

**Minutes for the meeting of Colyton Parish Council held in the Colyton  
Town Hall on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2025 at 7.00 pm**

**Present:** Cllrs A. Parr, K. Clifford, R. Turner, A. Stenning, M. Mann, J. Gardiner, J. Hay, G. Chesterton, S. Real, G. Stephenson.

**Also in attendance:** EDDC Cllr H Parr.

**Members of public:** 1

**25/03/43 Receipt & Approval of apologies for absence.** Cllr P Arnott and S Haines (clerk)

**25/03/44 Police Report.** None received.

**25/03/45 Declarations of Interest.** None.

**25/03/46 Public Question time.** MoP asked if we objected to the Local Plan then would it mean EDDC would look to build housing elsewhere in Colyton? Cllr H. Parr replied that in the consultation we would be speaking directly to the Government Planning Inspector and if they didn't agree with EDDC's choice of development then it wouldn't be passed. The Community Grants Scheme is being updated.

**25/03/47 Approval of the minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> February 2025.** Cllr Mann proposed these be approved, seconded by Cllr Stephenson and agreed by all.

**25/03/48 Matters arising from the Minutes.** None.

**25/03/49 Report from County Councillor.** No report received.

**25/03/50 Report from District Councillors.** Cllr H Parr submitted her report – see appendix A. Cllr H. Parr said that guidance is given about filling in the Local Plan Consultation and we should look at the Soundness of Policy & Strategy, Spatial Strategy and No. 5. The Council would be discussing their response to the proposed Unitary Council on Wednesday, 19th March and we would be welcome to join in online. The Community Grants Scheme is being updated.

**25/03/51 Highway Matters**

a) TTRO2561732 temporary prohibition of through traffic. Cownhayne Lane. Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May between 08:30 and 15:30. To enable an engineer to work on overhead structure.

b) TTRO2561734 temporary prohibition of through traffic and parking. Road from Lilylake Cross to Easy Bridge Cross. Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> May between 09:30 and 15:30. To enable engineer works to safely renew a D-Pole.

**25/03/52 Report from Meetings Attended.** Cllr Hay had been along to Seaton Football Club's meeting with SWW to ask about the sewage works and Cownhayne Lane - he reported that they have cleaned out the pump from Colyford.

Cllr Real had also attended to ask about the manhole cover on Coly Road which keeps overflowing and splashes those waiting at the bus stop. It has now been noted by SWW.

Cllr Hay mentioned he'd been in touch with Western Power in Crewkerne and that the lights were now back on in the car park as of last Friday. They had no record at all of a fault in the car park system so EDDC had not reported it to them. Cllr Parr thanked him for contacting Western Power in Crewkerne about the matter.

Cllr Real spoke of the banks of the River Coly eroding fast at the PMPF and we would have to rebuild the defences. Cllr Mann to take a look.

**25/03/53 Dolphin Street Toilets.** Cllr Mann proposed Cllrs Parr and Turner sign the agreement, seconded by Cllr Gardner and agreed by all.

**25/03/54 Handyman vacancy – to be discussed in committee.** Interviews to take place w/c 17<sup>th</sup> March.

**25/03/55 VE Day celebrations.** Cllrs to ask around how people feel about it and report back.

**25/03/56 Correspondence**

a) Rural Bulletin

b) Rural Funding Digest

c) Invitation to webinar with EDDC regarding the Government Reorganisation.

**25/03/57 Finance**

Minutes of the finance committee meeting held Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2025 (appendix X) to be noted.

Accounts to be approved for payment

**DD** Biffa waste management 193.71 VAT 38.74. **Total 232.45 pounds.**

**DD** Talktalk phone and broadband 39.17 VAT 7.83. **Total 47.00 pounds.**

**DD** British Gas Lite workshop electricity 17.08 VAT 0.85. **Total 17.93 pounds.**

**BACS** Halcyon cemetery maintenance 526.75 VAT 105.35. **Total 632.10 pounds.**

**BACS** Mr Fitzpatrick toilet caretaker. **Total 120.00 pounds.**

**BACS** Scribe annual membership 345.60 VAT 69.12. **Total 414.72 pounds.**

**BACS** SLCC Annual membership. **Total 190.00 pounds.**

The above accounts were approved for payment, proposed by Cllr Mann, seconded by Cllr Stenning and agreed by all.

a) P3 Bid. Cllr Parr proposed no bid be made at this stage, a bid can be put in at a later date once there is a project in mind. Seconded by Cllr Real and agreed by all.

b) Padlock on tennis courts. Cllr Stenning said the padlock had been stolen and that the Clerk had had to buy a new one.

c) Cheque received from the Feoffees for £100 to be spent on the Community Woodlands in memory of Colin Pady. Cllr Parr proposed the Clerk ask Jason Mair for suggestions of a native tree to be planted, seconded by Cllr Real and agreed by all. MoP suggested a walnut could be planted south of the Jubilee Oak where Colin had wanted the Jubilee Oak to go.

## **25/03/58 Planning**

Minutes of the planning committee meeting held Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2025 (appendix Y) to be noted.

### **a) Planning Applications**

**25/0302/LBC Fieforshame Colyton** – Mr Williams - Replace roof on single storey extension with natural slate. *Comments due by 26<sup>th</sup> March.*

Cllr Mann proposed it be supported, seconded by Cllr Stenning and agreed by all.

**25/0243/LBC The Old Bakehouse Lower Church Street** – Mr Warren - Replace 3 first floor windows on south east and north east elevation. *Comments due by 14<sup>th</sup> March.*

Cllr Mann proposed it be supported, seconded by Cllr Gardiner and agreed by all.

**25/0439/TCA Wheelwright House Dolphin Street** – Mr Bethell - Magnolia: thinning crown by 15-20% by making cuts no larger than 75mm. *Comments due by 15<sup>th</sup> March.*

Cllr Real proposed it be supported, seconded by Cllr Mann and agreed by all.

### **b) Planning Decisions**

**24/2418/LBC Heathayne Farm Colyton** – Mr Hackman - First floor: removal of walls of existing bathroom; block up door from bedroom 1 to landing; construct walls to create new bathroom; undertake where necessary structural reinforcement of walls and ceilings; construct new partitions and flooring. Approved with conditions.

### **c) Planning correspondence**

Submission to the EDDC Local Plan consultation for approval. The consultation consists of the following questions only with no opportunity to submit a letter.

1. To which part of the Development in the Towns and Villages chapter does your representation relate?

1(a). Please write down the paragraph, policy or figure number that your representation relates to.

2. Do you consider that this part of the Development in the Towns and Villages chapter is legally

compliant?

2(a). If yes, and you wish to support the legal compliance of this part of the Development in the Towns and Villages chapter, please use this box to set out your comments.

2(b). If no, please give details of why you consider this part of the Development in the Towns and Villages chapter is not legally compliant. Please be as precise as possible.

2(c). Please set out the modification(s) you consider necessary to make this part of the Development in the Towns and Villages chapter legally compliant, in respect of any matters you have identified above. You will need to say why each modification will make this part of the Introduction chapter legally compliant. It will be helpful if you are able to put forward your suggested revised wording for the relevant policy or paragraph. Please be as precise as possible.

3. Do you consider that this part of the Development in the Towns and Villages chapter is sound?

3(a). If yes, and you wish to support the soundness of this part of the Development in the Towns and Villages chapter, please use this box to set out your comments.

3(b). If no, please give details of why you consider this part of the Development in the Towns and Villages chapter is not sound. Please be as precise as possible.

3(c). Please set out the modification(s) you consider necessary to make this part of the Development in the Towns and Villages chapter sound, in respect of any matters you have identified above. You will need to say why each modification will make this part of the Development in the Towns and Villages chapter sound. It will be helpful if you are able to put forward your suggested revised wording for the relevant policy or paragraph. Please be as precise as possible.

4. Do you consider that this part of the Development in the Towns and Villages chapter complies with the duty to cooperate?

4(a). If yes, and you wish to support this part of the Development in the Towns and Villages chapter's compliance with the duty to co-operate, please use this box to set out your comments.

4(b). If no, please give details of why you consider this part of the Development in the Towns and Villages chapter fails to comply with the duty to co-operate. Please be as precise as possible.

5. If your representation is seeking a modification to the plan, do you consider it necessary to participate in examination hearing session(s)?

6. If you wish to participate in the hearing session(s), please outline why you consider this to be necessary.

Do you have any files to upload to support this submission? (Please submit this document only once across all your submissions).

Cllr Mann proposed that Cllr Parr rework his letter of objection into the answers for the Local Plan Consultation, seconded by Cllr Stenning and agreed by all.

### **25/03/59 Amenities**

Minutes of the amenities committee meeting held Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2025 (appendix Z) to be noted.

- a) Report of water run-off from Allotments on to Shiphay Farm, also water running off land above the allotments over them. Cllr Hay to speak to Richard Collier.
- b) Request from member of public for some benches to be installed on the concrete area near the skate park facing the ramps. Cllr Mann to look in workshop at what is there and feedback next meeting.
- c) Request for St Andrews garden to be make accessible – there is currently a step down into the gardens. Cllr Mann to speak to the Clerk to see who put in this request.

### **25/03/60 Items brought to the CPC's attention after the agenda had been published.**

Someone drove through the barriers at the PMPF in their camper van. Cllr Mann to buy new padlocks and charge driver for the new set.

Cllr Stephenson asked if a gentle, friendly reminder could be sent to the allotment committee (for them to send to members) about the rules relating to the times a bonfire is/is not permitted.

**25/03/61 Matters to be taken into Committee**

**25/03/62 Dates of future meetings**

Committees – Monday 24<sup>th</sup> March

Full Meeting – Monday 14<sup>th</sup> April.

***Meeting closed: 19:55.***

## **Appendix A**

### **EDDC Cllr H Parr Feb/ March 25 Report-**

**The Local Plan Regulation 19 Consultation** will run from 9am on Thursday 13th February 2025 until 9am on Monday 31st March 2025.

Click on the Feedback button under a chapter and fill in the form to comment eg on the Soundness of Strategies and Policies...

#### **Local Government Reorganisation-**

Following a Secretary of State announcement on 5 February it was confirmed that the Devon County Council elections would take place in May 2025 which meant that the Local Government Reorganisation proposals would likely be implemented in April 2028 as opposed to April 2027. A further Ministerial letter had also been received that day setting out further details of the process for submitting proposals for the establishment of unitary councils.

A letter has been sent to the Minister from the Leader of Devon County Council asking for clarification of various matters; expressing concern re the government's tight timetable and pointing out the lack of certainty re any proposal they might submit to meet this deadline. " A new Council coming into effect in May can change its position and can re-engage with your department to explain its new position."

The letter also states that the County Council ..."will not have received or evaluated by 21st March significant financial data, evidence and analysis, or analysis of potential impacts on people services including adult and children's social care, SEND and education."

Discussions continue.

There will be an Extraordinary Full Council meeting on Weds 19 March to consider the response to the government on Local Government Reorganisation.

#### **Community Grants-**

A new and updated grant scheme for 2025/26 is being devised, combining 3 previous Grant schemes. No grants have been given out for 2 years as there was no Officer to administer these funds. There is over £155k funding in the combined pot.

Any new Grant scheme would need to be aligned with the council Plan and goals- see agenda report

<https://democracy.eastdevon.gov.uk/documents/s26177/Community%20Grants.pdf>