

**Minutes for the meeting of Colyton Parish Council held in the
Colyton Town Hall on Monday 14th June 2021 at 7pm.**

Present: Cllrs S Real, A Jarman, K Clifford, A Parr, A Stenning, J Hay, H West, P Arnott, J Gardiner and R Turner.

Also in Attendance: EDDC Cllr H Parr, DCC Cllr M Hartnell and S Haines (clerk)

Members of public: 3

21/06/46 Receipt & Approval of apologies for absence. Cllr Denny – unwell, Cllr Pady – unwell.

21/06/47 Declarations of interest. Cllr Parr declared an interest in planning 21/1317/FUL Abbeyfield Society Marjorie Baker House as it is next door to his house. Cllrs Arnott and West declared an interest during discussion of the letter from Mr Hill as they are board members for the CCCLT.

21/06/48 Police Report

Crime Figures

Total Crimes Recorded: 8 (Increase of 3 – 4 crime recorded May 2020).

1 x Violence with injury (minor injury)

3 x Violence without injury

1 x Vehicle offences

2 x Theft offences

1 x Criminal damage

Total Incidents Recorded: 21 (Increase of 13 – 10 recorded in May 2020).

6 x Anti-Social Behaviour

3 x Crime related

9 x Public safety

5 x Transport

The increase from 2020 – 2021 will be due to COVID-19 and the lockdown restrictions that were in place in 2020.

June 2021 Seaton Neighbourhood Team Priorities

1. Vehicle offences & Anti – Social Driving

2. Drug possession & Supply

3. Anti-social behaviour.

21/06/49 Public Question time (maximum 15 minutes) A member of the public spoke about the traffic issues on Sidmouth Road, a lorry could not get through as cars were all parked along the side of the road, he recommended at least one side of the road be double tallow lines, Cllr Parr agreed with him and stated that the Parish Council have asked highways for this in the past. The member of public then went on to say parking in the town is ridiculous, a trailer has been left parked in a bay outside of the Social club in the Memorial Institute carpark for at least two months with no movement. Cllr Parr stated that we would look into this.

A member of public stated that the Colyford Speedwatch team have been out, they have seen a huge uplift in speeding traffic, in the last 5 sessions they have seen 160 cars doing more than 10% over the speed limit, they have also counted over 400 cars in one hour just on one side of the road, the A3052 is extremely busy and the fumes are very high. He restated the need for the mobile speed camera which was discussed in a past meeting, the clerk has confirmed that it will be discussed in the July Full meeting. It was stated that there is no safe path to walk out of Colyford, a route was suggested which would go from Hilarys Garden, down Elm Farm Road, take land from Coly House the cross over to Alaska House, this would also provide a safe route to the bus stop. He then asked about the responsibility of the weeds growing opposite the Colyford Post office, he stated that this area would need maintenance at least once a month, volunteers would do it if the Parish Council will not and would request the money saved to be spend on flowers to enrich the area.

21/06/50 Approval of the minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on 19th May 2021. Proposed by Cllr West, seconded by Cllr Real and approved by all.

21/06/51 Matters arising from the Minutes. Cllr West asked Cllr Turner if he had heard back from EDDC regarding the low cost buildings at Saxon Mead, Cllr Turner replied that EDDC had stated that the 106 agreement had been broken and it would take them a while to sort this out.

21/06/52 Report from County Councillor – see appendix A Cllr Arnott congratulated Cllr Hartnell on his new position and stated that he looked forward to working with him. He also thanked him for attending. Cllr

Real asked for action to be taken towards getting the hole that has been left outside the Colcombe fixed. Cllr Hay echoed this stating that he had spoken to Stephen Kelly who had assured him that the hole would be fixed by the end of the week. Cllr Clifford also mentioned that the flooding issue at Bath House would need to be looked at. Cllr Hartnell confirmed that he would look into these. Cllr Hartnell then went on to mention an issue that had been raised to him by the clerk, the Salvation Army clothes back which is situated at Umborne Bridge and is a very unsightly welcome to visitors of the town, would the PC like this removed or relocated? Cllr Stenning confirmed that there is already a well-used bank at the fire station and a charity shop which takes clothes donations. Cllr Hartnell stated that he would make further enquiries. He then noted some issues which has come to his attention – parking in Queens Court – a number of times the recycle lorry cannot get through and has to return another day. Also parking in the main town, potentially some restrictions may be introduced, talks on traffic restrictions only take place once a year so thoughts would be good.

21/06/53 Report from District Councillors Cllr Arnott district report is attached – see appendix B.

Cllr H Parr spoke about many of the district meetings being cancelled or postponed, public are having to attend via zoom but all decision makers must be present. She then spoke about staff wellbeing, the issue has been spoken about and the Democratic Alliance has issued an apology but she confirmed that she would find out more on this subject. Cllr Arnott stated that a huge amount of work has been and still is being done on this subject as he has mentioned in his report below.

21/06/54 Nominations of representatives to other organisations

Axe Valley Ring & Ride – currently K Jones – to remain the same.

Colyton Chamber of Feoffees x 3 – currently C Chesterton, T Underdown & G Clode. Cllr Arnott challenged the lack of female representatives, he nominated Helen Parr, Caroline Collier and Claire Mountjoy. Cllr Parr stated that he had been trying to find women to stand but was not successful, he told Cllr Arnott that he would have to ask these people if they were willing to stand. Cllr Arnott confirmed that he would do that and stated that according to the equality act we were breaking the law. Cllr Turner stated that he too had failed to recruit any women despite several attempts. Cllr Clifford proposed we stick with who we have, this was seconded by Cllr Real, voting occurred and Cllr Cliffords proposal was supported 6 for and 4 against.

Community Woodland Trust x 2 – currently Cllrs Pady one other volunteer needed.

DALC x 2 – currently Cllr Hay and Cllr Real volunteered.

P3 Co-ordinators – currently Mr & Mrs Bayliss, & Mrs J List. This is to remain as is.

Joint Management Committee (Playing Fields) – currently C Chesterton. This is to remain as is.

Memorial Social Club x 2 – currently Cllr A Parr one other volunteer needed.

Parish Tree Warden – currently J Mair, Claire Mountjoy volunteered, Cllr Arnott proposed we support her application as she is an ecologist, this was seconded by Cllr West. Cllr Gardiner pointed out that as J Mair is a tree surgeon then he is more qualified and proposed we keep J Mair as our tree surgeon, this was seconded by Cllr Jarman, voting occurred with J Mair being successful with 6 votes to 4.

Playing Field Committee x 2 – currently Cllr Hay & Cllr Real to remain as is.

Reece Strawbridge Trustees – Currently Cllr Hay to remain as is, Cllr Arnott abstained from voting on this.

St Andrews Church Fabric Committee – currently Cllr A Parr to remain as is.

Friends of Colyton Library – currently Jane Dauncey to remain as is.

21/06/55 Highway Matters

- a) TTRO2140682 temporary prohibition of through traffic and parking. Road from Colyvale Holiday Park to Newhay Farm, Axmouth. From Thursday 1st July to Saturday 3rd July between the hours of 19:00 and 07:00 this is for DCC resurfacing works.
- b) TTRO 2140713 temporary prohibition of through traffic and parking. Road from Colyvale Holiday Park to Newhay Farm, Axmouth. From Monday 5th July to Friday 9th July between the hours of 19:00 and 07:00 this is for DCC resurfacing works.

21/06/56 Reports from Meetings Attended. No meetings attended.

21/06/57 Correspondence

- a) East Devon AONB spring update.
- b) EDDC Covid -19 update.
- c) Rural Bulletin
- d) Letter of thanks from resident for the works complete on FP8
- e) Email from resident regarding the sale of land at Lewis Haye (Sellers Grave)

21/06/58 Sewage Spill on the River Coly. Cllr Hay stated that South West Water would need continuous pressing on this matter, sewage pipe at Cownhayne Lane is still leaking at the joints, and he stated that no more houses should be built in Colyton until the sewage system is updated. Cllr Parr asked him to keep collecting evidence so we can build a case. Cllr Real suggested that this remain on the agenda to keep it alive.

21/06/59 Emergency Plan, Police Advocate, Kittles Trust, Traffic Group appointments. This is to fill the positions that Cllr Jones held, it was decided that he may remain on the Kittles Trust if he desired to, Cllr West thought he would but will confirm with him. Cllr Arnott volunteered to be on the traffic group. Police advocate and Emergency Plan will need volunteers – to be placed on the next agenda.

21/06/60 Neighbourhood Plan independent examiner to be decided. Advice from the Steering group and consultant would be to favour Deborah McCann as first choice and Mary O'Rourke as second choice. Cllr Arnott proposed we take the guidance and go with these options, seconded by Cllr Real and agreed by all.

21/06/61 Ownership of strip of land at Umborne Bridge Business Park. Cllr Clifford proposed that we look into claiming this piece of land which could be very useful, this was seconded by Cllr Stenning and agreed by all.

21/06/62 Letter from Mr Hill. Cllr Parr commented that it would be useful to conduct a meeting with Mr Hill to further discuss with him, Cllr Arnott proposed this be organised, seconded by Cllr West and agreed by all, clerk to organise and suggested using the Zoom account.

21/06/63 Community Action Group – NDP blueslip comments. Cllr Parr stated that this was a really important document and the comments would all need to be properly discussed and considered. He recommended doing this out of a Council meeting. This will be placed on the agenda for the September meeting to organise a date to hold the discussion.

21/06/64 Finance

Minutes of the meeting held Monday 24th May (Appendix B) to be noted
Accounts to be approved for payment

DD EDF Energy workshop electricity 10.84 VAT 2.16. Total 13.00 pounds.

DD Talktalk phone and broadband 32.92 VAT 6.58. Total 39.50 pounds.

BACS EDDC emptying of 4 dog bins 904.50 VAT 180.90. Total 1085.40 pounds.

BACS Viridor waste management 119.90 VAT 23.98. Total 143.88 pounds.

BACS Halcyon grass verge cutting 198.00 VAT 39.60. Total 237.60 pounds.

BACS Halcyon grounds maintenance May 501.66 VAT 100.33. Total 601.99 pounds.

BACS Infotone Stationary printer ink 135.91 VAT 27.18. Total 163.09 pounds.

BACS Community Action Suffolk PC insurance renewal premium 1658.29 insurance premium tax 198.99. Total 1857.28 pounds.

BACS Hammett Associates External Audit 500.00 VAT 100.00. Total 600.00 Pounds.

BACS Bradfords screwdriver 9.10 VAT 1.82 Gloss paint black 18.68 VAT 3.74 Weathershield gloss 26.22 VAT 5.24 Clipper blade 11.88 VAT 2.38 Woodscrews 8.04 VAT 1.61 Woodstain 35.51 VAT 7.10. Total 131.32 pounds.

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

- a) Banking mandate to remove Mr I Haines (temporary clerk) and to add Cllr Turner as a signatory as chair of finance. Noted.
- b) Rent for Cleaves Field received from Mr Underdown. Noted
- c) Option to renew Devon Communities Together membership at the cost of 50 pounds. Cllr Real proposed we renew for another year, seconded by Cllr Jarman and agreed by all.
- d) AGAR - Dates for the period of exercise of public rights – the 30 days must include the first 10 days of July – clerk suggests 21st June – 30th July. Agreed

21/06/65 Planning

Minutes of the meeting held Monday 24th May – (Appendix A) to be noted.

A member of public has raised concerns over the possibility of further development up at Seaway Head. To date no planning application has been received.

a Planning Applications

21/1302/FUL Bridge Cottage, Dolphin Street, Colyton - Mr & Mrs Page - Demolish existing summer house and erection of new garden room. Cllr Real proposed that this application be supported, seconded by Cllr West and agreed by all with one Cllr abstaining.

21/1311/FUL Kintra, Whitwell Lane, Colyford - Mr Westlake - Two storey rear extension and single storey front extension; alteration to first floor window to north east elevation. Cllr West proposed that this application be supported under the condition that the power supply company be given 6 weeks' notice to make

other arrangements for the power supply to neighbouring Fourfathings. This was seconded by Cllr Real and agreed by all with one Cllr Abstaining.

21/1317/FUL & 21/1318/LBC Abbeyfield Society Marjorie Baker House Vicarage Street Colyton – Mr Jenkins - 2 no. single storey rear extension to assisted living facility. LBC withdrawn on the advice of EDDC, Cllr Real proposed this be supported, seconded by Cllr Clifford agreed by all with two Cllrs abstaining.

21/1431/FUL Bridleway Farm, Holyford Lane, Colyford – Mr Hammett - retrospective planning for garden landscaping and garden terracing. Cllrs Stenning and Gardiner wish to conduct a site visit.

21/1427/FUL Ashdown Caravan Park Colyton Hill Colyton – Mr Arbourne - Change of Use of land from agricultural to extend existing caravan site to provide an additional 9 touring caravan pitches and associated landscaping works (partially retrospective) Cllrs Stenning and Gardiner wish to conduct a site visit.

21/1552/FUL Rockerhayne Farm Northleigh - WR & NA Rich - Lean to general purpose agricultural building. Cllr Parr proposed this application be supported, seconded by Cllr Gardiner and agreed by all with one Cllr abstaining.

b Planning Decisions – to be noted

20/2843/TRE The Coach House Kingsholme Colyford – Mr Cherry - T1. Thuja Plicata. Remove large bough that overhangs part of the house. Refused

21/1004/FUL 19 Grove Hill Colyton – Mr & Mrs Crowther - Construction of single and two storey extension and porch. Approved.

21/0931/TRE 6 Kingsholme Colyford – Mr Norcott - T1 Beech - Height 15 m. Reduce by 2m. Danger to neighbour's property.

T2 Ash - Height 18 m. Fell. Worries of dieback and danger to neighbour's property.

T3 Horse Chestnut - Height 15m. Reduce main tree by 2m. Remove 1 sub-dominant tree moving through main tree, touches roof of neighbouring house and electric cables. Remove 1 second sub-dominant limb which also touches the neighbour's roof and electric cables, to leave space for Lime to prosper.

T4 Ash - Remove 1-3m limb 70mm in diameter, touching neighbour's electric cables.

T5 Oak - Remove 3x 3m limbs, 50mm in diameter to reduce weight over pavement to improve figure of tree.

T6 Oak - Remove 3x 4m limbs, 80 mm in diameter to reduce weight over pavement to improve figure of tree.

T7 Holme Oak - Fell. Unhealthy and dangerous condition.

Split decision.

c Planning Correspondence

Memorial Application: request for further inscription to be added to existing headstone. This is a standard application and is approved.

21/06/66 Amenities

- a) Vice-Chair election. To be discussed at the next meeting.
- b) Minutes of the meeting held Monday 24th May (appendix C) to be approved for publication. Agreed
- c) Request to add catches to PMPF playground gates. Cllr Gardiner proposed that the Parish Council go ahead with this idea as a safety measure, seconded by Cllr Clifford and agreed by all, clerk to speak to handyman.
- d) Trees along PMPF (tennis court side) Cllr Parr to look in deed box and report back.
- e) Skate park – decision needed on its future. Cllr West proposed we go back to Eddie Dayment, ask him to complete the works that he quoted for and was agreed in a previous meeting and see if that works. This was seconded by Cllr Real and agreed by the majority. Cllrs Gardiner and Clifford both voiced concerns over the ramps and the railings on the top however it was stated that no accident had been reported and so therefore this was not a reckless decision. Clerk to approach Mr Dayment for a timeframe.

21/06/67 Matters to be taken into Committee. None

21/06/68 Items brought to the CPC's attention after the agenda had been published – to be noted. The clerk raised concerns over the recoding of the meetings, the recording for this meeting failed and so asked for guidance on where to go next, Cllr Arnott confirmed that East Devon are also experiencing difficulties, he suggested the clerk purchase a decent Dictaphone with a microphone to capture sound, this should be placed

in the middle of the room. Cllr Real then suggested contacting the man who help the Nunsford Nutters with the carnival float sound, this was agreed by all.

Cllr West stated that he wishes to resign as Councillor, he said that he is not happy with the way the Council behaves, he doesn't like that the Chairman position doesn't have a maximum term. He also doesn't believe that the precept gathered from Colyford is spent fairly and is angered by the lack of involvement from some of the other Councillors. He confirmed that the clerk will get the resignation in writing by the next day.

21/06/69 Dates of future meetings

Finance, Planning and Amenities – Monday 21st June

Full CPC Meeting – Monday 14th July

Meeting closed 21:05.

Appendix A

June 2021 Report from Cllr Marcus Hartnell – Devon County Council

Since the election I have spent a lot of my time attending learning and induction sessions that have been put on for newly elected councillors at Devon County. They have ranged from understanding the role of scrutiny to highways and traffic management.

The Annual Council meeting was held at Sandy Park on 27th May, with all 60 County Councillors present and social distancing/Covid guidelines adhered to.

For the ensuing year I am on the following committees:

- Corporate Infrastructure and Regulatory Services Scrutiny Committee
- Investment & Pension Fund Committee
- Member Development Steering Group
- East Devon Highways & Traffic Orders Committee
- East Devon Locality (County) Committee

I am also appointed to the Devon & Severn Inshore Fisheries & Conservation Committee, which is an outside body from the Council.

As a new member of Devon County Council, I will be taking every opportunity to learn about the role and to understand how the Council works. The way we all work as Councillors is still very different and challenging, although it will become easier once restrictions are eased. It has been great to attend some face-to-face meetings over the past couple of weeks, and I am looking forward to working with all the Towns and Parishes in the division for the best interests of everyone in our communities.

Seaton & Colyton Traffic Group I have met with Steve Kelly the Neighbourhood Highway Officer (NHO) for the division, whom many of you already know. The bi-monthly Traffic Group meetings will start again in early July. I will get the date and time emailed to Clerks and representatives once confirmed. I am planning to hold the first meeting at Marshlands in Seaton. Please let me know if the nominated Councillor for your council has changed following annual meetings in May.

Highways matters My top 'postbag' items are all highways related. I am aware of several issues, many of which are longstanding items I have inherited from my predecessor. In the first instance all highways defects, including drainage, potholes, footways and parking enforcement should be reported online at <https://www.devon.gov.uk/roadsandtransport/report-a-problem/> This will ensure the issue is dealt with by the correct department and relevant officers will inspect and action any necessary works. I can follow up on specific problems if required and of course the Traffic Group meetings will also do this with our NHO also present to answer any questions.

Locality Budget If you wish to put forward projects for funding from my locality budget the process has changed. In the first instance you should contact me to get an in-principle agreement for your proposed project or activity. Once you have an in-principle decision you will need to apply online at <https://www.devon.gov.uk/democracy/councillors-nav/locality-budgets/> Your application will then be checked for completeness and eligibility. As a reminder, the locality budget of £10k per year is for local needs within the division and full guidance can be found on the Devon County Council web link above.

Coronavirus Vaccines in Devon The NHS in Devon are reminding people how vital it is to have both doses of the Covid-19 vaccination, which gives the best protection from the virus and circulating variants. The number of people in Devon not attending their second appointment has risen in recent weeks. Data published by NHS England shows that 769,059 people in Devon received a first vaccine dose between 8 December and 30 May, meaning over 95% of those aged 55 or over have received a first dose vaccine.

Go for the Flow campaign Devon County Council has launched the Go for the Flow campaign to encourage people in Devon to take twice-weekly rapid lateral flow tests, helping to identify those who may unknowingly have Covid and help break the chain of transmission. Launched on 30 April, the campaign has been running on various media channels including social media and newspaper and radio adverts. A toolkit has now been shared with stakeholders across Devon with various media images that can be shared locally. I've emailed the toolkit attachment with this report for those who can share the campaign message through local social media groups etc. To find out how to get tested go to Coronavirus (COVID-19) advice for people and businesses in Devon

Historic fourth term at County Hall The Conservatives won an historic fourth term in office at Devon County Council following May elections. Cllr John Hart remains leader of the Council with two new members on his cabinet, Cllr Phil Twiss and Cllr Andrew Saywell. The two foremost and major challenges that lie ahead for Devon County Council are ensuring the Devon economy recovers from the impact of the Covid pandemic and increasing efforts to combat climate change.

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Appendix B

Cllr Paul Arnott

District Report June 2021

EDDC

Like the parish councils, EDDC is being obliged to meet in person, which still presents health risks to the many younger district Councillors who have had no or only one (recent) vaccination. Nevertheless, Annual Council was held at Westpoint.

I was pleased that Cllr Ian Thomas from Trinity Ward (inc Axmouth and Uplyme) was elected as Chair. Cllr Val Ranger was re-elected as Vice Chair. Cllr Dr Cathy Gardner retired from the Chair after the most challenging year in the district's history.

I was elected Leader of the council for a second year, and re-appointed the same portfolio holders to Cabinet. Cllr Paul Hayward was re-appointed as Deputy Leader.

EDDC Member and Officer relationships

After a paper authored by the CEO earlier this year much has been made about the relationships between members of the council of all political backgrounds and the officers of the council. At Cabinet last week, we brought forward a paper to encourage greater care in communications between all involved in council work, and look forward to similar commitments from across the political spectrum

My personal 2021-22 Priorities

We will be completing the Council Plan, which sets the key objectives for the council, in September. This helps give corporate guidance to our officers. This will happen in the context of increasing financial challenges across the board.

Politically (not exclusively, and in no particular order) I am committed as Leader to:

- Lead on the Axe Valley and Seaton as the subject of a request for Levelling Up funds from central government in the second round this autumn
- Continue to expand and develop economic advances in the tourism and culture/leisure sectors
- Ensure that LED is on a firm financial and corporate footing
- Help Cranbrook to correct the many mistakes which have been made by previous administrations

- Continue to focus on future enhancement of major communities eg Exmouth, Honiton, Axminster and Seaton & Colyton
- Continue to develop the new Local Plan, with particular emphasis on how to develop a local housing stock for rent and sale which can be afforded by local people
- Look carefully at over-development in the west end of the district
- Work with our two MPs, the LEP, Team Devon, DCC and other districts to secure a green-led post-pandemic recovery