

COLYTON PARISH COUNCIL
Feoffees Town Hall, Colyton
EX24 6JR

Minutes for the Colyton Parish Council meeting held in the Colyford Memorial Hall at 7pm on Monday 14th October 2019.

Present: Cllrs Parr, Real, West, Jones, Watts, Gardiner, Clifford, Hay, Denny, Turner, Arnott (for part of the meeting)

Also in Attendance: DCC Cllr Shaw, EDDC Cllr Parr and S. Haines (clerk)

Members of the public: 10

19/10/70 Cllr Parr welcomed everybody to the October meeting.

19/10/71 Receipt and Approval of apologies for absence: Cllr Pady (Holiday)

19/10/72 Police Report: No police present.

Please find attached Crime Report for Colyton from 01/09/2019 to 30/09/2019.

Police Report: **Colyton KN3C**

FROM: 01/09/2019

TO: 30/09/2019

CRIME NUMBER	DATE	OFFENCE DESCRIPTION
CR/079547/19	01/09/2019	Theft from motor vehicle
CR/079485/19	02/09/2019	Theft of pedal cycle
CR/079504/19	02/09/2019	Theft of motor vehicle
CR/081945/19	09/09/2019	Harassment without violence
CR/084334/19	15/09/2019	Criminal damage property
CR/088396/19	29/09/2019	Threatening message
Total = 6		

19/10/73 Declarations of Interest: Cllr West declared interest on 19/2155/TCA – tree overhangs his property, Also 19/2116/TRE – tree overhangs neighbours property.
 Cllr Gardiner declared interest on 19/2023/LBC – proposal is her husbands on their property.

19/10/74 Public Question time (maximum 15 minutes)
 Member of public read out letter RE Seaton fire station and the CPC proposal to close Seaton Fire Station. Cllr Parr reiterated that the council does NOT want or support ANY fire station closure.
 Member of public spoke about Petanque court, proposed build one court with S106 money – estimate £3000 (will reduce to £2100 in exchange for one year advertising) located between play area and road however S106 regulations state you can't build within 30 metres of a play area.

19/10/75 Approval of the minutes of Parish Council Meetings held on 12th August 2019 and 9th September 2019. Both sets of Minutes Approved and Signed.

19/10/76 Matters arising from the Minutes. 19/08/39-Still no insurance documentation produced from Reece Strawbridge Centre. (This is a condition of the lease) Cllr Arnott assured that Reece Strawbridge has new secretary, they have a meeting his week and the documents will be ready for the next CPC meeting.

19/10/77 Report from County Councillor – see Appendix A

Stop Line Way cycle path – discussions moving forward.

Seaton Health Hub has a survey out, urges all to take part and get their views across.

Colyton Health Centre went to Scrutiny Committee, concerns have been raised, Cllr Shaw has written letter to try to resolve.

Submitted 21 point document to Fire service RE closure proposals, deadline for decision has been extended to 18th December. Contact Sarah R Johnson.

Cllr Jones raised issues with Colyford Speed Watch retraining being pushed back, Cllr Shaw will investigate.

19/10/78 Report from District Councillors

Cllr Arnott talked through his report – Attached Appendix B

Cllr Parr talked through her report – Attached Appendix C.

Cllr Hay queried an article RE Electrical Charge Points being introduced to four car parks in East Devon, he was worried about the cost (around £1.2mil) and if they will generate enough power. Cllr Arnott pointed out that it is a good EU subsidy. Cllr Parr said there is a grant to cover some of the cost and that renewable energy is important, these ports will be in Exmouth, Sidmouth, Seaton and Honiton.

Cllr Arnott left meeting with apologies.

19/10/79 Highway Matters

- a) REF TTRO1931205 Wednesday 4th December 2019 14:00 – 20:30 Silver Street, Market Place, Colyton. Colyton Christmas Fayre. **Noted**
- b) PROW10 Monday 14th October – Friday 18th October 2019 foul sewer connection installation. **Noted**
- c) REF TTRO1932027 Sunday 15th September – Friday 11th October Freakhayne Cross to Gittisham Cross, Colyton. Devon Highways-Large potholes and water incursion. **Noted but not convinced any work is happening.**
- d) Devon County Council Highways conference dates for 2019. **Noted**

19/10/80 Report from Meetings Attended

Cllr Hay attended Transport Meeting at Seaton. Lishams drain problem has resurfaced, will be looked at by next March. Sand bags outside White Hart not effective in preventing flood, potentially need new piping system. The dip in the road outside Colcombe Castle is beginning to appear again, it will be looked at in the New Year.

19/10/81 Correspondence

- a) Publications e-mailed to councillors – Intouch/RSN/EDDC meeting details etc **Noted**
- b) Emails re NP steering group arranging meeting with CVRA for 17th September. Update to follow. **Noted**
- c) Email - Mark Harrison – Confirming contact details and email addresses for CPC. **Noted**
- d) Email – P3 warden reporting damage on footpath 11 *Reported to DCC PROW.* **Noted**
- e) DALC newsletter #19 2019 *Forwarded to all Councillors.* **Noted**
- f) Email – Mike Bomford DCC – Invitation for Micro businesses to take part in research. *Forwarded to all Councillors.* **Noted**
- g) Email extending to all for the Library Art Wall opening on Thursday 17th Oct 2019 at 5pm. *Forwarded to all Councillors.* **Noted**
- h) Email from concerned resident re School gate and corner at Sidmouth Road, Queens Square. And possible closure of Health Center. *Forwarded to all Councillors and EDDC and replied to resident.* **Health Center issues will be on the agenda for the next CPC meeting.**
- i) Email – Dave Whelan EDDC – Possible change in legislation to pavement parking. *Forwarded to all Councillors.* **Noted clerk to re-send as some Councillors did not see it.**
- j) Email – Concerned residents re state of public toilets. *Reply sent and Email forwarded to all Councillors and District Councillors and EDDC Street Scene.* **Careful Choices Campaign – postponed report on public toilets, they are under East Devon County Council, not Colyton Parish Council.**
- k) Email – EDDC neighbourhood planning newsletter 2019 – *Forwarded to all Councillors.* **Noted**
- l) Email – Cllr West – Forwarded Devon and Somerset Fire service response to CPCs statement. **Noted**
- m) Email – EDDC Jamie Buckley – *Invitation to free voluntary group event.* *Forwarded to all Councillors.* **Noted**

- n) Email – Concerned resident re Colyford Grammar School coaches and traffic mounting the pavement. *Forwarded to all Councillors also Martin Shaw and Stephen Kelly. Cllrs Jones, Gardiner and West, (also as members of the CVRA), met with the Head Teacher and 2 Trustees of the Grammar School*
- o) Email – Ollie Prudden re relocation of slow worms to cemetery. *Forwarded to all Councillors. On Agenda for discussion later. Noted.*

19/10/82 Finance

Minutes of the meeting held Monday 23rd September 2019 Appendix K to be noted. **Noted**
Cllr Jones proposed the Accounts to be approved for payment, seconded by Cllr Watts agreed by all.

DD	Opus	Electricity	£11.73	£0.59	£12.32
DD	Talk Talk	Telephone & Broadband	£25.87	£5.17	£31.04
4264	J. Mair	Road Green Tree as per quote			£780
4265	Henry Fitzpatrick	Toilet Caretaker Invoice for September			£100
	Halcyon Landscapes	Grass cutting verges 1737	£360.00	£72.00	£432.00
	Halcyon Landscapes	Cemetery work Sept 2019 1707	£468.33	£93.67	£562.00
4266		TOTAL	828.33	165.67	£994.00
4267	Viridor	Waste Management Aug & Sept TOTAL	£123.10 £122.90 246.00	£24.62 £24.58 49.20	£147.72 147.48 £295.20
* 4268	G.H Down	Church wall as per quote			£350
**4269	HMRC (September Payment)	PAYE NI Employee NI Employer	220.40 49.02 56.38		£325.80
#4270	Devon Association of Local Councils	Training for new clerk.	55.00	11.00	£66.00
#4271	A.W West	Website inclusions 1 st July – 30 th September 2019			£39.00
#4272	EDDC	Rates Payments Council Yard Cemetery Pavilion PMPF	£485.00 £888.00 £810.00		£2183.00

- a) * Cheque reissued as previous cheque no 4259 incorrectly dated and refused by bank. **Noted**
- b) Model Financial Regulation to be looked at – Cllr Pady/Watts & Turner **Noted**
- c) Re-signing by full power existing signatory of bank mandate to remove former clerk from account. And add Sasha. **Noted, forms have been received.**
- d) Parishes together extended grant offer (16th Jan 2020) needs signing. **Signed**
- e) Cllr Watts, Real or Turner to do internal audit July to September. **Cllr Real**
- f) ** 4269 HMRC payment not made in September and recorded on minutes with the August cheque Number. **Noted.**
- g) Cllr Jones bought up the need for ordering a bag of sand from Bradfords at a cost of £40.63 + VAT to be stored at Cllr Parris yard. Proposed by Cllr Watts second by Cllr West all agreed.

19/10/83 Planning

Minutes of the meeting held Monday 27th August – (Appendix L) to be noted **Noted**

a Planning Applications

19/2124/FUL 12 Fairview, Fairview Lane – Sarah Haworth - Proposed new front porch Supported.
Proposed by Cllr Jones Second Cllr West all agreed.

19/1863/FUL Market Place – Mr D Altherton – Change from café (class A3) to takeaway (class A5) Supported. Proposed by Cllr Parr Second Cllr Turner all agreed

FOR INFO ONLY- No response required. Premises Licence Application. 1 Silver Street. Mr Henry Clarke,
Premise open hours Monday and Tuesday 0900-23.30, Wednesday and Thursday 0900-00.30, New Years Eve 0900-0330, Sunday 0900-23.30 and Christmas eve 0900-0130.
Supply of Alcohol for consumption on and off premises Monday and Tuesday 1100-2300, Wednesday and Thursday 1100-0000, Friday and Saturday 1100-0100, Sunday 1100-2230, Christmas eve 1100-0100 New years eve 1100-0300. **Cllr Turner proposed, and that comment be submitted, that the times for the sale of alcohol on the premises was acceptable, but the finishing times for sales off premises should be 1030 PM for every day including Saturday, Sundays and Christmas and New Year etc. This was seconded by Cllr West and unanimously agreed.**

19/2155/TCA Whiteways, Swan Hill Road, Colyford – Mr Bishop - T1 Beech. Crown lift to 4m above ground level. Crown thin by 20%. Supported. Proposed Cllr Real second Cllr Jones. All Agreed.

19/2116/TRE Whiteways, Swan Hill Road, Colyford – Mr Bishop – T2 Walnut Remove small branch spur growing just above hedge height and over No1 Sellers Close. Reason: to ensure clearance over parking area. Supported. Proposed Cllr Real second Cllr Jones. All agreed.

19/2023/LBC Coly House, Swan Hill Road, Colyford – Mr Gardiner – Install through floor lift, installed between ground floor dining room and first floor dressing room, enclose lift at first floor with partition walls and the creation of a new door opening with door from lift onto hall at first floor. Supported. Proposed Cllr Watts second Cllr Hay. All agreed.

b Planning Decisions – to be noted

19/1751/AGR Land North East Yardley Hill Road, Shute – Ms Power- Formation of hard standing areas. APPROVED

19/1537/LBC Briar Cottage, Dolphin St – Mr and Mrs Fossey – Internal alterations. APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS.

19/1341/FUL Borough House, Swan Hill Road, - Mr and Mrs Bennett – Proposed new dwelling with garage and car port. APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS.

19/1758/TCA Shene cottage Vicarage St – Yew tree removed. Raise crown of conifers and remove rowan tree. APPROVED

19/0596/COU Tritchmarsh Farm, Colyton – Mrs C Selley – siting of a Shepard’s hut for holiday use (retrospective) APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS.

19/1725/FUL Westering Elm Farm Lane, Colyford – Mr & Mrs Mead – Construction of rear dormer window and single storey side extensions. APPROVED

19/1561/LBC Beadle Cottage 5-6 Vicarage Street Colyton. Ms Dunster – Retention of one lancet window opening on South elevation and replace four windows on West elevation. APPROVED

c Planning Correspondence

Email – CPRE Devon Penny Mills – Invitation to Planning workshop for Town and Parish councils. Tuesday 15th October Hatherleigh. *Forwarded to all Councillors.* Cllr Clifford wishes to attend the cost is £10 as we aren’t members of the CPRE. Cllr Real proposed payment seconded by Cllr Parr and agreed by all. *Cllr Clifford unable to attend due to illness.*

d Memorial Applications.

Additional Inscription – Joan Eileen Lonsbrough. Grave No C157 -**APPROVED**

Additional Inscription – Jean Oaker – Grave No I434 - **APPROVED**

19/10/83 Amenities

- a) Draft plan received re slow worm relocation. Response requested. Cllr Clifford read letter from Cllr Pady supporting the plan. After some discussion it was decided not to support the plan to relocate to the cemetery and was suggested to look for another site possibly the picnic site or community woodland. Proposed by Cllr Parr, second by Cllr Real, agreed by all.
- b) Letter from local resident re concern over cemetery hedge and brambles opposite his house. Clerk to speak to John to ask to look at hedge.
- c) Govers Meadow gardens and others within the town. Rodney still going to manage Rose garden however trees need heavy duty equipment, contractors to do the trees were discussed however Cllr Parr said he would contact a local business to see if they could help.
- d) Cllr Hay bought up some concerns which will be on the next agenda.

19/10/84 Colyton Memorial Social Club. Cllr Watts will contact.

19/10/85 Neighbourhood Plan update – New consultants just appointed and their estimate is still awaited.

19/10/86 Reece Strawbridge Centre – planning a meeting in November. Showing Fishermans Friends on Friday.

19/10/87 Emergency Plan working group meeting arranged for Wednesday 30th October 2019 (10:30)
Chris Khan in attendance (also attending November CPC meeting)

19/10/88 Members Motion submissions: none

19/10/89 Matters to be taken into Committee: none

19/10/90 Items brought to the CPC's attention after the agenda had been published – to be noted – Numbers needed for Remembrance Sunday Service- 10th November at 10:50am. St Andrews Church – 12 will be sent to the church warden.

19/10/91 Dates of future meetings

Finance/Planning Committee – Monday 28th October 2019

November CPC meeting – Monday 11th November 2019

Meeting Closed 21:15

Appendix A

County Councillor's Report October 2019

Colyton Fire Station

1. I submitted a 21-point document the Fire Service's Consultation, outlining the weaknesses of the proposals.
2. At my instigation, the County Council's Corporate Infrastructure and Regulatory Services Scrutiny Committee agreed to express its concern to the Fire Service about their decision not to attend our committee on 26th September.
3. I have submitted a motion to the County Council meeting on October 3rd.
4. I shall be writing to all Fire Authority members before their November 8th meeting.

Colyton Health Centre

I put an item on the agenda of the Health and Adult Care Scrutiny Committee on 23rd September about NHS Property Services' extortionate increases in service charges for the centre, which ultimately threaten its viability and the continuing provision of a GP surgery in Colyton. The Committee shared my concerns and is writing to NHSPS and the Clinical Commissioning Group urging a resolution of the property company's differences with the Seaton and Colyton Medical Practice.

Devon Libraries

At the September 26th meeting of the Corporate Infrastructure and Regulatory Services Scrutiny committee, I asked numerous questions of the new head of Libraries Unlimited, Alex Kittow, the head of libraries, Simon Kitchen, and the Cabinet member responsible, Roger

Croad. Overall I felt that there was more acknowledgement of the challenges facing the Library service and the problem represented, especially but not only for smaller libraries, by the decade-long decline in book issues, opening hours and professional staffing. However we still await a clear, coherent strategy to address these issues.

Broadband rollout and the Gigaclear fiasco

Scrutiny also heard a report on the implications of the cancellation of the main contract issued by Connecting Devon and Somerset (the quango which received government money and is supported by the two county councils, to achieve rollout in rural areas). 5 contracts were given to Gigaclear, which were supposed to have been completed in December 2019 but only one has been completed and the rest were finally cancelled in July after many months of fruitless re-negotiations with the company.

The work will now be put out to tender again (but not until 2020) and there will need to be a 12-month tender process to find a new contractor. Meanwhile, the continuation of funding to 2023, for which CDS has asked, has not been confirmed. This is because - due to Boris Johnson's electoral strategy - the Chancellor, Sajid Javid, only announced a one-year spending review rather than the longer-term review which was expected. CDS's funding was not mentioned, but they are lobbying to ensure that it is re-confirmed.

Even if the funding is restored, officers agreed that the 2023 target is likely to prove unrealistic for a new contractor. So we are looking (at best) at something like a 5-year overshoot, and even if it is completed, the CDS programme will still leave thousands of homes in Devon without the 'full-fibre ultra-fast broadband' which Johnson is currently promising.

No Deal dangers

Government documents have revealed that serious dangers to health, farming, the economy, etc. remain despite £8 billion being spent on preparations. I have asked for a series of written answers to be provided at the Council meeting on October 3rd, to clarify the likely situation in Devon. I also spoke at a protest over the suspension of Parliament, in Exeter on September 7th.

Barline, Beer, turning circle

I have written supporting residents who wish to continue turning their cars at the road end.

Meadow Road, Seaton, parking restrictions

Together with the neighbourhood Highways Officer, I met with a local resident who wished to see further restrictions, but have since heard from other residents who oppose this move. I welcome further expressions of views in order to be able to decide whether this proposal should be taken further.

Seaton Area Health Matters questionnaire

A major local questionnaire is coming soon - please watch out and spread awareness of it!

'Outstanding' grade for local care home

Dove Court in Seaton was awarded this grade by the Care Quality Commission. I have written to congratulate them. The Check House was graded outstanding last year.

Archaeology Service masterclass

I attended an excellent presentation which mentioned the famous Seaton Hoard of Roman coins - but I was told that the site was (just) in Colyton parish!

Appendix B

Paul Arnott East Devon District Councillor for the Coly Valley

Report No. 5 September 2019

A National Park for Dorset and East Devon:

In late September, Julian Glover and his committee, tasked by the government to look at the nation's AONBs and National Parks, made a recommendation that two new National Parks be considered. One is in the Cotswolds, and the other is in Dorset & East Devon.

The former EDDC Conservative administration was consistently and publically negative about this possibility. However, I have publicised the Glover report's recommendations within the council and am

now seeking to have a positive debate. A National Park is a complex prospect, and there will be many factors, negative and positive, to consider, but the least we owe to the idea, to the work of the committee, and to the people of the hinterland of the Jurassic Coast, is a full and open exploration of all the issues and opportunities.

The classic opposition to such a National Park comes from speculative landowners and developers and their political allies who do not wish to see any new restrictions on their plans to make money. However, a National Park is by no means a NIMBY's charter; it can and does boost the provision of affordable homes, but instead of off-the-peg buildings more suited to the suburbs than the countryside, sets standards suitable to the place where we live. Our current AONBs work well as conservation areas, but they could benefit from extra resources and the new vision which comes with National Park status.

Car Park Charges?

The last EDDC administration under the portfolio of Cllr Geoff Pook's Asset Management Committee began to make plans to exploit EDDC's ownership of car parks in order to plug the looming deficit caused by on-going cuts by the Conservative government to local authorities.

Cllr Pook is now attempting to bring a raft of car park charges forward as he still sits as an "Independent" cabinet member alongside the former Conservative leader now "Independent" Ian Thomas who is in charge of Finance.

They propose to take a series of increases out to "consultation" which all sensible councillors accept is nine times out of ten a rubber stamp exercise. These proposals have met stiff opposition from the new council, and it is likely they will be turned down when the matter comes before Full Council on 23rd October. The ideas proposed are poorly researched, involve community car parks never previously charged in some areas suddenly becoming chargeable, and are a retrograde step for the businesses in our towns and villages.

Affordable Homes and the Colyton & Colyford Community Land Trust

I have been glad to be involved with the Land Trust since its inception, and have worked with others to obtain funding from East Devon District Council to seed the work required to identify sites for affordable homes in the parish of Colyton. Many sites have been considered over the last year, and now a real prospect has come forward for a site for 20 affordable homes for rent.

A meeting to announce this and to seek the support of the community is to be held at 7pm on 29th October in Colyton Town Hall, under the chairpersonship of Dr Charles Hill. I urge all who are committed to this good cause to attend.

It is worth pointing out at this stage that the Homes England outline planning application for the old Ceramtec site sets a **minimum** requirement of 20% affordable homes. There are circumstances in negotiations of Section 106 agreements with EDDC, and between Homes England and the ultimate developers, in which this figure can still increase.

Seaton Hospital

As many of you know, my Independent East Devon Alliance colleague Jack Rowland is the chair of the Seaton Area Health Matters team. He has launched a survey to establish how local people in the lower Axe Valley wish to see the hospital develop further, a brilliant response to the closure of its in-patient beds in 2018.

Jack says, “We have prepared a business plan to make the current site a health and wellbeing hub that retains existing services but potentially adds other services to utilise the empty space.”

The survey can be found at www.seatonheathmatters.co.uk and it would be very helpful if as many of you as possible could fill it in.

Appendix C

Report of District Cllr Helen Parr Oct 2019

1. Update on Relocation of District Council Offices

Misleading and unfounded information has been circulated about the value of the Sidmouth site with a figure of £50m being referenced. This figure is the estimated sale value of all the residences in a completed new development on the council's former office site.

Ownership of the Knowle site will be transferred to PegasusLife on Wednesday 18 December 2019, for an increased sum of £9,019,605, an additional £1.5m or 20% uplift on the original agreed price for the former HQ site

The Relocation project has been funded from existing cash resources rather than incurring any external borrowing.

2. Car parking

The Scrutiny Cttee which meets on October 24 will set up a TAFF to look into the whole matter of car parks and parking charges.

A 12 month trial of free coach parking in Seaton Jurassic coach park starts with immediate effect.

A promotional tariff of £2 all day parking applies in Canaan Way and Brook Street car parks in Ottery St Mary with immediate effect.

3. Electric Car Charging points in ED carparks

A Devon County Council & EDDC partnership project is commencing October to install Electric Car Charging points powered by renewable energy in carparks in Exmouth, Sidmouth, Seaton & Honiton. This is part of a £1.3m Devon wide project, with £800,000 EU grant funding.

Additional points will be added as per demand at EDDC's expense.

2 more are to be installed adjacent to the ED Business Centre paid for by Highways England.

EDDC is introducing low emission vehicles to the EDDC fleet, and more charging points at Blackdown House.

<https://eastdevon.gov.uk/news/2019/10/electric-car-charge-points-to-be-installed-in-east-devon-car-parks/>

4. Peer Review

A Peer Review was carried out by a visiting team of Cllrs and Officers from other councils. Peer Reviews are focused on improvement and the team act as critical friends.

Overall a very positive report was presented, EDDC is in a good place. A Report is being prepared with a draft action plan, the full report to be presented at the December Cabinet meeting.

5. Glover Review of Protected Landscapes

This is an item on the Strategic Planning Committee Agenda. The committee is recommended to endorse all of the recommendations of the Glover report on protected landscapes in England; await the Governments response to the recommendations; and note that the Chilterns, the Cotswolds and the Dorset and East Devon AONBs are potential candidates for future designation as National Parks.

6. Community Assets

In view of the threat to Colyton Fire Station [and possibly the Health Centre], Colyton PC could consider applying to EDDC to list it as a Community Asset.

<https://mycommunity.org.uk/take-action/land-and-building-assets/assets-of-community-value-right-to-bid/>