

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

Present: Cllrs S Real, K Clifford, A Stenning, A Parr, J Gardiner, J Hay, G Chesterton, P Arnott and R Turner.

Also in Attendance: EDDC Cllr H Parr and S Haines (clerk)

Members of public: 0

24/04/01 Receipt & Approval of apologies for absence. Cllr Mann.

24/04/02 Declaration of Interests. Cllrs Parr and Turner declared an interest on item 24/04/18d) Requesting funding from the Feoffees as they are both members of the Feoffees.

24/04/03 Police Report. Not received, clerk to chase for a report.

24/04/04 Approval of the minutes of Parish Council Meeting held Monday 11th March 2024. Cllr Stenning proposed these be approved, seconded by Cllr Gardiner and agreed by all.

24/04/05 Matters arising from the Minutes. None.

24/04/06 Public Question time. No member of public present to speak.

24/04/07 Report from County Councillor see Appendix A.

24/04/08 Report from District Councillors. Cllr Arnott did not have a report. Cllr H Parr reported that the recruitment for a new Chief Executive for the District Council is still ongoing and they hope to have a replacement in place by the summer. Also the next Public Consultation period for the Local Plan will be held in April and May, this is part of the Local Plan preparation process. Topics will include some late addition housing sites, Town Centres and Primary Shopping area policies and the boundaries for those plus any Green Wedges.

24/04/09 Highway Matters

a) Dolphin Street potholes. Cllr Clifford reported that the pot holes on Dolphin Street are getting ridiculous, Cllr Hay agreed, stating that Market Place is also very bad. Cllr Real suggested writing to Cllr Hartnell to ask for an update on the highways and also to report the puddle outside Shiphay Farm which never drains away. This was agreed.

Cllr Arnott confirmed that Homes England have transferred ownership of the CeramTec Site to Wainhomes – this will need watching carefully, maybe a meeting is required with Wainhomes and contact to be made with the clerk to strike up a good relationship.

24/04/10 Report from Meetings Attended. None.

24/04/11 Final seat to be filled for the Parish Council. Cllr Gardiner proposed that Mr Ged Stephenson should be co-opted, this was seconded by Cllr Clifford and agreed by all.

24/04/12 Parish Council website .gov domain. The clerk informed the Council that a .gov domain is strongly recommended for all Parish Councils now and asked if the Council would like this to be looked into further, also a potential change of email address. It was agreed that the clerk should look further into this and Cllr Chesterton is going to help.

24/04/13 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. Cllr Real proposed that the clerk should be put forward, seconded by Cllr Arnott. Cllr Stenning proposed Mr Denny be put forward, seconded by Cllr Chesterton.

Community woodland trust X 1 (currently C Pady) *happy to remain*

DALC X 2 (currently Cllrs Real and Hay) *happy to remain*

Footpath wardens X 2 (currently Mrs List and Mr Swan) *happy to remain*.

Social club X 2 (Currently Cllrs Parr and Stenning) *happy to remain*

Tree Warden X 1 (currently J Mair) *happy to remain*.

Playing fields committee X 2 (currently Cllrs Real and Hay) *happy to remain*

Reece Strawbridge X 1 (currently Cllr Hay) *happy to remain*

Church fabric committee X 1 (currently Cllr Parr) *happy to remain*

24/04/14 Title of the Neighbourhood Plan. The clerk circulated an email from Angela King, the Neighbourhood Planning officer at EDDC. It informed the Council that Colyford have not adopted the NP and wish for the title to be amended to the Colyton and Colyford Neighbourhood Plan. Angela King recommended making a minor amendment to the plan which would include the title and inserting a page at

the beginning which would have the boundary map and a brief outline/history of the split. There would be no cost to Colyton and the wording of the first page would need approval by all three Councils. Cllr Turner proposed that as long as there is no cost to Colyton then he did not see an issue here, seconded by Cllr Gardiner and agreed. Cllr Real objected.

24/04/15 The CPC need to appoint a solicitor to oversee the Toilet transfer – costs will be covered by EDDC. Cllr Gardiner suggested Millfort and Dormer in Seaton and proposed the clerk contact them, seconded by Cllr Turner and agreed by all.

24/04/16 Correspondence received from EDDC regarding the Reorganisation Order. The clerk circulated an email to all Councillors from the deputy Monitoring Officer at EDDC which stated that Colyton had failed to transfer ownership of the land at Stafford Common to Colyford Parish Council, as directed in the Reorganisation Order. The clerk asked EDDC to wait until the CPC could discuss these new developments in a meeting and EDDC have confirmed that if Colyton does not hand this land over before the 12th April then EDDC will use legal force and any legal fees incurred by EDDC will be transferred to Colyton Parish Council. This was discussed In Committee

24/04/17 Correspondence

- a) The Rural Bulletin
- b) EDDC Covid update
- c) Rural funding digest – March 2024

24/04/18 Finance

Minutes of the Finance meeting held 25th March 2024 (Appendix AD) to be approved for publication. Cllr Hay proposed the minutes be approved, seconded by Cllr Gardiner and agreed by all.

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.

The above accounts were approved for payment. This was proposed by Cllr Gardiner, seconded by Cllr Clifford and agreed by all.

- a) Balanced accounts for 1st – 31st March to be approved. Cllr Stenning proposed these be approved, seconded by Cllr Gardiner and agreed by all.
- b) Transfer of funds to the Playing Fields Account to start saving for future play surface repairs. It was agreed that this would be a good idea, the amount will be decided in the finance committee meeting.
- c) Quote to repair the plinth at Queen Square. It was agreed that the handy man should be asked to do the work.
- 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? Cllr Real proposed the Feoffees be written to, seconded by Cllr Stenning and agreed by all bar Cllrs Turner and Parr who declared an interest.
- e) Confirmation of the date of the Period of Exclusive Rights for the public to inspect the annual accounts. Clerk suggests Monday 3rd June to Friday 12th July 2024. Dates agreed.

24/04/19 Planning

Minutes of the meeting held Monday 25th March 2024 – (Appendix AE) to be approved for publication. Cllr Hay proposed these be agreed, seconded by Cllr Turner and agreed by all.

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.*

Cllr Gardiner proposed this be supported, seconded by Cllr Real and agreed by all bar Cllrs Clifford and Arnott who abstained.

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.*

Cllr Turner proposed this be supported, seconded by Cllr Clifford and agreed by all bar Cllr Arnott who abstained.

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. Approved.

24/04/20 Amenities

Minutes of the meeting held Monday 25th March 2024 – (Appendix AF) to be approved for publication. Cllr Turner proposed these be approved, seconded by Cllr Parr and agreed by all.

a) Date for the Annual Inspection. It was agreed to be held 17th June.

24/04/21 Items brought to the CPC's attention after the agenda had been published to be noted:

Request from a member of public to occasionally park a recovery vehicle overnight at the Playing Fields to be removed in the morning. This would only be whilst he is on call for the police to make recoveries. This request was turned down.

Correspondence received from Fisher German who have been contracted to undertake land referencing for works to be done by South West Water in land off Cownhayne Lane.

Suggestions for street names for the old Ceram Tec Site development. Turlings Orchard, Ceramic Way, Tanyard Close, Wool Lane, Primary Way, Egret Mews, Cooper Lane, Heron Close.

24/04/22 Matters to be taken into Committee.

After much discussion, it was decided to write to EDDC and ask for a meeting, also to write to the Land Registry and instruct them to not do anything until this is resolved. Proposed by Cllr Gardiner, seconded by Cllr Chesterton and agreed by all. Cllr Arnott had left the meeting before this took place.

24/04/23 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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