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Minutes for the Meeting of Colyton Parish Council held in the Memorial Hall, Colyford, Hall at 7.00 pm on Monday 13th March 2017

Present: Cllrs S Real, B Collier, C Collier, A Parr, R Turner, K Clifford, J Hay, P Gibbins, Dist Cllr H Parr, Cty Cllr S Randall Johnson (for part of the meeting), 22 members of the public and E Berry (Clerk).

Cllr Andrew Parr welcomed everyone to the March meeting and asked that anyone who was recording the meeting to declare that fact as per Standing orders.

17/03/198 Receipt & Approval of apologies for absence: Cllrs P Dean, C Pady.

17/03/199 Police Report – PC Richard Jenkins reports:

We can't be there this week (had to change all our duties for the Grizzly weekend) but February crime/incident figures below

CRIME RECORDED 01/02/17 – 28/02/17

Violence with injury	1
Violence without injury	3
Burglary Dwelling	1
Burglary Non-Dwelling	1
Vehicle Offences	1
Other theft	1
Criminal Damage	2
TOTAL	10

Not a good month crime-wise.

Several of the crimes are domestic related and have been resolved. One is an incident at the school which has been dealt with appropriately.

2 reported crimes are possibly not crimes (this usually results from the reporting of something that appears to be a crime but ultimately ends up in the realisation that nothing untoward has occurred)

There has been 2 burglaries: one in Gully Shoot where silverware was stolen from a currently unoccupied house, entry via forcing a patio door. The other burglary relates to the theft of a quad bike and power tools from an outhouse, the padlock being forced. Enquiries are still ongoing.

Residents are reminded regarding rogue traders and similar now that the gardening season is upon us and advised to arrange any work required with reputable companies and not via cold-callers.

Another car broken into in Weston as a result of a handbag being left on display in a rural car park should remind car owners not to leave anything on display in their vehicles.

17/03/200 Public Question time (total 15 mins, each individual 3 minutes)

A Colyford resident approaching his 80's, having paid his tax and NI contributions for over 60 years, expressed his dismay and disgust at the decision by the CCG to close the beds at Seaton Hospital and he urged the CPC to object strongly to that decision.

Seaton Town Councillor Martin Shaw, who will be standing in the forthcoming county elections introduced himself. He echoed the resident's comments on the hospital beds closure and urged the CPC to work closely with Seaton, Axminster and others in objecting to that decision.

A member of the Community speedwatch team asked those present to keep supporting the call for some traffic calming measures through Colyford. They had been operating the speedwatch initiative for 2 years and having amassed a lot of incontrovertible data on speeding motorists were no closer to getting anything implemented in Colyford but were not giving up, There is a meeting being held on the 7th April with MP Neil Parish in the hope that he can add some weight to the argument.

A Colyton resident asked, what the Parish Councils response was on the bed closure? It was pointed out to him that it was on the agenda for discussion later in the meeting. He then asked, on behalf of someone else, about the data that had previously been collected for the Neighbourhood Plan, was it ever kept and collated. Cllr C Collier answered yes to both those questions.

He stated that there was some confusion over the village plan, the local plan, the village draft plan etc and asked what the Parish Councils position was on the Ceramtech site and was the CPC adamant that it be used for industry or business use only? Cllr Parr answered that it was the Councils intention to ask that it remain in industrial business use as the priority was to bring employment and jobs to Colyton. The five year land supply for East Devon has been fulfilled and the priority had to be employment. The resident questioned whether it was a realistic opportunity for anyone bearing in mind it had been empty for 2 years. Cllr Parr answered that the previous agents had done nothing to market the site and it is hoped that the new agents will be more proactive.

17/03/201 The minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on 13th February 2017 were approved and signed as being a true record of that meeting.

17/03/202 There were no matters arising from the Minutes

17/03/203 Report from County Councillor

Given later in the meeting but reported here in agenda order.

Cllr Randall Johnson gave Cllr Jim Knights apologies, he appreciated being invited to the meeting but was busy elsewhere.

Cllr Randall Johnson reported that the report on Dementia Impact would be going out on Monday for inspection. She praised the work that local Memory Cafes were doing in providing support for both the individual and the families. It was important that the work continues and members of the public and councillors have a greater awareness and understanding of this cruel debilitating illness.

The new Highways contract starts on April 1st.

The Children centre contract is also being renegotiated away from the Children Society over to Action for Children. It is hoped that the transition will have no impact on clients.

The extension on Public Health Nursing Contract has one year remaining and then will probably be taken back in-house to minimise some of the costs.

Education – there is a battle for fairer funding for Devon. Devon pupils fall £290 each below the national average. Devon is 111th out of 147 in the funding table. However even with this underfunding Devon still has most of its schools rated as good or outstanding.

Cllr Hay asked about the progress of the yellow lining along Sidmouth Road opposite Western Place as parking there was becoming more and more of a hazard and danger to other road users. He also asked about reinstating the white lines at the cemetery, these marked out the parking on Council land for cemetery users but were lost in time with wear and resurfacing.

Cllr Randall Johnson said that at Friday's HATOC meeting 170 applications were on the table, 4 of those were not approved (Richmond Gardens, King St – ownership issue) and the others were signed off and would be implemented soon along with the signage that was necessary to make it enforceable. It was up to Colyton to repaint the white lines at the cemetery.

A Colyford resident was pleased to read the DCC Highways response to the Grammar School planning application and asked for an update. Cllr Randall Johnson explained that the County would like to get the buses off the A3052 with the school providing access and parking for the numerous coaches.

Cllr Gibbins suggested that the trees be removed from the front and the front lawn area be converted to a coach park and used to park the buses.

Cllr Randall Johnson said that was one option, another is to cover the gulley up Stafford Lane and park the coaches in front of the sports centre. There followed some discussion on the practicalities of this, with cars already taking up most of the available space. Cllr Randall Johnson agreed that parking was a big concern, but it is something the school will have to sort out. Although planning authority is

given by EDDC she felt that permission was unlikely without something being done about the bus situation and everyone has to work together to find a solution and it will be a challenge, A resident affected by the coach parking asked if diesel fumes and air pollution came into the councils thinking? On a daily basis they are being bombarded with pollutants from both the coaches and now an ice cream van that regularly visits. She was told that monitoring of air quality was an EDDC issue.

Cllr Peter Burrows thanked the CPC for the invitation to the meeting and asked Cllr Randall Johnson why at a recent Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny meeting the case had not been put forward to maintain the community beds at Seaton. Cllr Randall Johnson answered that the Health & Wellbeing committee were only a consultee and at the full Council meeting in December it was unanimously voted on that Devon County Council would write to the Secretary of State and MP's to halt the process as the consultation was flawed. A letter had been received back saying he would not intervene. The new Devon CCG has overspent and although there is no requirement for them to be audited if they did fold the Government would have to sort it out, In her opinion nobody anticipated Seaton closing and it is a bad decision as far as she is concerned. The Tiverton hospital which residents of the Axe Valley may find themselves going to was funded under the PFI scheme. It is her understanding that money will be invested to provide care in a home environment.

17/03/204 Report from District Councillors

Cllr H Parr stated it was very important that the CPC responds to the consultation on the Villages Development plan. Although our comments made previously had been received they would have more weight within the consultation period and the Council must state their reasons for requesting a change and comment on any wording in the pre amble that they are unhappy with.

At a recent EDDC Cabinet meeting the boundary commission decided not to alter the Coly Valley Ward. EDDC are to set up a housing company using money from the right to buy scheme to build council houses that will not be part of the right to buy scheme thereby maintain a housing stock without Government interference. They could offer a wide range of tenures with profits returned into the general fund. This will increase the housing supply, set higher standards of design and management and her opinion is a very good move.

The latest service standards are set out in the Cabinet minutes online for all to access.

Cllr Hay asked how frequently the lagoon in Burnards Field Road is monitored as several of the fence post have rotted at the bottom and the fence is resting against the trees. Cllr H Parr said she'd get back to him.

He also asked if EDDC has a similar system to South Somerset where there is a Band A- Council Tax rating for households with disabled occupants to get discounted rates. Cllr Parr will get back on this point.

A Colyton resident said it was good news on the proposed housing development idea but would any development have to be legally limited to within East Devon and could we be certain any revenue would be ring-fenced for future housing needs? Cllr H Parr responded by saying things have yet to be ratified but the housing would be limited to East Devon and although the funding would go into the general fund it was anticipated that it would be spent on future housing. It will be under discussion at the meeting next month.

A Colyton resident asked where she was on Seaton Hospital? She responded by saying she was very disappointed with the decision, and appalled that at the last minute option A (keeping Seaton open) was discounted. Data had been submitted but not responded to and the Scrutiny Committee at Devon County have sent questions to the CCG that they want answered or go to ministers and initiate a legal challenge.

A Colyton resident informed the meeting that there would be a public meeting on Saturday in the Hall to discuss this issue with Cllr Clair Wright in attendance.

17/03/205 Highway Matters

- a) Correspondence between Umborne resident and Mr Brown re resurfacing at Umborne – response read out.

- b) Queen Square road closure – 26th April for essential sewer works,
- c) Sidmouth Rd closed from 15th March for 7 days - Wales & West Utilities. Diversion in place.
- d) * April 10th – 14th Road past Shears Farm, Shute – Surface dressing – diversion in place.

17/03/206 No reports from Meetings Attended

17/03/207 Correspondence

- a) Publications e-mailed to councillors – Intouch/RsN etc
- b) Request from Colyford Goose Fayre for the CPC to agree to the closure of the A3052 for the 2017 Goose Fayre Procession.
Cllr B Collier proposed supporting this closure, seconded by Cllr Turner and agreed by all.
- c) E Mail - Hackney carriage and private hire licensing policy review – sent to Cllrs
- d) Email from CRW regarding the state of the base of the memorial fountain/light - maintenance man has taken a look, clerk to contact stone mason and look into what grants may be available.
- e) Copy of letter, for information, from Mr & Mrs West to CCG re closure of Seaton Hospital
- f) Email to Cllrs – Copy of Healthily People magazine with results of public consultation on closures & letter from Dr Tim Burke.
- g) Appeal Notification – see planning.
- h) E-mail to Cllrs - Greater Exeter Strategic Plan Consultation

17/03/208 Finance

- a) Minutes of the meeting held 27th February 2017 (Appendix W) to be noted
- b) Accounts to be approved for payment – payment proposed by Cllr Real, seconded by Cllr Gibbins and agreed by all

Cheque #	Payee			VAT	Total
DD	OPUS	Electricity	£4.04	£0.20	£4.24
DD	TALK TALK	Telephone/Broadband	£23.64	£4.72	£28.36
3838	CASH	Toilet Caretaker	£100		£100
3839	Bradfords	Paint/Stain for benches	£45.48	9.09	£54.57
3840	Viridor	Waste Management	110.36	22.07	£132.43
3841	Carol Rapley	Photocopying for Neighbourhood Plan			£8.90
3842	Water & Drainage Service	Colyton Parishes Together work	200	40	£240

- c) Online Banking – to be discussed at finance committee
- d) Advice from Insurers re war memorial based on rebuilt estimate from stonemason – not yet received.
- e) Clerk request Tuesday 21st March, Tuesday 28th and Thursday 30th as annual leave - approved
- f) Disposal of old shed panels & metal doors from Rosemary Lane Yard - agreed
- g) PPE equipment for Colyford volunteers cutting verges – Locality Budget. Cllr Turner proposed a sum of £50 be used for this, seconded by Cllr Real and agreed by all.

17/03/209 Planning

Minutes of the meeting held Monday 27th February 2017 (Appendix X) to be noted

a Planning Applications

17/0501/FUL Hillhead Orchard – Mr & Mrs Speller

Replacement new four bedroom dwelling on site of existing bungalow

No comments online as of 13/02 from consultees but letter received this morning – read out.

Elevation on website are in the process of being corrected

Site visit arranged for Thursday 16th at 1700.

b Planning Decisions

17/0285/FUL The Brambles, Elm Farm Lane

Construction of first floor side & rear extension over existing garage, utility room and kitchen, single storey rear extension.

APPROVED

17/0070/TRE 4 Kingsholme, Colyford

T1-6 crown lift to 2.4m above footway.

T7-11 crown lift to 2.5m above the ground and side prune to 3m radius.

SPLIT DECISION – APPROVE the following work : T7 fell, T8 reduce one northerly limb by 50%, T9 crown raise, T 1-6 corrective prune to rectify poor quality pruning cuts previously carried out.

REFUSE the following – T7-11 Crown left to 2.5m above ground & side prune to 3m radius – this would reduce the amenity value of the trees, changing a cohesive group into thin low value individual trees and the works haven't been fully justified within the application.

***17/0310/FUL 9 Western Place, Colyton**

Single storey front extension – **APPROVED**

***17/0059/FUL 10 Hillside, Colyton.**

Retention of conservatory to rear elevation - **APPROVED**

c Planning correspondence**i) 16/F0425**

Letter of appeal by Mrs J Canti re land south of Southleigh Road, Colyton – read out. No further comments from CPC.

ii) Comment from DCC Highways on Colyton Grammar School Application 16/2672/FUL – read out and supported.

17/03/210 Amenities

- a) Request for shed on allotment 6'x4' with eco base. Cllr Gibbins proposed this be supported, seconded by Cllr Hay and agreed by all.
- b) Colyford Playpark update. (PSPO applied for) – Possible start date of April 10th depending on weather, with a 10 – 12 day installation.
The solicitor had supplied copies of a document issued under the Landlord and Tenant Act of 1954 that need to be signed declaring and confirming that this is not a business tenancy. Cllr Real proposed it was signed, seconded by Cllr Turner and agreed by all.
- c) Allotment Association AGM – Tuesday 14th March 7.30pm Colyton Social Club, noted, the clerk will attend on behalf of CPC.
- d) The clerk updated the Cllrs on the Cuthouse Meadows play park which is still closed. The Housing Association engineers confirmed that one piece of 'keep-fit' equipment is being used by children and injuries have been caused. It appears that the proposed design of the equipment doesn't match the final lay out. She is looking at what can be done, CPC has informed EDDC S106 officers and the EDDC playpark engineer to keep them informed.

17/03/211 Library Acquisition – update

The first step – the Transfer document has been received and signed.

17/03/212 Neighbourhood Plan for Colyton Parish – update

Cllr C Collier confirmed that Huntley Evans had resigned as the NP Chairman. As Vice Chair she will take over. Lucy Dack will be the Minute Secretary and Cllr S Real has been co-opted onto the Steering Group.

17/03/213 Colyton Grammar School – Buses & Parking – Cllr P Gibbins – discussed elsewhere.

17/03/214 Reece Strawbridge Centre – Cllr Hay reported that it is hoped the Youth Club will restart after Easter. The Film evenings began last week with the ex-chairman of Seaton Film Club supporting the first three showings. The next one is the 18th April – Girl on a Train.

17/03/215 CPC Response to decision by NHS NEW Devon CCG Governing Body on ‘Your Future Care’ consultation which results in the closure of Seaton Hospital’s 18 inpatient beds.

Cllr Hay opened the discussion by expressing his disgust. Cutbacks may well be necessary but this leaves the Axe Valley with no community hospital. People in the east of the area may well have to go into Dorset for hospital care. Cllr A Parr couldn’t understand that with the option of Seaton being the preferred one it had suddenly been decided to close it in favour of Sidmouth, The CPC needs to ask the reason why, as well as making its opinion felt. Axminster hospital was closed with the understanding that Seaton would remain open to cover the area. Tiverton is not a community hospital. Cllr Parr will write a letter to the CCG, copied to local MP’s,

17/03/216 Confirmation of date of Annual Parish Meeting & Speaker - Wednesday April 26th 2017

17/03/217 Colyton Parish Councillor vacancy. The clerk confirmed that Huntley Evans had resigned from the Parish Council, the Monitoring Officer had been informed and the casual vacancy noted and advertised and the Clerk explained the procedure to be followed.

17/03/218 Items brought to the CPC’s attention after the agenda had been published – to be noted

17/03/219 Matters to be taken into Committee.

Cllr Turner wished to discuss an employee issue.

Cllr Real proposed that this matters be dealt with In Committee under the provisions of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 (as amended by the Local Government Act 1972), the public, including the press be excluded from the meeting as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, i.e. personal financially sensitive matters. Seconded by Cllr B Collier & agreed by all.

17/3/220 Dates of future meetings

Finance, Planning and Amenities – Monday 27th March 2017

Colyton Parish Council Meeting – Monday 10th April 2017

Annual Parish Meeting – Wednesday April 26th 2017

The meeting closed at 8.40pm.