

**Minutes for the meeting of Colyton Parish Council held in the Mortimer Room of Colyton Town Hall on
Monday 8th April 2019 at 7pm**

Present: Cllrs A Parr, C Collier, S Real, K Clifford, J Hay, R Watts, A Jarman, C Pady, R Turner, Dist Cllr H Parr, 10 members of the public and E Berry (Clerk).

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the April meeting.

19/04/137 Receipt & Approval of apologies for absence – Cllr E Jones, Cllr M Shaw and Cllr B Collier.

19/04/138 Declaration of Interests – Cllr Norris declared a personal interest in planning application 19/0552/COU as one of the objectors to it is a family friend.

19/04/139 Police Report - none received.

19/04/140 Public Question time (maximum 15 minutes)

The applicant of 19/0552/COU introduced herself, giving details of her past history and plans for the property on Market Place. She has purchased a home in Sidmouth for her and her mother but needs to do it up so will not want the three year COU but perhaps 4-5 months. She realises that commercial properties are valuable to Colyton and is keen to have a business that will encourage people into Colyton but to do so she needs to work on the property and having a small part of the building as residential accommodation will facilitate that.

An objector to the application spoke about their reasons for objecting, they have a flying freehold above the property in which there is a tenant with a young family. They were unaware of this application as no notices had been posted and no letters received from EDDC. The applicant is currently living at the property and there are problems with cooking smells, dirt & noise. He outlined his objections, queried the qualification of the applicant who has done a lot of the electrical and plumbing work herself. There are no windows & no ventilation at the rear of the property and no second exit in the case of a fire. He queried its suitability for residential accommodation. Colyton can ill afford to lose more commercial properties and a young family is being intimidated.

A Colyford resident addressed his comments to Cllr H Parr. He queried the necessity to hike the Dolphin Street car park up by 150% on some charges. This brings Colyton's parking in line with Axminster, a much larger commercial town with far more facilities and the increase will damage local business and asked Cllr Parr to fight for the residents.

Another Colyford resident reiterated his concerns saying that many people are unaware of the increase and it will damage Colyton. She volunteers for both the Memory Café and the History centre and feels this increase will penalise volunteers and charities that rely on them.

19/04/141 The minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on 11th March 2019 were approved and signed as being a true record of that meeting.

19/04/142 There were no matters arising from the Minutes

19/04/143 Report from County Councillor - report emailed to Councillors and will be attached to the minutes.

19/04/144 Report from District Councillor – Cllr Parr commented on the car park situation acknowledging that the Parish Council had made a strong representation against the charges but EDDC had made the decision that car parking charges should be the same across the district. She was unaware of any review being planned on the charges. She will try to confirm the availability of free parking after 6pm once the new charges come into force as there is no money being received from Central government. Cllr H Parr said that over £1m is raised by parking charges, if this wasn't done the revenue would have to come from Council Tax and non-drivers would be subsidising drivers which would not be fair. Cllr Watts asked if details of the revenue for Dolphin Street car park can be obtained as a baseline figure to see the difference in a year after the new charges. Cllr Parr will try to obtain this, she also commented on the fact that EDDC were looking at the car park layout and increasing the number of spaces.

Cllr Watts had visited the new EDDC offices at Honiton and was unable to park as there were no visitor spaces and all available spaces were taken. Cllr H Parr confirmed that the parking was inadequate.

19/04/145 Highway Matters

a) **TTRO Saturday 1st June 1300 – 1700** – Market Place, Vicarage St, Rosemary Lane, Lower Church Street, Dolphins Street and Silver Street – The Mighty Bed Race.

- b) **Email re Bank opposite White Hart** – Highways Officer spoke to the team who carried out the work. They had inspected the site and felt there were no issues. The sandbags were filled with grass seed which can take a few years to establish.
- c) **Details from Colyton Carnival Committee** of the route and details for Colyton Carnival 7th September 2019, a request for road closures is being made.
- d) **Details of the Colyton Tractor Run** – 27th May – Colyton to Farway
- e) **TTRO 17th April – 18th April 0700 – 1900** Road past Farwood House Northleigh – Patching
- f) **TTRO 28th April – 2nd May 0700 – 1900** Coly Road – Surface Dressing
- g) **TTRO 28th September - A3052 Colyford – Colyford Goose Fair.**
- h) **TTRO 4th - 10th April – Stafford Lane** – repair burst water main.
- i) **TTRO 24th June - Road heading Southwest from Guernsey corner opposite Goodwood,** New Sidmouth Rd – safe access to pole to provide extended customer service.

Cllr Collier confirmed that Nunsford had been resurfaced but the drains have been covered, Highways have been informed.

Cllr Pady is going to remind Stephen Kelly about the request for help made over 2 years ago for gully clearance on Colyton Hill.

Cllr Turner comment on further damage done to the pavements and road edges on the Coly Road by vehicles entering and exiting the building site there – reports have been made online to Highways.

Stephen Kelly is also to be asked to look again at the problem at Lishams Drain.

Cllr Pady had collated details of the Hydrobreak on Burnards Field Rd.

19/04/146 Report from Meetings Attended

Cllr Hay went through items discussed at the Traffic Group meeting (where he was the only attendee). The yellow line order for Colyton has gone in but is on the back burner until other request are made and the whole put in as one request. The requested reduction in speed limit on the Coly Road and New Sidmouth Road will not be happening.

Cllr Watts asked that a letter of thanks be sent to the History Society and the Environment Agency for the excellent, informative display given in the Town Hall on the 1968 floods in the district. Over 500 attended.

Cllrs Norris & Watts had attended a Seaton Heath Matters meeting. The discussion on the future of Seaton Hospital is still under discussion.

19/04/147 Correspondence

- a) Publications e-mailed to councillors – Intouch/RSN etc
- b) Notification of Annual Tractor Run Monday 28th May – route and map to follow.
- c) Email EDDC Draft Affordable Housing SPD consultation – *emailed to Cllrs (deadline 10th May).*
- d) Email details of next Devon Community Resilience Forum – 13th June, Bishops Nympton, South Molton.
- e) Email – Rural Services Network call on Government for a rural strategy – request for Parish Council and Councillors to support and sign up – details on email.
- f) Invitation for Councillors to visit new EDDC HQ – *emailed to Cllrs for their response to Cllr H Parr*
- g) E Mail notification of Devon Rural Futures Conference – June 28th - *emailed to Cllrs.*
- h) Library report from AGM – *emailed to Cllrs.*
- i) Scam info from Police – *emailed to Cllrs*
- j) Email details of East Devon AONB Heritage Concert on 27th April at Norman Lockyer Observatory – *emailed to Cllrs*
- k) Colyford Flower Festival details on 22/23rd June – *emailed to Cllrs*

19/04/149 Finance

Minutes of the Finance meeting held 25th March 2019 (Appendix X) to be noted

Cllr Real proposed the accounts be approved for payment, seconded by Cllr Turner and agreed by all.

Cheque # TBC	Name			VAT	Total
DD	Opus Energy	Supply at Yard	12.83	0.64	13.47
DD	Talk Talk	Telephone & Broadband	24.96	4.99	£29.95
4217	Cash	Toilet caretaker – MARCH Invoice plus 2 spare key	100 £8.50		£108.50
4218	Feoffees	Office Rent			£1500
4219	EDDC Non Domestic Rates	Cemetery Pavilion Council Yard	888.15 810.30 484.73		£2183.18
4220	Beviss & Beckingsale	Charges for pursuing title to land at the Butts including Land registry fees. (minus £140 paid)	1265 27 30	253	£1435.00
4221	Halcyon Landscapes	March Invoice for cemetery contract	468.33	93.67	£562.00
4222	DALC	Membership Renewal NALC Affiliation DALC Affiliation DALC Service Charge NET TOTALS			136.31 23.31
			442.92 602.54	88.58 88.58	691.12
4223	AED Locator (E.U.) Ltd	Annual Monitoring fee for defibrillator	49	9.80	58.80
4224	Mole Avon	Woodstain & Strimmer Line	40.82	8.16	48.98
4225	Viridor	Waste collection March	121.93	24.39	146.32

- a) Church Wall repairs – Cllr A Parr will get in touch with the Gentleman Builder for an up to date quote as previously the wrong wall had been quoted for.
- b) Details of external auditors to check accounts. PKF Littlejohn are the appointed external auditors and Anne Horton from Hammets Associates will be asked to do the internal audit.
- c) Approval of Annual Governance Statement 2018/19 will be done after the internal audit.
- d) Land off the Butts – update from Solicitor – Legal advice had been received and because of the commercial sensitivity of this Cllr S Real proposed that this matter be dealt with in Committee under the provision of the Public Bodies Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 (amended by the LGA 1972), the public and press to be excluded by reason of the confidential nature of the business being transacted i.e. commercial and financially sensitive information, seconded by Cllr Turner and agreed by all.
- e) VAT submitted successfully – to be noted

19/04/150 Planning

Minutes of the meeting held Monday 25th March 2019 (Appendix Y) to be noted

a Planning Applications

19/0552/COU Parkside Antiques, Market Place – Miss P Daniels. Change of use from A1 retail use to a mixed use comprising retail and residential use (A1/C3) for a temporary period of 3 years. Cllr Clifford proposed a site visit, seconded by Cllr Turner. The Clerk will arrange one with the applicant for sometime on Friday 12th after which a comment to EDDC will be made.

19/0512/COU Land North of Every Hill, Shells Lane – Palmer & Hardingham Change of use of the building known as the Cabin as an independent residential dwelling and an area of adjacent land to form its residential curtilage (retrospective).

Cllr Watts proposed this application **NOT SUPPORTED**, as it is outside the BUAB and CPC does not want to encourage sporadic development in the countryside. The application appears to contravene Section 8 (Development in Green Wedges or between green wedges) of the adopted EDDC Local Plan which states that development would not be allowed where it would add to existing sporadic or isolated development or damage the individual identity of a settlement or lead to or encourage settlement coalescence. Seconded by Cllr Turner and agreed by all

b Planning Decisions

18/2914/CPE Farwood Barton, Colyton. - Siting of 2 static caravans for residential use as staff accommodation – **CPE REFUSED**

19/0432/FUL 3 Springfields. Colyford – Construction of first floor extension over garage, single storey rear extension – **APPROVED – standard conditions.**

19/0446/FUL 3 Coly Vale – Construction of conservatory to rear – **APPROVED standard conditions.**

19/0206/FUL Queen Street Garage – Construction of a secure store – **APPROVED standard conditions.**

19/0349/FUL – Land adjacent to Borough House - Swan Hill Road – Proposed new dwelling and car port – **APPLICATION WITHDRAWN.**

c Planning Correspondence

19/04/151 Amenities

- i) Petanque Court – nothing heard from Mr Morgan yet.
- ii) S106 funding for play/sports projects response from EDDC – A community consultation exercise must be undertaken to identify requirements from the community not just a single individual or group. EDDC will provide a pro-forma notice.
- iii) Postponement until Autumn for ‘Landmark tree’ scheme – noted
- iv) The Cemetery trailer & soil dumping will be on the Finance agenda.

19/04/152 Emergency Resilience Plan update. In the absence of Cllr Jones the Clerk reported that the next meeting of the working party will be looking at filling out the proposed emergency plan in draft format. Several volunteers had signed up at the Resilience event and the Annual Parish Meeting.

19/04/153 Neighbourhood Plan for Colyton Parish – update - Cllr Collier reported that the Steering Group is awaiting a final screening report from EDDC and funding for the additional reports now required is being sorted. The NP consultant is on holiday, the comments from the Colyford Residents have been forwarded to him and there will be a response on his return.

19/04/154 Social Club – minutes of last meeting emailed to Cllrs.

19/04/155 Reece Strawbridge Centre - A meeting had been held on 13th March and all handrails are now in place on the outer steps. Work is ongoing on some internal refurbishment. A new pump is in place and

hopefully the sewage problem from the Caterpillars has been sorted with a direct, in-line connection being made by passing the pump.

19/04/156 Appointments to External Bodies & Charitable Trusts.

Posts needing nominations are as follows:

Axe Valley Ring & Ride

Colyton Feoffees x 2

Community Woodland Trusts x 2

Devon Association of Local Councils x 2

Footpath Wardens

Playing Fields Joint Management Committee

Colyton Memorial Social Club x 2

Parish Tree Warden

Playing Field Committee x 2

St Andrews Church Fabric Committee

19/04/157 Request to hold Charity event at PMPF 24th August 2019.

Cllr Parr read out the request, giving a brief outline of what was being asked for. Cllr Turner will be talking to EDDC Licencing and the Police Licencing and will report back.

19/04/158 Items brought to the CPC's attention after the agenda had been published – none

29/04/159 Matters to be taken into Committee – advice from solicitor on access to Land off the Butts

19/04/160 Dates of future meetings

Finance /Planning and Amenities – Monday 15th April (CPC to meet prior to the meeting at 1800 at Allotment)

CPC Annual Meeting Monday May 13th

The meeting ended at 8.15pm

Appendix 1 County Councillors Report.

County Councillor's Report, April 2019

Connecting Devon and Somerset: broadband rollout is a 'mini-Brexit' says Cabinet member

The disaster that is the Gigaclear superfast broadband rollout came back to the Corporate Infrastructure and Regulatory Services Scrutiny Committee on 23rd March. Councillor Rufus Gilbert, the cabinet member responsible, called it a 'mini-Brexit'. Even if it all works out in the end, 50,000 homes and businesses still won't be connected in 2020. But no one is confident and Gigaclear may still end up in default on their contract. Cllr Gilbert's point was that 'we don't want a hard exit' from the contract, as this could make things even worse. He claimed that we will know 'by the summer' whether Gigaclear can recover – the rollout timetable for communities is still unknown. But when I pressed for a more definitive update at the next Scrutiny meeting on 26 June, he said that would be too early. This debacle, impacted but not solely caused by the Carillion collapse, must surely raise a large black mark against outsourcing in Devon.

Better Broadband Voucher Scheme In the meanwhile, people affected will be able (from April) to claim from the national Better Broadband Voucher Scheme. I'll pass on details when I have them.

On-street parking tariffs: need for strategic approach which supports public transport and cycling recognised by County committee The Corporate Infrastructure and Regulatory Services Scrutiny Committee also debated a 'call in' of proposed increases in on-street parking charges, which the Lib Dems argued were inconsistent and in some cases excessive. However the point was made by Labour Councillor Yvonne Atkinson that we need to look at the possibility of using parking income to support public transport and cycling. I urged a more 'strategic' approach and this was recommended by the Committee.

Outsourced property management: review coming Devon County Council outsources its property management to Norfolk Property Services. DCC has a 20 per cent equity in NPS, but its forecast profit share in 2019-20 is a mere £78k. This emerged at DCC's Corporate Infrastructure and Regulatory Services Scrutiny Committee, leading Tory councillor Paul Crabb to comment that 'all the income generation is cheques from County Hall' – the point of the outsourced arrangement is not clear. A review of property management will begin soon.

Road markings on the A3052 After complaints from a constituent about disappearing markings making it difficult to judge the road at night, I have asked Steve Kelly, the Neighbourhood Highways Officer, to investigate.

Deteriorating Branscombe roads to be put forward for patching Steve has agreed to put several areas towards Weston forward for patching when new funds are available in April, after reporting them as defects failed to secure repairs. I also attended a meeting with Steve, the National Trust and the chair of the parish about the bridge near the village hall, and it looks as though progress was made.

Smallcombe Road, Northleigh, and Townsend Avenue, Seaton These roadworks, both of which I have been pressing for since I was elected, have finally been completed to the satisfaction of residents.

Annual Local Waiting Restriction Programme Restrictions in New Cut, Beer, and South Street, Govers Meadow and Sidmouth Road, Colyton, have been approved by HATOC.

Colyford crossing I met with Mr Tim Harris, Head Teacher of Colyton Grammar School, to discuss proposals which would enable the proposed crossing to be used by his pupils. These are now being discussed by Colyford residents and I am waiting to hear from them before returning to Highways.

Coly Valley Traffic Group I chaired this meeting on 23rd March. It was confined to Colyton matters due to the attendance.