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Minutes for the Meeting of the Parish Council held in the Mortimer Room, Colyton Town Hall at 7.00 pm on Monday 13th July 2015

Cllr Parr welcomed everyone to the July meeting and congratulated the organisers of the recent Monmouth Rebellion re-enactment. It was a highly successful day, well organised and well attended. The clerk will write a letter to congratulate the organisers.

15/07/46 **Receipt and approval of apologies for absence - none**

15/07/47 **Police Report –** 3 crimes reported in June, 1 so far in July.

15/07/48 **Public Question Time** *(15 minutes maximum)*

Mr West commented on the Neighbourhood Plan meeting, Out of that meeting 10 volunteers have come forward to participate in the Colyford chapter along with the 3 Colyford based councillors. Residents on the northern side of Stafford Brook Bridge to Seaton Down Hill Junction and residents in Holyford Lane on the southern side of Stafford brook all have a strong allegiance to Colyford and wish to have an input into the NP. He also commented on the report made by Cllr Sara Randall Johnson and the recent DCC speed audit which is totally incorrect and conflicts with the Colyford Speed Watch results which has clocked 211 speeding vehicles, 8 cars in excess of 40mph over 30 minutes and one in excess of 55mph. He also noted that no action had been taken to cut back the trees on the A3052 to the east of the tram crossing.

A local resident read her letter of objection to planning application 15/1435/FUL. In her opinion the proposed development is an overdevelopment of the site and would incur loss of amenities to her property. A resident living on the north side of Harepath Hill having moved from Colyford expressed the desire of himself & neighbours views to be included in the Colyton Parish Neighbourhood Plan.

15/07/49 **The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 8th June 2015 were approved & signed as being a true record of that meeting.**

15/07/50 **Matters arising from these Minutes**

a) Painting of the Playing Field toilets – Cllr Gibbins will speak to Cllr Turner to assess how much work is needed and along with John Rollings will look at painting these toilets.

15/07/51 **Report from County Councillor – not present**

15/07/52 **Report from District Councillors**

Dist Cllr H Parr had answers to previously submitted questions re the relocation of Knowle. The project so far had cost £635,800, broken down as follows:

Outline application £112.500
Project management & feasibility study £411,000
Communication & Marketing £50,600
Audit – internal & external £23,000
Legal fees, VAT/ Town & Village Green challenge £38,000

There had been challenges throughout this project with Sidmouth residents questioning the need for a move and asking why not remain in art of the building and sell the rest off? More & more studies and surveys had been undertaken as alternative possibilities were considered. The Town & Village Green challenge had to be defended and both internal & external audits were undertaken. The decision was made to sell the building & site and move the project forward.
The Chief Executives contract has not yet expired so he is still in post and no decision yet taken on his future.
Cllr Hay questioned the sum of £630,000 and asked how much more was to be spent? He felt that the average person would be horrified at the escalating coasts and felt a budget of £250,000 would have been sufficient.
Dist Cllr H Parr reiterated that the District Council had worked for 4 years to achieve this move, with constant objections & challenges. The operation at Knowle cost £60m a year in a building that is no longer fit for purpose. The selling of this site would raise £8m and there would be a short term loan of £2m. This will be a cost neutral exercise in the end with benefits to council tax payers in the future.
Cllr Hay asked about the verge cutting on Burnards Field Road within the 30mph area – it appears to have been cut in places but at areas
where it needs cutting i.e. the junction with the Butts and Sidmouth Rd. He wanted confirmation of whose responsibility it is.
Dist Cllr H Parr confirmed that there had been cuts in the grass cutting budget. Areas close to junctions will be cut but other areas will be left to benefit wildlife and native flora & fauna.
Cllr Dean stated that was all well and good but not at the expense of the road users and pointed out the enhanced possibility of accidents & injuries. Both the junction of Burnards Field Rd with the Butts and Sidmouth Rd are areas that need attention.

15/07/53 Highway Matters

a) Email from Mr West re comments made by Cty Cllr Sara Randall Johnson at a recent Traffic Group meeting. Cllr not present.
b) Email from local residents re state of road in Umborne Hall area – this was read out and the comments will be forwarded to the Cty Cllr
Cllr Clifford stated that in an email he had received the Umborne volunteer group it had been reported by Cllr Andrew Moulding at a Shute Parish Council meeting that the road from Yardbury Farm eastward will be repaired this year and the road by Lilylake Farm towards Easy Bridge will be repaired in this financial year. The repair is grade 3 – full removal of road, base fill & tarmac.
c) Proposed Highways Parish meeting – date TBC
d) Cllr Hay had two points to raise with the County Councillor, first the progress of the yellow lines at Western place and secondly the repainting of the white lines at Guernsey Corner. They've been redone and brought back by at least 2ft which means exiting onto Sidmouth Road is now extremely hazardous as you can't see traffic to the left from Colyton Hill.

15/07/54 Reports from meetings attended:

Cllr Collier reported on the North Devon Health care meeting she had attended at Seaton Hospital. The trust in in trouble financially with an £11m

shortfall. The priority is to concentrate on homecare and community care. This is already being done at Seaton Hospital with a virtual clinic at which 1000 patients 'attend'. There is emphasis on electronic communication which frees up clinical time and it is proved that homecare is more cost effective and benefits the patient more than a long stay in hospital.
There will be a consultation document produced for comment.

15/07/55 Correspondence

a) Publications e-mailed to councillors – Intouch/RsN etc
b) Email North Devon Healthcare – meeting at Seaton Hospital on 30th June
c) Email Jadie Baker – Volunteers requested to clear Himalayan Balsam.
d) Notice of a caravan rally at Whitwell Farm, Colyford. 5th August.
e) Email from local resident re copper beech tree at Colyford and reply from EDDC
The clerk is checking on the progress of this.
f) Email from EDDC prompted by Cllr Godbeer re war memorial listing.
It appears that a number of errors were made in communication & liaison which resulted in the listing taking place without our knowledge.
g) E mail – Police & Crime commissioner Monthly report – emailed to Cllrs
h) Application for additional Inscription Eileen Mary Porter Grave H380 - Approved
i) Application for additional Inscription Irene May Matthews Grave H382 - Approved
j) Request for disabled parking space by Primary School
There was some discussion over this and the Clerk had spoken to the Headmaster who could not see an easy resolution due to the lack of space and increased pressure when CeramTech closes. A dedicated disabled space is difficult to police and relies on other road users not abusing the privilege. Cllr Hay offered a temporary space at drop off & pick up times at the garages his family owns. Cllr A Parr asked councillors to think about any solution and the matter will be on the next meeting's agenda.
k) Email from resident re damage to wall by gas station, South St.
Cllr A Parr asked the Clerk to write to the gas company. He stated the wall needs to be looked at to see how far the damage extends.

15/07/56 Finance:

a Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held 22nd June 2015 (Appendix E) to be noted.

b Accounts to be presented for payment – proposed payment by Cllr Real, seconded by Cllr Evans and agreed by all.

Cllrs Collier declared a personal interest in Chq 3589 as this is their son.

Cheque	Payee			VAT	Total
DD	EDF	Electricity			£9.00
DD	Tiscali	Broadband & calls	£17.26	£3.45	£20.71
3595	EDDC	Map			£16.82
3596	Cash	Toilet cleaner			£100.00

3597	Musbury Garage	Petrol	£9.92	£1.98	£11.90
3598	R H Collier	Cemetery Contract April/June			£1330.00
3599	Viridor	Waste Collection	£129.15	£25.81	£154.96

a) Confirmation of order for play equipment proposed by Carnival Committee.
b) Refund of £20 received from Land Registry

15/07/57 Planning

Minutes of the meeting held Monday June 22nd – (Appendix F) to be noted

a Planning Applications

15/1435/FUL 14 Springfields, Colyford. Erection of first floor side extension, single storey rear extensions and replacement of flat roof on front elevation with tiled pitched roof for Mr & Mrs C Mitchell

A site visit was felt necessary. The clerk will make the arrangements and get the comment deadline extended. The meeting agreed that the decision can be taken by members of the Planning Committee after the visit.

Decision after site visit – **SUPPORT WITH RESERVATIONS –** The Parish Council felt that the planned south elevation would be overbearing and too dominant a feature within the close. They suggest that to minimise this and the impact on the immediate neighbours at number 13 the south elevation be redesigned with a hipped roof.

Proposed by Cllr Parr, seconded by Cllr Gibbins and agreed by all present.

15/1526/FUL Communication Station Gatcombe Ash, Seaton for Vodaphone Ltd. Replacement of existing 17.5m mast (3no atennas) with a new 17.5m mast (6 no new antennas). Installation of 2 no new 600mm dish antennas & 1 no 300mm dish antenna plus ancillary works

Cllr Gibbins declared a personal interest as he knows the owners of the land.

SUPPORTED – proposed by Cllr Real seconded by Cllr Dean

15/1537/FUL Willowhayne, Hamberhayne, Colyton for Mr & Mrs D Gregory

Proposed sun room extension, alteration to porch and repositioned dormer –*no plans yet*

15/1530/FUL Land east of Stafford Cottage, Colyton Hill - Mrs J Gibbins

Construction of general purpose agricultural building

Deferred to next Planning meeting.

b Planning Decisions

15/0191/LBC The Studio, Market Place, Colyton. Alterations to shopfront and signage for Mr &Mrs R Anderson **– APPROVED**

c Planning Correspondence

Future development of Cranbrook – details emailed to Councillors

15/07/58 Amenities

a) Parish Inspection – to be discussed on the 27th

b) Report of meeting re skate equipment – 6 councillors, representatives from the supplier and installer and 2 members of the public attended. There are problems, some of which caused by the rough surface. The supplier & installer suggested some repairs that could be made and some modifications. The clerk was asked to chase them for a date for the work to be done.

c) Adopted East Devon Playing Pitch Strategy - noted

d) Request from resident of Cuthouse Meadow for rubbish bin and warning sign
The Clerk had spoken to EDDC who were going to give us costings of a bin. Highways would not erect a warning sign at the playground as there was no history of incidents and the road was a cul de sac. They felt the warning sign should have been supplied by the builders and should have been part of the planning approval. The clerk will contact Sovereign Housing.

e) New landowners at bottom of Ham Lane have agreed to cut it as and when necessary - noted

f) Amenities Committee meeting to be held on 27th July following Finance & Planning

g) Cllr Real asked for permission on behalf of the Carnival Committee to erect a wooden 8x6 shed on a concrete base in the council yard to store tables. It will be in line with the fence on the left hand side of the gate.
Cllr Gibbins proposed that CPC allows the structure, Cllr Parr seconded the proposal – all agreed. The clerk will write to the residents of the cottage as a courtesy.

15/07/59 Neighbourhood Plan for Colyton Parish

a) Report of Colyford Meeting
Cllr Evans reported that the meeting was well attended with a lot of active discussion on the way forward. There was consensus reached that one Neighbourhood Plan would be submitted with a Colyford chapter compiled by volunteers from Colyford and the Colyford Parish Councillors. Concerns were raised that Colyton could influence what happens in Colyford but it was pointed out that the entire plan will be voted on by local residents and will stand or fall as an entity not two separate chapters.
Cllr C Collier confirmed that the next stage is to advertise for volunteers to join the steering group to write the Colyton chapter because this is not just a parish council exercise. She encouraged councillors to approach those that might be interested.

b) Request from Colyford for residences on northern side of Stafford Brook Bridge to Seaton Down Hill Junction and residences in Holyford Lane on Southern side of Stafford Brook to be included in NH Plan
Cllr Real proposed that the residents are consulted and their points considered but as they are residents of Seaton Parish they could not vote on the NP. Cllr Pady asked that the boundary be changed to include these residents. Cllr Parr reminded the meeting that the area had already been submitted to EDDC and it would be the

current Parish Boundary. There was no seconder of Cllr Pady's proposal and no further amendments. Cllr Collier seconded Cllrs Real proposal and all agreed.
The next step is to organise a meeting in Colyton to advertise the process and get volunteers. This will be on the planning agenda.

15/07/60 Colyton Memorial Social Club – CPC members had not been informed of the last meeting, however there is one being held later this week,
The CPC had taken advice from DALC re offering a lease and we await a meeting with the Social Club to discuss this.

15/07/61 Reece Strawbridge Centre
Cllr Hay had not been informed of the last meeting despite emails and a letter being sent to the Chairman and the Secretary informing them of his appointment as the CPC representative. The clerk will look into this.
No financial statement has been received.

15/07/62 Stafford Common Business Tenancies
Cllr Gibbins declared a pecuniary interest as he is the current tenant.
Advice from DALC being taken, and Symonds & Samson are in the process of drawing up the details.

15/07/63 Update of Standing Orders re casual vacancies – deferred to next full meeting.

15/07/64 Matters to be taken into Committee – none

15/07/65 Items brought to the CPC's attention after the agenda had been published – to be noted. – none

15/07/66 Dates of future meetings
Finance & Planning & Amenities – Monday July 27th
Colyton Parish Council Meeting – Monday 10th August

The meeting closed at 2040.