involve the Colyton Parish also as they would be close neighbours.

Cllr Parr thanked them for coming.

22/07/81 Report from County Councillor. Cllr Hartnell apologised for his report not being ready in advance of the meeting, see appendix A for the full report. He informed the Council that unfortunately the bid for 20mph zones to be put into place in Colyford and Colyton were not successful, only four schemes will progress. He also informed the Council that drainage works would be taking place in Market Place to clear a blockage.

Cllr Stenning asked about an email she had sent raising concerns about the uneven pavement outside the Premier Store, Cllr Hartnell confirmed that he had forwarded this to Steve Kelly and he would chase.

Cllr Hay asked about the gap in the yellow lines on South Street, Cllr Hartnell stated that the job had been ordered many times but there is always a car there, better organisation is needed to get the job done.

Cllr Hay then informed Cllr Hartnell that there are 30mph road signs which are being overgrown by hedges and not visible, particularly on Cownhayne Lane, Cllr Hartnell explained that this is a safety issue and would be given high priority when reported, he stated that he would drive down Cownhayne Lane and report that one himself.

The clerk asked about Chantry Bridge, she has been contacted by Tom Olive who is a constructions inspector for DCC, he is overseeing works on the bridge at Freakhayne, he has contacted the clerk as he noticed Chantry Bridge has been damaged and he wondered if this could be fixed whilst his contractors are in the area at Freakhayne, the clerk informed him that this was reported about a year ago. Mr Olive asked where the coping stones have gone as the bridge is listed so needs replacing like for like, the clerk replied and copied in Steve Kelly stating that she believes that somebody from Highways have the stones, she has

heard nothing since and works at Freakhayne are due to finish on 14th July. Please could Cllr Hartnell look into and chase this? Cllr Hartnell agreed to do so.

22/07/82 Report from District Councillors. Cllr H Parr sent her apologies, Cllr Arnott sent his report (appendix B) Cllr Hay asked about the street light in the Dolphin Street carpark. Cllr Arnott will ask his officers to chase Western Power.

22/07/83 Highway Matters

a) Communication from Wales and West Utilities, they are applying for a Road Closure for King Street from 26th September to 28th October 2022. Cllr Parr stated that he has declared an interest in this matter so therefore will not vote but he explained that there are homes and businesses on this road which simply cannot have this road closed for a month. He also pointed out that this closure would be during harvesting season so tractors and trailers and harvesting equipment would be forced to go through town which would be disastrous. This is just the consultation stage but no residents or businesses on the street have been written to.

Cllr Clifford proposed a letter be written to Wales and West Utilities stating that the PC would not support the closure for the above reasons, this was seconded by Cllr Hay and agreed by all by Cllr Parr who abstained, the clerk will copy in Cllr Hartnell.

Cllr Turner asked if there was an update on Saxon Meadows, the clerk replied no but the verge has been cut by somebody, Cllr Turner reported that the wildlife corridor has been blocked, the clerk will report this. Cllr Denny informed the Parish Council that the road has still not been adopted by Highways.

22/07/84 Report from Meetings Attended. None

22/07/85 Nunsford Lane. Cllr Pady wants this to remain on the agenda to keep it live, he has spoken to Ros Davies at DCC (Public Rights of Way Officer) Cllr Pady will update the Council on his return.

22/07/86 Use of the Peace Memorial Playing Fields. Cllr Turner proposed that if the RYSC or Pavilion has been booked then there should be no further charge to use the outside space, if the field is required and no other buildings and it is a commercial outfit then a fixed charge of £25 for half a day and £50 for a whole day will be required, if it is the School or charity then there will no charge. Proof of public liability will be required. This was seconded by Cllr K Mills and agreed by all.

22/07/87 Dolphin Street toilets. Cllr Hay informed the Council that Seaton toilets are to be saved so why not Colyton, Cllr Denny explained that the water usage shows EDDC that the loos are not used enough to keep them open, Cllr Parr stated that the toilets were partially closed when the monitoring was taking place so not a true reflection. Cllr Denny stated that the rough costing for his proposal to have one accessible and one uni-sex loo and to change the rest of the building into a commercial unit would cost in the region of £60,000. According to a recent meeting with Martin Diplock, we should only expect a rental return of £4,000 a year. Cllr Turner stated that we cannot make a financial decision of this size now, it was agreed to place this on the next FULL meeting agenda.

22/07/88 CPC Summer Newsletter for approval. Not yet received, next agenda.

22/07/89 Correspondence

- a) The Rural Bulletin
- b) EDDC Covid update
- c) Devon and Cornwall Neighbourhood Watch July newsletter.
- d) Rural Services Network – Rural funding digest – July edition.

22/07/90 Finance

Minutes of the Finance meeting held 27th June 2022 (Appendix G) to be noted.

Accounts to be approved for payment.

DD	Talk Talk	Broadband & Telephone	38.29	7.66	£45.95
DD	EDF	Workshop electricity	7.50	1.50	£9.00
DD	Biffa	Waste management	152.34	30.47	£182.81
BACS	Mr Fitzpatrick	Toilet Caretaker	120.00		£120.00
BACS	Mr Herbert	Gardener – 16 hours.	160.00		£160.00
BACS	Halcyon	Grounds Maintenance	526.75	105.35	£632.10
BACS	Foxwell Engineering	Repair swings as per quote	650.00	138.00	£828.00
		Machine four bushes for swing	40.00		

The above accounts were approved for payment, this was proposed by Cllr Parr, seconded by Cllr Denny and agreed by all.

- a) Grant request from The Colyford Memorial Hall to help with costs to maintain the carpark. The Council were informed that the quote came to £1639.00 inc VAT. Cllr Arnott proposed donating the full amount on the condition that the CPC are invoiced directly by the supplier so they can reclaim the VAT, this was seconded by Cllr Denny, 5 voted for, 5 abstained, none against so carried.
- b) Purchase of a Wetpour kit for play park maintenance. Cllr Gardiner proposed this be purchased, seconded by Cllr A Mills and agreed by all.
- c) £263.20 has been paid to submit a planning application for Change of Use for Millfield. This is half the usual fee. Cllr Denny informed the Council that an incorrect box had been ticked so the application went to DCC not EDDC, the amount will be refunded and will be re-submitted.
- d) VAT Return for the first quarter submitted digitally via Scribe on 4th July.
- e) Internal audit for first quarter due. Cllr Clifford will complete.

22/07/91 Planning

Minutes of the meeting held Monday 27th May 2022 – (Appendix H) to be noted.

a) Planning applications

No Planning applications received.

b) Planning decisions from EDDC

22/0976/FUL 22 Grove Hill Colyton – Ms Powell - Single storey front extension and single storey rear extension. Approved.

Appeal decision - APP/U1105/W/21/3287477 Land Adjacent Harepath Hill. The application Ref 20/2887/FUL, dated 16 November 2020, was refused by notice dated 17 September 2021. The appeal has been dismissed.

Notification received from EDDC regarding planning application 22/1284/TRE Land off Love Lane to fell a dead Oak. (CPC supported this) EDDC stated that the works in question are considered to be an exception from the normal requirement to seek the consent of EDDC under Regulation 14 of the Town and Country Planning (Tree Preservation)(England) Regulations 2012. This regulation of the Act provides for works to be carried out on dead and dangerous trees (or parts of trees) in the interests of safety. (Ref 22/1490/PRETDD) The planning application has now been withdrawn.

22/0142/AGR Bonehayne Farm Colyton – Ms Diepenbroek - Roof over existing silage pit and yard area. Approved. CPC were not consulted on this application.

c) Planning Correspondence

Invitation from Baker Estates to a public exhibition on Tuesday 12th July in the United Reformed Church Hall (Cross St, Seaton EX12 2LH) from 3pm to 7.30pm. Preview session between 2pm-3pm for Councillors. This is to discuss plans ahead of an application being submitted for land to the West and East of Harepath Road.

Broadclyst Parish Neighbourhood Plan is out for consultation (reg 16) any comments due by midnight on 8th September.

Memorial application received – additional script to be added to existing headstone. Exclusive rights have been purchased. This was approved.

22/07/92 Amenities

Minutes of the meeting held Monday 27th June 2022 – (Appendix I) to be noted.

- a) Potential footpath between Colyton and Colyford. Cllr Denny asked permission to approach landowners to see if they are open to this, Cllr Arnott proposed permission be granted, seconded by Cllr K Mills and agreed.
- b) Fire point at PMPF – Arthur suggests road planning's. The clerk has contacted Mr Underdown who would supply planings at £12 a tonne plus delivery. Cllr Arnott explained that this is a designated fire point and so is important to keep clear. Cllr A Mills proposed that road planings are used, seconded by Cllr Gardiner and agreed by all.
- c) Cemetery regulations – acceptable dimensions of headstones to be added. Cllr Denny confirmed that he believes he has some dimensions on his laptop, will share and this will be discussed at the next meeting.

22/07/93 Items brought to the CPC's attention after the agenda had been published.

Tennis Courts:

Price to weld new loops and rods for all four posts around £400.00. To buy new posts and rods would cost £290.87 per pair and then the rods are £18.83 each. Total cost £657.06. Cllr Gardiner proposed go with new, seconded by Cllr Clifford and agreed by all.

Graffiti:

Arthur has reported graffiti down at the skate park, this is not unusual and is normally just kids doodling but now it is beginning to get offensive. He got called out at 4pm on Friday after he had finished and ended up staying there scrubbing it off. Cllr Turner stated that it is not acceptable for people to be calling Arthur out of hours. The graffiti has been reported to the police who are investigating.

Gardens:

The gardens don't seem to be improving as the gardener does not seem to be able to dedicate enough time to them. Cllr K Mills proposed he be let go this was seconded by Cllr Gardiner and agreed by all. Cllr Denny proposed that Arthur be asked to take them on for the rest of the growing season, he can use additional hours to do this at his usual hourly rate, Cllr Parr will ask Mr Weldon if he will assist. This was seconded by Cllr Stenning and agreed by all.

S106:

The order has been placed and now a design for the climbing wall is needed to be submitted, due to the delay on the project, we have now missed working with the Primary School as they have finished for the summer. Cllr Denny proposed that we go with the standard design, this was seconded by Cllr K Mills and agreed by all.

22/07/94 Matters to be taken into Committee.

22/07/95 Dates of future meetings

Committee meetings – Monday 25th July

Full CPC – Monday 8th August.

Meeting closed: 21:10

Appendix B

Cllr Paul Arnott

District Report July 2022

In this report I intend to cover just two items as they are both of historic consequence to the community in which we are fortunate to live.

Election of Richard Foord MP

I will not go into extensive detail here about the circumstances which led to the Tiverton and Honiton by-election. Mr Parish, having chosen to resign with a measure of good grace, has now been appearing on GMTV's Lorraine show, Sky TV, and in double page spreads in the Daily Mail. This has confirmed my immediate suspicion that he was abandoned by the Conservative party nationally, and in particular by the deputy chief whip Chris Pincher who, it soon emerged, had even more serious questions to answer on his own account.

The Pincher affair led within days to the downfall of the government. However, it is plain to me that it was the historic overturning of a 24,000 majority for the Conservatives here where we live into a majority for the Liberal Democrats of 6,000 which was the real trigger for the Tories to knife their leader in full view of the world. As a parish council, I believe we need to reflect on the significance of that. Maybe local people are more progressive than some on this council realise or accept.

At District Council level the first fruit of the election of Mr Foord has been that within the last fortnight he has spent two full one hour meetings with me and my most senior officers discussing what he can do at Parliament on behalf of the local people. I have no doubt that he will be a far more active advocate for East Devon than Mr Parish or Mr Swire ever were.

Colyford Governance Review

This matter is now reaching its final stretch with a report to my Cabinet on Wednesday this week (13th August).

For clarity, I can confirm that personally I have not had any engagement with this matter at all at district level other than in public meetings. I will also reiterate my view that this parish council would have done well, and been less divisive, if it too had taken a neutral stance.

If this is approved at EDDC, there will need to be a number of meetings between the committee which stands ready to set up Colyford PC and Colyton PC. We must approach them with the most positive spirit and I would suggest that we put our most able councillors forward for that together with our outstanding clerk Sasha.

Moving forwards, Colyton PC will be reduced to 11 councillors, while the new Colyford PC would have 7. Please visit this link and go to item 19 for the Cabinet Report.

<https://democracy.eastdevon.gov.uk/documents/g1951/Public%20reports%20pack%2013th-Jul-2022%2018.00%20Cabinet.pdf?T=10>