

## Minutes for the meeting of Colyton Parish Council held in the Mortimer Room of the Town Hall on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2018 at 7pm

**Present:** Cllrs A Parr, S Real, J Hay, K Clifford, R Turner, B Norris, A Jarman, C Pady, R Tattershall, P Gibbins, Cty Cllr Martin Shaw (for part of the meeting), Dist Cllr H Parr, 6 members of the public and E Berry (Clerk)

**18/02/159      Receipt & Approval of apologies for absence** - Cllrs G Stephens (unwell) , C & B Collier (hospital).

**18/02/160      Police Report**

Figures below.. I'm afraid we can't be there as PC Adam Speers has broken his hand and is off for some time yet, and Mike McGauley is on a day shift that day.

You will see that although there has been a rise in recorded offences during Jan 18 compared to Jan 17, the numbers are still very low, 1's and 2's all the way down. **Also, these figures are for Seaton Rural which isn't just Colyton, but I can't drill it down any closer.**

We have been very proactive lately both here and Sidmouth cracking down on teenagers using cannabis and ecstasy and you will see an increase in drugs possession offences as a result.

The main focus of concern in Colyton will probably be the recent break in to the convenience store. Nothing was taken but the offenders did go to some lengths to avoid capture, spraying CCTV cameras with paint and even cut a tree down across Coly Road to prevent access from the A3052. Enquiries are ongoing with Honiton CID. The incidents, as opposed to offences, are down which does correlate with our proactivity detecting offences that haven't been reported by the public.

Hope that all makes sense and normal service will resume as soon as possible,

Recorded crimes 01/01/18 0 31/01/18    compare with 01/01/17 – 31/01/176

Violence with injury –	2	1
Violence without injury –	2	1
Burglary Non Dwelling –	1	0
Vehicle Offences –	1	1
Other Thefts –	2	0
Criminal Damage –	2	4
Public Order Offences –	2	0
Possession of Drugs –	2	0
Other offenses –	1	0
<b>TOTAL 15</b>		<b>7</b>

With regards to the joy riding incident at the Playing Fields I will do my best to generate some patrols in that area, but as you may know, due to injury and illness my two Seaton colleagues are out of action at present. However, we do also have response Officers in East Devon and I will bring it to their attention too.

**18/02/161      Public Question time** (maximum 15 minutes)

A Sidmouth Rd resident commented on the CeramTech presentation. Her concern was that 80 houses and the offices would create a lot of traffic movement with only one access. She was disappointed that there had been no provision made for the school parking, given the close proximity of the proposed development to the school and the inevitable increase in traffic.

**18/02/162      The minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> January 2018 were approved and signed as being a true record of that meeting.**

**18/02/163      Matters arising from the Minutes - none**

**18/02/164      Report from County Councillor** - February report emailed to Councillors and will be attached to the minutes. *Report given later in the meeting but reported here in agenda order.* Cllr Shaw reported mainly on Health issues. No proposals had been made on the future of the Community hospital building. There will be a consultation on the services provided and an event in Seaton is to be held to which local community groups will be asked to send representatives to have a conversation about local health provision. This will discuss how voluntary organisations can help reinforce the care service and what services the community wants to see delivered in the local area to benefit the local community. (Honiton & Ottery St Mary have hosted such events).

The date will be March 23<sup>rd</sup> in Seaton Town Hall from 0930 – 1230 and formal invitations will go out soon and he encouraged councillors to come to the meeting if at all possible.

The DCC annual meeting, at which Council Tax will be set, is on 15<sup>th</sup> February and an increase in Council Tax is expected due to reduced central government funding and more demands on the services provided.

The Pothole Action Fund is still awaiting a final decision re distribution and the amount available.

Cllr Hay commented on the collapsed bank at Ridgeway two years on and still not repaired. Stephen Kelly is aware and Cllr Shaw will chase this up with him

Cllr Gibbins commented on the cost of providing the VAS at Gulley shoot, a total of £3700 which seems exorbitant! Cllr Shaw commented that they were guided by the engineers.

Cllr Pady expressed concern that provision of the zebra crossing was in jeopardy because of the school bus parking chaos where 8 buses turn up at once and park nose to tail down the road. Cllr Shaw said he was aware of the situation and believed Tom Vaughn was going to speak to the school. Cllr Gibbins asked Cllr Shaw to guarantee that Highways will be approached. Why can't the zebra crossing be implemented and anyone parking on it dealt with under the current traffic laws? This was echoed by Cllr Tattershall. Cllr Shaw said that he recognised that this was a top priority for Colyford and the CPC and that the DCC were committed to providing a crossing. Cllr Hay asked when the next batch of double yellow lines would be considered as the traffic refuge on South Street was being used for parking and the only solution would be to place double yellow lines there? Cllr Shaw said that proposals should be in by the end of March for consultation in June.

Cllr Real commented on the good job done down at Colyford with the new wall and Cllr Tattershall explained that the sandbags used there were the base of a Devon bank and had been seeded with grass and wildflowers.

A Colyford resident reiterated the need for a zebra crossing for Colyford but was worried about where the buses might end up parking as the surrounding roads are already congested and the best idea would be if the buses could come along in relay as previous discussed.

**18/02/165 Report from District Councillor - Cllr H Parr** detailed the start of the Green Waste collection from May. This will be a subscription service at an annual cost of £48 and the 240l wheelie bin supplied will be emptied on a fortnightly service for 11 months with a break taken over Christmas and the New Year. No side waste will be collected and there are details on the internet of the acceptable materials or a list can be obtained through the post if you ring EDDC.

**18/02/166 Highway Matters**

- i) TTRO Wednesday 21 Feb – 23 – Feb – Gate Cross to Lexhayne Mill – Drainage
- ii) TTRO Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March – 2<sup>nd</sup> March – Downhayne Farm to junction with Yardbury Hill – Patching
- iii) TTRO Monday 5<sup>th</sup> March – location as above – continuation of Patching
- iv) TTRO Monday 5<sup>th</sup> March – 9<sup>th</sup> – Gates Cross to Lexhayne Mill - Resurfacing.

Cllr Pady reported that there had been a meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> Jan with Highways, Neil Parish and Cllr Shaw along with speedwatch representatives and members of the public where the speedwatch representatives had expressed their dismay at the lack of response from DCC even when faced with mounting evidence of speeding vehicles. Mike Jones the Highways engineer had identified a location for a much need zebra crossing opposite the Church and the funding is in place for it with designs drawn up but it's being held hostage to the chaos of the school bus parking, where up to 8 coaches turn up and park nose to tail down the road and would encroach on the proposed crossing. Coach companies need to stagger their arrival and it's a great disappointment to the residents of Colyford that this is not being done, can CPC not engage with the school and bus companies? Cllr Gibbins asked why the crossing couldn't be built and the buses fined if they park on or across it? Cllr Real though this may be an excuse not to build it and why should the onus be on the Parish Council. There was some discussion on the situation and it was resolved to place this on the next agenda where the meeting will be in Colyford. Cllr Pady proposed a letter is written to Highways, seconded by Cllr Gibbins and agreed by all.

**18/02/167 Report from Meetings Attended**

- a) Public Consultation re Ceram Tech site (6<sup>th</sup> February 2018). Cllr Parr declared an interest as he is a tenant on the land.

Cllr Real was appalled at the presentation. Homes England had not listened to the CPC's concerns and had taken no notice of the Housing needs assessment survey. No affordable homes were being provided in that proposal and no school car parking or live/work units. There was discussion on the infrastructure of the town and the ability of the current sewage system to cope with the increase in residential numbers. The traffic problem was also discussed and there was a feeling from Cllr Pady that not all 7 acres should be developed for housing but some maintained as a green space, possibly bought by a CLT and used for recreation & school parking. This could then possibly be released for building when required.

- i) CLT response – 9 members of the public had registered their interest and Cllr Pady proposed the CPC hosts a public meeting to discuss the formation of a CLT, inviting Geoff Pook from Beer and representatives from the Wessex CLT Trust

Seconded by Cllr Norris and agreed by all.

- b) Public Consultation re Colyford homes

Cllr Parr had attended this meeting and felt that the developers were trying to put far too many houses into such a space and this erosion of the green wedge goes against what the Parish Council wants from that area. This is creeping development on a green wedge which the CPC wants to maintain. EDDC have already commented that Colyford is a sustainable community which does not require any more development.

#### 18/02/168 Correspondence

- a) Publications e-mailed to councillors – Intouch/RSN etc
- b) Copy of letter from residents of St Andrews Orchard to Highways department re Dolphin Street traffic speeds – read out. Awaiting Highways response.
- c) Email from Sam Gammon (Homes England) re Ceram Tech site and progress of a license issued to the Primary school to use the car park – now with DCC lawyers who are talking to Homes England.
- d) Email from Zelda Rhodes re setting up an Outdoor learning area in Colyton – either Playing Fields or Community woodland – discuss under amenities,
- e) Letter from Colyton residents re the Redevelopment of the CeramTech site – read out – some good points made.
- f) Crime & Safety roadshow – Seaton 10<sup>th</sup> February – *circulated to Councillors.*
- g) Request from local residents for a reserved plot in the Cemetery – EROB issued
- h) Information from Hastoe ref their Community Grants Fund which could be used to purchase and maintain a dog bin for the residents of Seaway Head. Passed onto the resident who had complained as the application needs to come from them – nothing heard.
- i) Details of Crime & Safety Roadshow in Seaton 10<sup>th</sup> Feb – *sent to councillors*
- j) Post consultation letter on Axe Valley Sixth Form Provision – decision to suspend recruitment into the sixth form for up to three years - noted
- k) Details of DCC's Traffic Sensitive Street Review – *comments from 1st March*
- l) Letter from new resident reporting broken links on the CPC webpages – *webmaster informed.*

#### 18/02/169 Finance

Minutes of the Finance meeting held 22<sup>nd</sup> January (Appendix U) to be noted  
Cllr Real proposed the accounts are paid, seconded by Cllr Pady and agreed by all.

Cheque #	Name			VAT	Total
TBC					
DD	Talk Talk	Telephone & Internet	£24.13	£4.82	£28.95
DD	Opus	John's Workshop	£8.11	£0.41	£8.52

4038	Colyford Memorial Hall	Booked CPC meetings for March & October			£56.00
4039	Archant	Advert for Ground Maintenance Contract	£127.50	£25.50	£153.00
4040	ALCC	Membership			£30
4041	SLCC	Membership			£147
4042	Cash	Toilet caretaker invoice for January			£100
4043	Festive Lighting Company	Purchase of Christmas lights	£2582.46	£516.49	£3098.95
4044	Mole Avon Trading	Bin liners & wood stain	£20.83	£4.16	£24.99
4045	Viridor	Waste Management	£141.95	£28.39	£170.34

- a) Councillor required to do next audit – Cllr Gibbins volunteered.
- b) Quote for pipe & concrete to finish flood alleviation scheme – Cllr Pady detailed the two quotes and Cllr Real proposed the two cheapest (Mole Avon & Jet Set) be accepted, seconded by Cllr Gibbins and agreed by all. 2 or 3 volunteers will be needed to help with the work.  
Cllr Real proposed that the CPC applies for a drainage license, seconded by Cllr Jarman and agreed by all.
- c) Parishes Together bids have gone in:
  - Honiton, Colyton & Beer – Art project celebrating EDW – Colyton contribution £1000 – Honiton is lead council
  - Seaton & Colyton – Jurassic cost plastic awareness initiative – Colyton contribution £455 – Seaton is lead council
  - Colyton Parish solo bid for additional funds for Draining/Ditching – £1292
- d) Future Projects: Toilet door - Pavilion Building – Cllr Turner – still looking for quotes.  
Repointing of church wall – Cllr Parr will meet with the contractor once he finishes a large build he is working on.
- e) No TalkTalk phone line after the Feoffees plusnet line went live on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February. An engineer will call on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> between 8am & 1pm. If the fault is caused by a third party the cost is £65. TalkTalk have refunded CPC £7.61. All calls diverted to clerks mobile.  
Clerk suggests she works Wednesday from 8am and takes Friday as her day off – agreed

## 18/02/170 Planning

Minutes of the meeting held Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> January (Appendix V) to be noted

### a Planning Applications

#### **18/0197/FUL Little Winsford, Elm Farm Lane, Colyford – Mr & Mrs Markham**

Revision to 17/2163/FUL construction of first floor extension & single storey front and side extension.

Letter of objection read out.

**SUPPORTED – proposed by Cllr Gibbins, seconded by Cllr Parr and agreed by all.**

#### **17/2879/COU Ashdown Caravan Park, Colyton Hill – Mrs Arbourne**

Amended plan showing relocation of storage compound and additional info in relation to identifying site border on the ground (Original plan is for additional 7 static vans, 14 touring vans and storage compound for 30 caravans).

Cllr Gibbins declared an interest.

**SUPPORTED – proposed by Cllr Clifford, seconded by Cllr Parr and agreed by all.**

#### **18/0209/FUL 3 Stanley Cottages, Fair View Lane, Colyford – Mr & Mrs Saunders.**

Construction of two storey extension and garage.

Cllr Real declared an interest.

**SUPPORTED – proposed by Cllr Pady, seconded by Cllr Gibbins and agreed by all.**

**18/0247/VAR The Kingfisher, Dolphin Street – Mr & Mrs Dack**

Variation on condition 2 of planning consent 15/0906/FUL (erection of covered way to extend toilets) to facilitate a revised design

Cllr Real proposed a site visit, seconded by Cllr Clifford – Clerk will organise.

**b Planning Decisions**

**17/3029/TCA 22 Old Manor Gardens** – T1 Ash reduce by thinning and pruning. T2 Cherry – reshape by pruning. **APPROVED**

**17/2080/LBC Lower Cottshayne, Colyton – Miss K Ponsford.**

Various work – including replacement windows and insertion of roof lights – **APPROVED**

**17/2486/LBC Combe Cottage, Queen Street, Colyton – Colyton Feoffees**

Various work to include re- slate roof, repairs to chimney & flashing. Reinforcement rods to SE elevation, renew 3 windows on front, re-render North elevation, refurbish doors and windows. Create ground floor cloakroom, damp proof course and internal tanking on ground floor.

**APPROVED**

**Memorial Application**

- Add inscription - Jeanette Ellen Shaw (Cremation plot 22) - Approved
- New Memorial – Methyr & Sheila Webber – AA03 *within guidelines* - Approved
- New Memorial – Charles & Ethel Beer – AA02 *within guidelines* - Approved

**c Planning Correspondence - none****18/02/171 Amenities**

- a) Proposal to set up outdoor learning area either at Playing Fields or Community woodland – considered to be a very good idea, but at the community woodland. Cllr Real proposed that CPC supports the idea at the Woodland and Zeldia is encouraged to liaise with AVDCS, seconded by Cllr Clifford and agreed by all.
- b) Cemetery extensions – an area of 45m x 27m is available. Cllr Gibbins will get a fencing quote and the clerk will ask planning if a change of use application is required.
- c) P3 Bid – Cllr Pady explained that the lane from Downhhayne Break to Red Cross needed draining and a better surface put in. Emma Hellier the County footpath warden will be asked to contact the owner of Hooperhayne to ask if her fence could be laid to allow access for the machinery to get the job if the bid is successful.
- d) The councillors emptying the bins in John’s absence felt some needed replacing – John will be asked to comment.

**18/02/172 Colyford – Residents’ concerns – Cllr P Gibbins**

Cllr Gibbins had been made aware of a meeting in Colyford to form a residents association, because some residents felt that Colyford’s point of view was not being put forward.

No councillors had been informed of the meeting or invited to attend as resident.

Cllr Pady gave some background information and stated that at a Burgesses meeting a proposal was made for a residents association, an inaugural meeting will be held Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> February at 1030.

Councillors expressed their hope that the meetings will be transparent and liaise with existing parish councillors, 3 of whom live in Colyford and all of which will put forward resident’s views to CPC.

**18/02/173 Neighbourhood Plan for Colyton Parish – update**

The results from the two public consultation are being collated and analysed by the consultant and a further meeting is planned very soon.

**18/02/174 Reece Strawbridge Centre – Cllr Hay reported from the last meeting.**

- i) Film shows are making a profit
- ii) Sewage pumps are broken, temporary pump installed, the repair is in hand.
- iii) RSC wants to install floodlights on the building. Cllr Gibbins proposed they be allowed to do so. Seconded by Cllr Pady and agreed by all.
- iv) RSC wants to erect a noticeboard, to possibly share with the Football Club on the lower side of the entrance. Cllr Turner to look into it.
- v) Fire Assembly point – The RSC want to move it to the lower car park area. Agreed this needs to be looked at and reported back
- vi) The hedge has not been cut, resolved to get quotes from Andy Hurford & Tony Underdown to do this as Cllr Collier will be out of action for a while.

**18/02/175 Library update – Solicitors have been asked to communicate and present the lease for signing with the hope that everything can be in place for the FoCL AGM****18/02/176 Items brought to the CPC's attention after the agenda had been published**

Improve visibility for drivers exiting The Butts onto Sidmouth Road – Cllr Norris.  
This came out of the consultation and in conversation with residents two suggestions were made which have been suggested to Highways

- a) A traffic mirror opposite the entrance from the Butts on the Ceramtech building.
- b) Make the Butts one way going west, exiting on Burnards Field Rd.  
Await response from Highways;

**18/02/177 Matters to be taken into Committee - none****18/02/178 Dates of future meetings**

Finance & Planning – Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February

Colyton Parish Council Meeting – Monday 12<sup>th</sup> March – Colyford Memorial Hall

The meeting closed at 9.10pm

## APPENDIX 1

**County Councillor's Report, February 2018****Community 'conversation' about health in Honiton**

I attended a half-day gathering on 'Honiton's Health Matters' at the Beehive. This was a constructive gathering of about 60 people, with representatives of many community groups, which heard speakers from the RD&E, the Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), local doctors and others. Round-table workshop discussions had a big emphasis on improving coordination among voluntary organisations and their connections with NHS services. **Proposed Seaton and district health event**

The Honiton event, and a similar in Okehampton, are the first in a series of 'conversations' proposed by the CCG and RD&E to enable communities centred on 'market towns' to say what they want from 'place-based' delivery of health care.

I am helping to plan a similar gathering for the Seaton area in March: it will not be a public meeting but will be open to all community organisations concerned with health and wellbeing in a broad sense. This will be our opportunity to say which services we want delivered locally, including in Seaton hospital.

**Report by the CCG and NHS Property Services on future of hospital buildings**

After I raised this at the September and November meetings of Health Scrutiny, the Committee received a report at its meeting on 25th January. While NHS Property Services now owns the hospitals and communities have no legal rights as a result of their contributions, NHS PS acknowledged that they are 'always happy to work with local communities to consider local services'.

Scrutiny's resolution requested that NHS PS 'uphold this undertaking' and keeps the Committee informed on the timeline for changes in the status of the hospitals. Crucially, there will be no precipitate decisions on the future of the buildings, but the CCG will decide what space they need after the community conversations on 'place-based' care. Hopeful signs that the CCG include the RD&E's publicity for increased use of the Minor Injury Unit at Honiton; the introduction of FORCE Chemotherapy into Okehampton Hospital; and NHS PS's emphasis on the Budleigh hub. While there are no guarantees that these will be replicated in Seaton, they emphasise the importance of the conversations now beginning. **Performance of the NHS in**

**Devon and the winter crisis**

Also at Health Scrutiny, it was reported that bed-blocking has been halved since the 'new model of care' was introduced. However I referred to figures which show that performance of the RD&E and the other 3 Devon trusts on key waiting time targets for A&E, cancer care and planned operations has all got worse in the last 12 months. Unfortunately the NHS organisations, including the ambulance services, failed to provide proper reports on the winter crisis, but Claire Wright insisted on information being made available quickly to the committee.

**Devon Accountable Care System (ACS) and Accountable Care Organisations (ACOs)**

The ACS is a new framework for the NHS in Devon from 1st April, which could lead to the development of ACOs later in 2018/19. ACOs could involve 10- to 15-year contracts being agreed for all services in Devon, which Jeremy Hunt has confirmed will be open to private providers. These contracts could lead to permanent rationing of care, since patients will only be entitled to what is contracted, built-in differences in standards across the country, and loss of scrutiny as

private providers can claim commercial confidentiality. The contracts are being challenged in the courts, the Health Select Committee is urgently looking at them, and NHS England has been forced to agree to a 12-week consultation. Deplorably, the Devon Accountable Care System was not brought to Health Scrutiny until I exercised my right to put it on the agenda. As a result, the Committee will examine it at a special meeting (unless the ACS is postponed, in which case this will be on March 22nd). I told Health Scrutiny that there is no public consensus for private contractors running Devon's NHS. Council Tax I expect that DCC, which has lost £15m of central government funding and faces increased pressures from social care, will agree another above-inflation increase. Highways will face reductions: the only funding for local roads in 2018-19 may be the £47k Pothole Action Fund.

### **Colyford**

**CROSSING:** A likely location was reported at a meeting which I chaired including Neil Parish MP. Highways will discuss issues with the Grammar School in order to progress this. **VEHICLE ACTIVATED SIGNS:** a location for a 2nd sign has been agreed, but must await a replacement lamppost later in 2018. I hope that funding for both signs will be finalised soon. **NEW 52 BUS SERVICE.** I pressed for this to include Colyford but it will not for the time being. Colyton & Southleigh

**PATCHING** will begin soon (Records X to Blackbury Camp, Downhayne & Ridgeway Lanes). Seaton

**TOURIST SIGNAGE SCHEME:** I helped broker an agreement, including a donation from my Locality budget, and this has now been signed off. **SEATON DOWN HILL:** work on a new pedestrian refuge is about to begin and I am awaiting advice on the funding of the 40 mph limit, which is agreed in principle.

**HARBOUR ROAD CROSSING:** Highways are unlikely to have the funding for this in 2018-19. I propose that the Town Council and residents join me in approaching Tesco, who had to remove the crossing they originally installed.