

**Minutes for the meeting of Colyton Parish Council held on Monday 11th
March 2024 at 7.00 pm in the Colyton Town Hall.**

Present: Cllrs M Mann, K Clifford, S Real, J Gardiner, A Parr, J Hay, G Chesterton and A Stenning.

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

Members of public: 0

24/03/41 Receipt & Approval of apologies for absence. Cllrs Arnott and Turner.

24/03/42 Declaration of Interests. Cllr Stenning declared an interest on planning application 24/0153/LBC London House as she works in the building.

24/03/43 Police Report. None received.

24/03/44 Approval of the minutes of Parish Council Meeting held Monday 12th February 2024. Cllr Mann proposed these be supported, seconded by Cllr Clifford and agreed by all.

24/03/45 Matters arising from the Minutes. None.

24/03/46 Public Question time. No members of public present to speak.

24/03/47 Report from County Councillor. DCC Cllr Hartnell sent his apologies.

24/03/48 Report from District Councillors. Cllr H Parr reported that the District Council is currently without a Chief Executive. There is currently a Chief Exec team which is made up with senior directors. The recruitment process has begun and the Council hopes to have somebody in place by the summer.

The Local Plan work is in progress and there will be another public consultation period in April and May which is part of the Local Plan preparation process - this is to consult on any items that were not ready in time for the last public consultation period so those things can be debated. Topics will include some late addition housing sites, Town Centres and Primary Shopping area policies and the boundaries for those plus any Green Wedges. Green Wedges are very important here as we have one or two and not many places in the Local Plan have them. Green Wedges are areas of land that are designated to protect against development creep and to protect communities and they will all be reviewed. They are very strongly protected by residents which we know from policy COLY4 of our Neighbourhood Plan.

Finally, the lighting in the Dolphin Street car park. I have been emailing officers at EDDC. The lights are looked after by an outside contract and not the Council. I have explained that the car park is very hazardous at night. It is extremely dark and it is up to EDDC to ensure it is lit and safe.

Cllr Real proposed that the Council should write to EDDC to support Cllr H Parr regarding issues with the street lights in the car park, this was seconded by Cllr Clifford and agreed by all.

Cllr Hay asked when the bin on the corner by the Kitchen Shop was going to be replaced as this has been reported and the clerk was told that a new one would be installed. Cllr H Parr recommended emailing again to chase this.

Cllr Parr stated he was disappointed by Cllr Arnott's absence as, again, he wished to ask him some questions. A main concern is that Cllr Arnott is very clear in his feelings towards South West Water and their failings around the sewage systems yet he doesn't seem to be supporting Colyton with its sewage issues, especially being involved in passing a large development at the Ceram Tec site. Cllr Gardiner agreed stating that approving a large development without challenging South West Water is irresponsible and is not in Colyton's best interests. Cllr Mann stated that sewage should not stop development on that site as the site needs improving but the fight against South West Water should continue.

24/03/49 Highway Matters

a) 20mph speed limit for Colyton? Cllr Chesterton explained that the speed cars come up Dolphin Street is concerning, especially given the fact that there are no pavements. The clerk explained that there was a trial supposedly happening in Newton Poppleford to see if installing a 20mph limit helped but there has not been an update on this. This is a question for Cllr Hartnell. Cllr Parr stated a speed bump would be of far more use than a speed limit as there isn't anybody to police it.

b) TTRO2456008 temporary prohibition of through traffic. Tuesday 28th May – Thursday 30th May 2024. The Butts from The Nook to Burnards Field Road to enable an external metre exchange.

24/03/50 Report from Meetings Attended. Cllr Gardiner attended a meeting with the Kittles Trust and the Primary School Head teacher. They are currently looking into swapping a window out for a double door with a ramp to ease access for disabled children.

24/03/51 Final seat to be filled for the Parish Council. Cllr Chesterton advised the Council that Mr Joe Watson is interested, he will be invited to the next full Council meeting.

24/03/52 Response from South West Water to email sent after the last full meeting. The clerk read out the response from SWW. Cllr Hay has a meeting with SWW during the next month and he will bring up the issues of the rising man hole cover at Coly Vale and the various other issues with the system.

24/03/53 Appointments to External Bodies & Charitable Trusts to be noted.

Posts needing nominations are as follows:

Axe Valley ring and ride X 1 (currently K Jones)

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)

Social club X 2 (Currently Cllrs Parr and Stenning)

Tree Warden X 1 (currently J Mair)

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)

24/03/54 Businesses in Market Place – shop openings and frontages. Cllr Chesterton stated that quite a few of the businesses in Colyton have various opening hours and sometimes are closed during the day and that some are in desperate need of redecorating. Cllr Stenning reported that the Architects shop should be repainted soon. Cllr Parr stated that unfortunately CPC doesn't have any say but Cllr Chesterton could write to them nicely as a fellow trader. Cllr Chesterton agreed and said he would try to get a Business Association set up.

24/03/55 Who's who page of the Parish Council website. The clerk confirmed that the rules for the website requirements have been changed and photos and addresses are no longer required. Cllr Stenning proposed that the website be updated to just have Cllrs names, position and email address, seconded by Cllr Gardiner and agreed by all.

24/03/56 Dolphin Street car park street lights. Covered above.

24/03/57 Dates for the September meeting – Colyton carnival is 7th – 15th September. Cllr Mann proposed just a single meeting for the month of September to be held on Monday 16th September. This was seconded by Cllr Stenning and agreed by all.

24/03/58 Correspondence

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

24/03/59 Finance

Minutes of the Finance meeting held 26th February 2024 (Appendix AA) to be noted
Accounts to be approved for payment.

DD Talktalk phone and broadband 41.83 VAT 8.37. Total 50.20 pounds

DD British Gas Lite workshop electricity 27.05 VAT 1.35. Total 28.40 pounds.

DD Biffa waste management 195.37 VAT 39.07. Total 234.44 pounds.

BACS Mr Fitzpatrick toilet caretaker. Total 120.00 pounds.

BACS Mr N Weldon supporting handymen for 18.5 hours. Total 243.00 pounds,

BACS Halcyon cemetery grass 526.75 VAT 105.35. Total 632.10 pounds.

BACS Bradfords building supplies 27.12 VAT 5.42. Total 32.54 pounds

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

- a) Clerks time off request. Cllr Mann proposed this be agreed, seconded by Cllr Clifford and agreed by all.
- b) Quote in from Blamphayne for the double gate at the allotments – including all fittings except bolt to fix the 8ft gate to the ground. £240.61 inc VAT. Cllr Mann proposed this quote be accepted, seconded by Cllr Stenning and agreed by all.
- c) Email from EDDC regarding emptying dog bins. The prices are increasing from 1st April to £3.06 per collection for the next financial year and £4.00 per collection for the following one. EDDC need to know how often each bin should be emptied per week. EDDC have retracted this email due to an error and a new email will be sent out.

24/03/60 Planning

Minutes of the meeting held Monday 26th February 2024 – (Appendix AB) to be noted

a) Planning Applications

24/0346/FUL 3 Hill Court Hillhead – Mr Hosking & Ms Edwards - Proposed replacement porch with timber cladding. *Comments due by 16th March.*

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

24/0408/FUL Land To The North Of New Sidmouth Road Colyton Hill – Mr Perree - Proposed replacement agricultural building. *Comments due by 23rd March.*

Cllr Mann proposed this not be supported due to the size of the proposed building being over development of the site and far larger than the existing building. Also the access into that field off the road is not good. This was seconded by Cllr Clifford and agreed by all.

24/0153/LBC London House Market Place Colyton – Mr Temple - Remedial works for repair of wall and re-rendering. Replacing cracked shopfront window pane. Repairing and replacing cracked and splintered timbers of window frame, plinth block and pilaster. *Comments due by 27th March.*

Cllr Hay proposed this be supported, seconded by Cllr Real and agreed. Cllr Stenning declared an interest so abstained.

b) Planning decisions from East Devon

23/2694/VAR Four Valleys Colyton – Ms E Dare - Removal of condition 2 (occupancy condition) on permission 96/P1631 following the securing of a Lawful Development Certificate (23/1590/CPE) for occupation of the dwelling without complying with the condition. Approved with conditions.

c) Planning Correspondence

Clyst Honiton Neighbourhood plan is open for consultation – closing date is 12th April 2024.

Plans for a retail park on Harepath Road - public exhibition/consultation next week for a planned retail park east of Harepath Road where the auction rooms are on the 13th March 5-7pm and 14th March 10am-1pm at **Grandpa's Gallery, Cross Street, Seaton.**

24/03/61 Amenities

Minutes of the meeting held Monday 26th February 2024 – (Appendix AC) to be approved for publication.

- a) Flooding on the allotments, bottom plots are being submerged as water has nowhere to go. This will be looked at during the annual inspection.
- b) Coly Vale bus shelter. Cllr Real suggested writing to the bus companies to see if they would supply a new one, if not look to DCC for a grant.
- c) Request for some additional steps to be added on the lower half of the steps leading up to the allotments – some tenants are finding these steps difficult. Cllr Hay agreed that the bottom steps are quite steep, Cllr Mann will have a look at them and report back.

d) Ant hill in the cemetery. Cllr Real suggested putting down ant powder and asking the handy man to dig it out.

e) Play Inspection Report received from The Play Inspection Company. Inspections given to handy man who will report back if there are any jobs he cannot do.

f) Barrier for PMPF. Cllr Mann confirmed that he has spoken to Mr Clifford who is ready to install the barrier. Cllr Mann has looked at prices for the barriers and if the same ones are purchased as those that are already there, the cost will be just under £2000.00, or we could buy longer ones and paint them green for £800.00 Cllr Real proposed getting the lower priced barriers, seconded by Cllr Stenning and agreed. Cllr Mann will get the order information to the clerk.

24/03/62 Items brought to the CPC's attention after the agenda had been published to be noted:

Missing white lines on junction to Sidmouth Road opposite the garage. Clerk to report.

Cllr Parr informed the Council that the Feoffees have planted an Oak tree at the playing fields to commemorate the Coronation.

Cllr Real suggested asking the handyman to put in stakes and tape down the side of road green to stop the parking on the wet green, seconded by Cllr Stenning and agreed by all.

24/03/63 Matters to be taken into Committee

24/03/64 Dates of future meetings

Committees – Monday 25th March

Full Meeting – Monday 8th April.

Meeting closed: 20:05.