

**Agenda for the meeting of Colyton Parish Council which will be held on
Monday 8th April 2024 at 7.00 pm in the Colyton Town Hall.**

Agenda

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- 1. Receipt & Approval of apologies for absence.**
- 2. Declaration of Interests**
- 3. Police Report**
- 4. Approval of the minutes of Parish Council Meeting held Monday 11th March 2024.**
- 5. Matters arising from the Minutes**
- 6. Public Question time** (maximum 15 minutes)
- 7. Report from County Councillor see Appendix A.**
- 8. Report from District Councillors**
- 9. Highway Matters**
 - a) Dolphin Street potholes.
- 10. Report from Meetings Attended**
- 11. Final seat to be filled for the Parish Council.**
- 12. Parish Council website .gov domain.**
- 13. Appointments to External Bodies & Charitable Trusts.**

Posts needing nominations are as follows:

 - Axe Valley ring and ride X 1 (currently K Jones) *happy to remain.*
 - Chamber of Feoffees X 1
 - Community woodland trust X 1 (currently C Pady)
 - DALC X 2 (currently Cllrs Real and Hay)
 - Footpath wardens X 2 (currently Mrs List and Mr Swan) *happy to remain.*
 - Social club X 2 (Currently Cllrs Parr and Stenning)
 - Tree Warden X 1 (currently J Mair) *happy to remain.*
 - Playing fields committee X 2 (currently Cllrs Real and Hay)
 - Reece Strawbridge X 1 (currently Cllr Hay)
 - Church fabric committee X 1 (currently Cllr Parr)
 - Volunteer dog warden?
- 14. Title of the Neighbourhood Plan.**
- 15. The CPC need to appoint a solicitor to oversee the Toilet transfer – costs will be covered by EDDC.**
- 16. Correspondence received from EDDC regarding the Reorganisation Order.**
- 17. Correspondence**
 - a) The Rural Bulletin
 - b) EDDC Covid update
 - c) Rural funding digest – March 2024
- 18. Finance**

Minutes of the Finance meeting held 25th March 2024 (Appendix AD) to be approved for publication.
Accounts to be approved for payment.

 - DD Talktalk broadband and phone 44.03 VAT 8.81. Total 52.84 pounds.**
 - DD British Gas Lite workshop energy 24.35 VAT 1.22. Total 25.57 pounds.**
 - DD Biffa waste management 196.19 VAT 39.24. Total 235.43 pounds.**
 - BACS Mr Fitzpatrick toilet caretaker. Total 120.00 pounds.**
 - BACS Source for Business cemetery water. Total 18.81 pounds.**
 - BACS Bradfords building supplies 18.54 VAT 3.71. Total 22.25 pounds.**
 - BACS Infotone ink. 42.90 VAT 8.58. Total 51.48 pounds.**
 - BACS DALC and NALC membership 681 VAT 96.49. Total 777.49 pounds.**
 - BACS Viking Office supplies 28.63 VAT 5.73. Total 34.36 pounds.**

- a) Balanced accounts for 1st – 31st March to be approved.
- b) Transfer of funds to the Playing Fields Account to start saving for future play surface repairs.
- c) Quote to repair the plinth at Queen Square.
- d) Barriers purchased for securing the playing fields at a cost of £892.87 (inc VAT) should the CPC write to the Feoffees to ask for a contribution for this?

19. Planning

Minutes of the meeting held Monday 25th March 2024 – (Appendix AE) to be approved for publication.

a) Planning Applications

24/0560/FUL 58 Burnards Field Road Colyton - Mr & Mrs Bailey - Installation of 2 roof lights to loft on side elevation of bungalow. *Comments due by 13th April.*

23/2668/LBC The Old Bakehouse Cottage Lower Church Street Colyton - Mr Steven Warren - Replace 2 windows at ground floor south east elevation. *Comments due by 14th April.*

b) Planning decisions from East Devon

24/0050/LBC 3 Sunnyside South Street – CH Johnson - Internal works to Living/Dining Room including: Removal of existing timber beam and upright and replacement with steel columns and supporting beam; new floor of engineered timber; and re-plastering of two sections of internal wall. Approved with Conditions.

c) Planning Correspondence

Memorial application for an additional inscription circulated to Cllrs.

20. Amenities

Minutes of the meeting held Monday 25th March 2024 – (Appendix AF) to be approved for publication.

a) Date for the Annual Inspection.

21. Items brought to the CPC's attention after the agenda had been published to be noted:

22. Matters to be taken into Committee

23. Dates of future meetings

Annual Parish Meeting – Wednesday 10th April 7:30pm.

Committees – Monday 22nd April

Full Meeting – Monday 13th May.

Appendix A

County Councillor report for Spring 2024 –

Cllr Marcus Hartnell

Devon awarded £5.3m for zero emission buses.

Devon is one of 25 councils across England to receive funding for cleaner, more modern, and more reliable buses as part of a £143m government investment. A fleet of 41 electric buses are set to take to the roads of Devon in Exeter, North Devon and Torridge by 2026. Stagecoach will be investing a further £15m into the project to roll out new EV buses and charging infrastructure.

Bus Improvement Plan match funding available for Parish bus shelters

Match funding is available for Parish Councils towards bus shelters as part of our funding for bus infrastructure improvements across the county. Projects need to be delivered by March 2025 and Parish Councils are expected to own and maintain the new shelter going forward. If you are interested please contact me directly.

More EV charging points on the way.

The Department of Transport has awarded Devon more than £7m of capital funding to support the delivery of thousands of publicly accessible EV charging points. The funding will specifically target areas where drivers have no off-street parking. Devon has received one of the largest allocations of funding in the country. The aim is to have 2000 more charging points by 2030.

Government cash support for Devon's special needs education Devon has signed an agreement with government that will see an extra £95m of national funding set aside to reduce the deficit on special needs education. As I have reported previously, the SEND deficit has continued to grow at an unsustainable rate and is expected to reach £163m by the end of this financial year. Devon has put in place a SEND improvement plan that has been approved by the Department of Education and as a result the £95m funding has been secured. Initially Devon will contribute £10m towards the deficit this year, with £38m coming from government before the end of March, and the remaining cash being spread out over eight years.

County budget on track to break even.

Amid stories of councils going bankrupt, it is good news that Devon is on track to break even at the end of the financial year. Our revenue budget of just under £700m will effectively break even in April with a small overspend of £291k being forecast. There are still financial risks with adult social care and children and young people, however significant work is underway across the council to support these pressures.

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