

Minutes for the meeting of Colyton Parish Council held in the Mortimer Room of the Town Hall on Monday 10th December 2018 at 7.00 pm

Present: Cllrs C Collier, B Collier, AParr, S Real. K Clifford, J Hay, A Jarman, E Jones, B Norris, R Turner, Dist Cllr H Parr, Cty Cllr M Smith (for part of the meeting) 5 members of the public and E Berry (Clerk)

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the December meeting and congratulated the Promote Colyton Group, The Colyton Caterpillars and the Colyton Lights committee on a very successful Christmas Fayre on Wednesday.

18/12/157 Receipt & Approval of apologies for absence - Cllrs Pady (prior commitment), P Gibbons (prior commitment), Ray Watts (prior commitment).

18/12/158 Police Report by email

6 CRIMES:-

1 x violence with injury – ABH domestic

2 x violence w/o injury – 1 x parent on child & 1 x offensive message received on phone by unknown person – 100% increase from Nov 2017

1 x burglary – via unlocked front door and sound bar taken from inside – 100% increase from Nov 2017

2 x Crim dam – 1 x damage to door of evicted person & 1 x scratch to wing mirror

17 LOGS:-

1 x ASB – neighbour issues with local garage owner and parking

2 x crimes recorded – (duplication of other crimes)

9 x public safety – concern for welfare/abandoned calls & animals on road etc

5 x transport - RTCs

18/12/159 Public Question time (maximum 15 minutes)

A resident of Elm Grove Terrace commented on her objection to the building of a shed in her neighbour's garden. The application is misleading, stating it is a retention of an outbuilding where in fact it is a retrospective application for a new building already under construction. The 'shed' is large and imposing, half is for storage the other half is a roofed terrace, presumably to be used by the neighbour in her business as a personal trainer. The build is very close to the boundary wall.

The owners of the White Cottage explained the background to the request to run a mains water pipe through the Govers Meadow gardens on the advice of South West water.

18/12/160 The minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on 12th November 2018 were approved and signed as being a true record of that meeting.

18/12/161 There were no matters arising from the Minutes

18/12/162 Report from County Councillor – circulated to councillors – Appendix 1.

Cllr Shaw went briefly through his report. He confirmed that EDDC were allowing parents of the Primary School children to park FOC in Dolphin Street car park for the morning & afternoon drop off and pick-ups however the scheme is not yet up and running due to lack of communication.

He clarified payment of the first Colyford VAS, he had contributed some money from his Locality budget but not the whole amount.

He was concerned about the delay in providing the crossing in Colyford, he had attempted to contact the engineer running the project but had not had his calls or emails returned.

Road surfacing continues with news of more money centrally (£18m) for road repairs which should filter down to the local area. DCC are considering their budget for next year and have overspent on schools and adult social care so it's going to be difficult to balance the books.

The Flybe situation is worrying for the future of Exeter Airport.

He confirmed that he has two funds, the Invest in Devon fund which had given £2000 to the Living Memories initiative and the Locality Budget which had helped fund several projects in the Parish.

He reiterated his views on the Colyton Grammar Schools successful bid for funding which comes at a time when the 6th form at Axe Valley is about to be closed. He felt that this is not a good situation for the overall balance of the community and any increase in intake at Colyton Grammar Scholl could only exacerbate the current traffic problems.

Cllr Hay reiterated his concerns over Lishams Drain which was like a river last week This has been botched in the past and needs a proper repair which would last rather than the patching going on at the moment which is not working. The Colyford/White Hart section on the A3052 also needs looking into. So many drains are blocked in the parish and nothing is being done. Grove Hill, a problem last year is still a problem with what could possibly be sewage draining into South Street.

Cllr Real pointed out that the recently resurfaced part of the Coly Rd near him is developing potholes. The quality of the work done is very poor.

18/12/163 Report from District Councillors

Cllr Parr reported on the success of Seaton's Wetlands on achieving a bronze award in the Devon Tourist Awards.

She acknowledged the concerns on the Ceramtech site, and having declared an interest will take no part in the discussions, but confirmed that any amendment to the plan will go through the usual consultation process, fully involving Colyton Parish Council and the wider community. There will be a viability study done as to the provision of the employment space, which was always planned for EDDC to administer para 3.4 of the Planning Statement sets out the conditions for this.

There was some discussion over the Ceramtech site and the suggestion that Homes England may not want to provide the employment space as per the submitted plan. Cllr Norris had been in communication with the EDDC officer (Rob Murray). Cllr Parr restated that any change would be consulted on but Homes England have to try to maximise their profit and there was always a condition in the Planning Statement that said they could try to offload it to EDDC for a nominal fee but it has to be a matter of financial viability.

The Beer Neighbourhood plan is well supported and will be 'made' shortly.

18/12/164 Highway Matters

a) Letter from resident re the remaining white lines to be painted from Govers Meadow through to Rosemary Lane – scanned & sent to Highways for their attention.

b) TTRO – Gatcombe Lane – resurfacing from 12th December to 14th from 0800 – 1600,

18/12/165 Report from Meetings Attended

Cllr Jones, and others had attended a Community Resilience meeting and found the workshops and consultation exercises very interesting. Colyton Parish lacks an emergency plan and he proposed a working party be set up to establish an Emergency Plan – this will be on the January CPC agenda.

Cllr Collier had attended a traffic group meeting, the notes have been circulated.

18/12/166 Correspondence

a) Publications e-mailed to councillors – Intouch/RSN etc

b) AONB Autumn newsletter 2018

c) Letter from Colyton Grammar School re complaints regarding late night noise & exhaust smells from buses – read out. CPC unaware of any complaints re late night noise.

d) Email introducing David Whelan, new Anti-Social Behaviour & Community Safety Officer with dates of planned meetings for 2019

e) Email - Devon Communities Together briefing on Smart Meters.

f) Email – Broadband speed survey

g) Email – Devon initiative re loneliness in the community.

h) Forwarded press release ref Colyton Grammar School obtaining Government funding for expansion.

18/12/167 Finance

Minutes of the Finance meeting held 26th November (Appendix O) to be noted

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

Cheque #	Name	Work		VAT	Total
DD	Opus Energy	Electricity for workshop	11.65	0.58	£12.23
DD	Talk Talk	Broadband & Telephone	26.30	5.25	£31.55
4169	Cash	Toilet Caretaker Invoice for November			£100
4170	DCC	2 nd VAS (£500 donation from CPC remainder from Burgesses & other donations)			£2100
4171	Halcyon Landscapes	Invoice for November	468.33	93.67	£562
4172	Mole Avon Trading	Sandpaper (bus shelters)	8.98	1.80	10.78
4173	Viridor	Waste Management	119.73	23.95	143.68

- a) Budget discussions – Awaiting Precept details & deadline. The deadline is January 21st and there will be no Community Support element from EDDC this financial year. There was a discussion on how much to put in for grass cutting in the parish and Cllr Parr proposed £300 which was seconded by Cllr Jones and agreed. Cllr Norris proposed £500 be made available as a donation to the Christmas Lights, seconded by Cllr Jones and agreed by all.

There will be a second version provided for the Finance meeting.

- a) John request the 28th/29th & 30th of January as leave.
 b) Cemetery extension fencing quotes. (Currently 9 vacant/unreserved burial plots in the cemetery). Quotes will be in by the end of December, one contractor will quote but cannot start work until March.
 c) BACS P3 payment of £200 received.

18/12/168 Planning

Minutes of the meeting held Monday 27th November 2018 – (Appendix P) to be noted
 Cllr Hay declared a personal interest in application 18/2717/FUL as he knows the applicant.

a Planning Applications

18/2485/FUL 1 Elm Grove Terrace, Dolphin Street – Mr Randell

Retention of detached outbuilding. **Site visit proposed with a decision to be made at the Planning Committee meeting on the 17th.**

18/1298/FUL The White Cottage, Dolphin Street, Colyton – Mr & Mrs Bennett

Alterations to garden/parking area.

SUPPORTED

18/1299/LBC The White Cottage, Dolphin Street, Colyton – Mr & Mrs Bennett

Extension & alterations including additional first floor to 2 dwellings, and internal alterations to 1 dwelling.

SUPPORTED (After the meeting was suspended to allow the applicants to explain the amendment to the submitted plan which was not clear from the scanned copy of the application).

18/2717/FUL 3 Park View, The Butts – Mr & Mrs Horne.

Construction of single storey kitchen extension.

SUPPORTED – the scanned plans for this application were of exceptionally bad quality and Councillors struggled to make an informed decision when faced with such poor quality scans.

18/2551/FUL The Old Rectory, Swan Hill Rd, Colyford – Ms Wood

Construction of detached shed.

SUPPORTED.**b Planning Decisions**

18/2306/FUL& F18/2307 LBC Garton House Sidmouth Rd – conversion of existing garage with new door & window. New stone walls with pedestrian gate to separate parking area from private courtyard. **APPROVED**

18/2481/FUL The Retreat Lawdeshayne Farm, Colyton – construction of conservatory to the side. **APPROVED**

18//2348/TCA Wheelwright House, Dolphin St – felling of conifer close to house, excessive shading & low amenity value, replace with possible cherry. **APPROVED**

c Planning Correspondence

- a) Draft Heritage Strategy (2019 – 2031) Consultation document – comments by 22nd January 2019. Councillors encourage to read this as comments will be sought at the January meeting.
- b) Request from owners of the White Cottage to bring a mains water supply from Govers Meadow to the Cottages through the Govers Meadow Garden w/c 7th January – the garden will be reinstated once the work is finished. **SUPPORTED.**
- c) Response from Ed Freeman re invitation to CPC meeting and comment on residents proposal for Liaison committee. The reply was read out by the Clerk. There was some discussion on this and Cllr Parr proposed that his visit is suspended until after a decision on the Ceramtech plan, seconded by Cllr Turner and agreed by a majority.

18/12/169 Amenities

- a) Minutes of the meeting held Monday 27th November 2018 – (Appendix Q) to be noted
- b) Wildroots project details and request for a letter of support from CPC. Cllr Clifford proposed a letter of support is written, seconded by Cllr Norris and agreed by all.

18/12/170 Neighbourhood Plan for Colyton Parish – update – nothing to report as no meeting since the last report.

18/12/171 Reece Strawbridge Centre – Cllr Hay reported there had been a meeting, and several ongoing building issues needed attention including the steps and rails at the entrance and the rainwater harvest system which was put in when the build was started but never properly connected or put into practise.

18/12/171 Update of sell of access from the Butts

Legal advice had been received and because of the commercial sensitivity of this Cllr Collier 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 Real and agreed by all.

18/12/172 Items brought to the CPC's attention after the agenda had been published – none.

18/12/173 Matters to be taken into Committee – update on sell of access from the Butts.

18/12/174 Dates of future meetings

Finance & Planning – Monday 17th December

Colyton Parish Council Meeting – Monday 14th January 2019

The meeting closed at 830pm

Appendix 1.

December report – Cllr Martin Shaw.

Future of the hospitals

At the time of writing we are still looking forward to a workshop to scope the proposed Axminster-Seaton health hub. I do not have up to date information for Honiton-Ottery. Meanwhile, Devon County Council's Health and Adult Care Scrutiny Committee has agreed to my request to look further at the future of the hospitals. The Committee will ask both NEW Devon Clinical Commissioning Group, which commission services in community hospitals, and NHS Property Services, which now owns the hospitals, to its next meeting on 25 January to report on the future of the hospitals. I pressed for the contributions to community hospitals made by local communities and Leagues of Friends to be taken into account in planning their futures. I raised particular concerns over the high rents to be charged by NHS Property Services, the fact that the CCG is committed to paying for space only until the end of the current financial year, and that the CCG has said that existing outpatient services are not guaranteed to continue. 'Many services can be delivered in community hospitals', I said. "We should be talking about increasing not reducing the provision close to where patients live. If most services are concentrated in the RD&E, patients will continue to face long journeys into Exeter. With deteriorating public transport many will have to drive in and contribute to the city's ever-growing congestion. We need joined-up planning at Devon and local levels to make the best use of the hospitals, which are community assets whoever is the legal owner.

'20 MPH Speed Limits

Devon's sole Green county councillor, Jacqi Hodgson, proposed a motion to the County Council's Cabinet that we should welcome proposals for new 20 MPH limits. I spoke in support and said that concerns about speeding were one of the biggest issues in several places in our area (Wilmington, Colyford, Seaton). The Cabinet said that the move was premature as the national Atkins report on these limits is due in February and DCC will review its policy in the light of that. I later discovered that the Corporate Infrastructure and Regulatory Services Scrutiny Committee, on which I sit, will be examining the report and its policy implications, so I look forward to having an input on this issue. Let me know your views.

Road maintenance and pothole policy

The inaugural meeting of the Coly Valley Traffic Group took place in Colyton on 20 November, attended by Colyton, Offwell, Southleigh and Widworthy parishes. There was general dissatisfaction with the County Council's pothole policy but some support for the Road Warden scheme as a way of dealing with holes which County policy does not cover. I subsequently criticised the pothole policy at a scrutiny meeting on 28 November, where it was confirmed that the Council is reviewing the policy.

On-street parking changes

East Devon Highways and Traffic Orders Committee confirmed changes to on-street parking in the centre of Beer, asked for by the Parish Council, and in Beer Road, Seaton.

Proposal to cut Clapham Junction stops from Exeter-Waterloo trains Southwestern Railways is consulting until 22 December on proposed new timetables. If their plans go ahead, NO trains on this route will stop at Clapham Junction. This will mean longer journeys from Axminster and Honiton to many places in London and the South East. I have proposed a motion to the County Council on 7 December to ask them to oppose this change.

Plastic-Free Coastlines - My Independent colleague from North Devon, Cllr Frank Biederman, proposed that the County Council support this campaign and the Cabinet accepted the idea in principle.

Ethical Care Charter - I seconded a motion from Cllr Jacqi Hodgson calling for the Council to sign this Charter, proposed by UNISON. The Council's Head of Adult Care produced a paper showing that Devon is already compliant with significant parts of the Charter. The Cabinet recommended that the Council should 'work towards' implementing the Charter as circumstances permit.

Devolution - Devon's Cabinet, like EDDC's, has agreed to a proposal to set up a formal Joint Committee between Devon and Somerset, which could be the first step towards a Combined Authority of the two counties, an extra tier of local government. This would support a 'devolution' deal in which the Government would hand over some powers to Devon and Somerset (under the banner of the 'Heart of the South West') and some 'extra' cash (but much less than the Government is reducing Devon's funding by far more than any devolution deal will provide). In order to sell this deal to Government, the Heart of the South West has proposed a 'productivity strategy' which it is claimed will produce 4 per cent per annum economic growth. I told Cabinet this was 'fantasy economics' (current growth is about 1.5 per cent) and opposed creating the new layer of bureaucracy. A 10-point criticism of the strategy which I proposed was later accepted by the scrutiny committee examining it.