

Minutes for the meeting of Colyton Parish Council held in the Mortimer Room of the Town Hall on Monday 14th January 2019 at 7.00 pm

Present: Cllrs A Parr, C Collier (for part of the meeting), B Collier, R Watts, B Norris, E Jones, A Jarman, J Hay, K Clifford, S Real, R Turner, C Pady, Dist Cllr H Parr, County Cllr M Shaw (for part of the meeting) 9 members of the public and E Berry (Clerk)

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

19/01/175 Receipt & Approval of apologies for absence – PC Adam Speers (Training course).

19/01/176 Police Report

9 CRIMES:

- 2 x Violence with Injury (1 x Seaton crime & 1 domestic assault)
- 1 x Violence w/o Injury (domestic from 2015 reported this December)
- 1 x Burglary Dwelling (slight damage to doorframe by unknown means)
- 1 x Burglary Non Dwelling (not a crime as item was moved by a friend and not stolen)
- 2 x Vehicle Offences (mirror taken from van & chainsaw taken from back of a pickup)
- 2 x Criminal Damage (to vehicle & car scratched)

14 LOGS:

- 2 x ASB (someone living in campervan & 1 x repeat 999 caller)
- 3 x Crimes (as above)
- 5 x Public Safety (concerns for family members AIO)
- 4 x Transport (vehicle obstructions & animals on road)

19/01/177 Public Question time (maximum 15 minutes)

A Colyford resident outlines his request for a Petanque/Boules court that would be for the community and of a size and quality accepted by the Association for league matches. The preferred location would be the Peace Memorial Playing Fields where the Pavilion could be hired for refreshments and the court would be available to all and once built require very little maintenance.

Vicky Mills gave an update on the Colyford Speedwatch team. With the loss of two key members the team is now 7 people with no-one prepared to take on the role of data controller necessary to transfer the data gather to the police. It requires a fair bit of time and commitment and the exercise of going out with the equipment is useless unless that data is transferred and used by the police. The process of getting someone accepted and trained is a long one, with initial training supervised by the Police but this may be changing.

19/01/178 The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 10th December 2018 were agreed and signed as being a true record of that meeting.

19/01/179 There were no matters arising from the Minutes

19/01/180 Report from County Councillor – circulated to councillors – Appendix 1.

Cllr Shaw reported on several local issues:

- a) The parking around the Colyton Primary School had slightly improved with the issuing of permits for the Dolphin Street car park. A request for a traffic enforcement officer to attend in the next few weeks has been made now that an alternative exists.
- b) Govers Meadow street lights were reinstated very quickly rather than the long delay quoted after Cllr Shaw spoke to Western Power. Devon County Council is looking at its street light policy especially on private roads. Concerns had been express in Dawlish and DCC will pay attention to residents' concerns before making any final decision.
- c) There is still no definitive answer on the road crossing in Colyford. With the changes having to be made it is substantially more expensive and needs to be justified. There is a meeting next week. He is frustrated because when it was first proposed it was not subject to any conditions and in his opinion must be implemented. The Highways budget is underspent this year so he is hopeful.

- d) With regards to Speedwatch teams the DCC mentioned at a recent meeting that the Police are keen to give more emphasis and support such team and simplify the procedure for members.

Cllr Real explained a situation in Moorefields where disabled non driver had been allocated a disabled car space. It appears that DCC are aware an a team will be sent out to burn off the white lines – he questioned the cost of this and the allocation of the space in the first place and wondered if a procedure was in place to reclaim the costs.

Cllr Hay commented on the Colyton Grammar School planning application and felt that it should not be supported until the parking issue is sorted.

Cllr Watts reported that there was a meeting on Monday between Highways (M Jones), the School and representatives from the residents association. The CPC are unaware of any meeting which apparently is invitation only. After some discussion Cllr Pady will attend as a CPC representative.

19/01/181 Report from District Councillors

Cllr H Parr reported on the November recycling figures (available on the EDDC website).

Recycling is up with over 59% of all waste being recycled. Metal is highly desirable.

99.66% of rent due on council owned houses was collected.

The relocation to Honiton is on schedule for the move in February and she is being shown around the offices later this month.

There were 89 Food Hygiene inspections in November with 19 dropped ratings, 24 increased ratings and 46 staying at the same level.

235 car permits had been processed giving an income of over £28k and 161 parking tickets were issued. In November £181000 was raised in car park charges, whilst car parking remains an emotive issue the income generated is vital to the running of the council and is fairer than an overall increase in council tax on everyone.

19/01/182 Highway Matters

- a) TTRO 4th Feb – 8th Feb Road past Bonehayne Farm, Colyton – Fencing repair.
- b) Colyford Speedwatch Team – the update previously given was discussed and it was agreed that the clerk would advertise for additional volunteers and confirm the process for those volunteers.
- c) Cllr Pady proposed, in the light of Cllrs Shaw's report, that a letter be written to Highways Officer M Jones re the Colyford Crossing and confirmation sought that it will be implemented this financial year, He would also like details of the crossing and whether it will have belisha beacons. Seconded by Cllr Jones with 5 votes in favour, 0 against.

19/01/182 Report from Meetings Attended

Cllr Watts had circulated his notes and comments on the Highways Winter Service & Traffic Speed workshops he attended on 19/12/18.

19/01/183 Correspondence

- a) Publications e-mailed to councillors – Intouch/RSN etc
- b) AONB Autumn newsletter 2018
- c) Draft Heritage Statement 2019 – the points for consideration were discussed and a comment made that this was a poorly written document with confusing terminology that does not sit well as a strategy document. The clerk will forward the comments.
- d) DALC nomination to Palace Garden Party – emailed to Councillors, deadline 23rd January – Cllr Parr proposed Cllr Turner, seconded by Cllr Pady and agreed by all.
- e) Email – DALC Course for Charities, Community Groups, Village Halls and Parish Councils coming up in the new year – circulated to Councillors
- f) Emails from D Cocker and Ed Freeman re site North of Yaffles and the advertising hoarding noted.
- g) Notification from Overmass & Chapple that they achieved Accredited Monumental Mason registration.
- h) Details of new contract awarded to Dartline to operated bus service 20 from May. No change to the service proposed.

19/01/184 Finance

Minutes of the Finance meeting held 17th December 2018 (Appendix R) to be noted
Cllr Real proposed the accounts to be approved for payment, Cllr Collier seconded the motion and all agreed.

Cheque #	Name	Work		VAT	Total
DD	Opus Energy	Electricity for workshop	11.72	0.59	£12.31
DD	Talk Talk	Broadband & Telephone	26.30	5.25	£31.55
4180	Cash	Toilet Caretaker Invoice for December			£100
4181	MNR Mowers	Blade for mower	8.52	1.70	£10.22
4182	Mole Avon	Sandpaper	8.98	1.80	£10.78
4183	Viridor	Waste Collection December	101.83	20.37	£122.20
4184	Halcyon Landscapes	Invoice for December	468.33	93.67	£562.00

- a) Cemetery extension/fencing quotes. Three quotes had been received. All were read out and Cllr Pady proposed that quote C at £4110 be accepted, seconded by Cllr Turner and agreed by all.
- b) Budget approval after consideration of cemetery extension quotes. (£2218 already committed for path repairs in existing cemetery, work commenced 08/01/19). The additional work for the cemetery was factored into the budget along with the P3 charges. Printing costs for the Neighbourhood plan will be taken from Reserves. Cllr Real proposed the precept request of £57520 be submitted to EDDC, seconded by Cllr Turner and agreed by all,
- c) DISREGARD. Request from Northleigh that we partner with them for a grant from the Communities Together fund to purchase a Plate Compactor (£400 - £600) to fill the small potholes with Instarmac which we could also purchase to do our own pothole repairs once training given. *Application not going ahead.*
- d) Colyton Community Lights – application for Communities Together funding as an organisation, requires support from CPC - *Voluntary and community groups and clubs can apply where someone like a town or a parish council has agreed in writing to be accountable for the project and the funding, and bankroll it.* Cllr Clifford explained the financial situation of the Committee and the fundraising initiatives in place. Cllr Pady proposed that CPC support the request for funding as per the rules in a letter to EDDC, seconded by Cllr Real and agreed by all. Cllr Clifford will submit the bid tomorrow.
- e) VAT return successfully submitted.
- f) Internal audit due – Cllr Pady

19/01/185 Planning

Minutes of the meeting held Monday 17th December 2018 – (Appendix S) to be noted

a Planning Applications**18/2665/FUL Swallows Eaves Hotel – Ms Robson**

Change of use from hotel to 2 residential properties. (Deferred from December planning meeting) **SUPPORTED** – proposed by Cllr Jones seconded by Cllr Watts & agreed by all.

18/2840/FUL Colyton Grammar School – Mr Lewis

Construction of a mezzanine in the existing Drama Hall – to include 6 rooflights. **SUPPORTED** – proposed by Cllr Pady, seconded by Cllr Parr and agreed on an 8 to 4 vote.

b Planning Decisions**18/2485/FUL 1 Elm Grove Terrace, Dolphin Street – Mr Randell**

Retention of detached outbuilding. **APPROVED with conditions.**

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. **APPROVED**

18/2717/FUL 3 Park View, The Butts – Mr & Mrs Horne.
Construction of single storey kitchen extension. **APPROVED**

18/2432/FUL West St Cottage, The Butts – construction of two storey side extension and single storey front extension – APPROVED with conditions.

c Planning Correspondence

- a) Draft Heritage Strategy (2019 – 2031) Consultation document – comments by 22nd January 2019 sent to Councillors and deferred from December meeting – comments will be forwarded.
- b) EDDC Arboricultural Team – 18/0069/TPO Land North of Kingsholme, Coly Road. TPO now in place - noted
- c) Letter from White Cottage owners re electrical supply to the cottages adjacent to the property. Option two of burying the cable was favoured and proposed by Cllr Real, seconded by Cllr Hay and agreed by all.
- d) Response to complaint about unapproved advertising signage being placed on former Lloyds TSB building. In the hands of EDDC.

19/01/186 Neighbourhood Plan for Colyton Parish – update (out of agenda orders as Cllr Collier has another commitment).

The NP policies are in place and the plan is waiting for the decision on the Ceramtech site which is expected late January, early February. This will then go to EDDC to see whether a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) is required before going out to other interested bodies for comments. This is a long drawn out procedure but it is hoped that the plan will be in place by the end of 2019.

19/01/187 Amenities

- a) P3 Annual bid form – deadline 11th Feb – Ham bridge is of some concern but DCC are aware and plans are in place to effect a repair.
- b) Local resident request Boule/Petanque facility at PMPF. There was some discussion as to a possible location. There is broad support from the Parish Council for such a facility and further discussion will take place at the Planning Committee meeting after location options have been looked into.
- c) Volunteer footpath warden has given up the role – adverts gone out to encourage more people to take on role.
- d) Bin at Four Cross Elms discussed, proposed by Cllr Jones seconded by Cllr Watts. Maintenance man to empty it. Clerk will source

19/01/188 Reece Strawbridge Centre

A meeting had been held and Cllr Hay reported that the outside lights are in hand. A rainwater harvesting system is being looked at, awaiting quotes. The Fire Alarm system is of

guarantee and being a bespoke system parts are not readily available a new system is on order.

The sewage pump is still a problem but an in-line filter has been sourced and fitted which should protect the pump.

The film show this week is Mama Mia – a high attendance is expected.

19/01/189 Colyton Parish Emergency Plan

Cllr Jones will chair a small working group, the Clerk would like to be part of that group. He will report back to the Council.

19/01/190 Update of sell of access from the Butts

Sign suggested by the solicitor now in place. Signed affidavit and other information will be sent to Land Registry.

19/01/191 Proposed meeting with two governors of Colyton Grammar School – Cllr Parr

had been invited by two governors (Mr I Styles & Mr A Moulding) to an informal meeting with them to discuss the perceived breakdown in communication with the school and he is suggested taking Cllr C Collier (Vice Chair) along to the meeting. There was some discussion about what issues should be raised and Cllr Parr will report back.

19/01/192 Items brought to the CPC's attention after the agenda had been published – to be noted

a) Letter from Shene Cottage residents saying they will trim overhanging tree branches and take advice on reducing the height of their firs - noted

b) Apology from Bus Company after driving onto the verge at Fairview Lane and causing damage. Goodwill gesture offered and accepted (used for village gateway & floral display),

c) Parking permits for Dolphin Street car park to be issued to parents who drive their children to school – enforcement officer asked to attend on occasions to encourage the recalcitrant.

19/01/193 Matters to be taken into Committee - none

19/01/194 Dates of future meetings

Finance & Planning – Monday 28th January 2019

Colyton Parish Council Meeting – Monday 11th February 2019

The meeting closed at 9pm.

APPENDIX 1

County Councillor's Report January 2019

Roads action

The two roads which I put forward for repair and resurfacing under the County Council's Resilience Fund, Beer Road (Seaton) and the road north of Drummerstone Cross (Offwell) have now been done, as has Gatcombe Lane (Seaton) which I also pressed for.

The road from Northleigh Cross to Offwell Brook, which I put forward under my Pothole Action Fund allocation, will be done in March. I asked for Northern Lane (Branscombe), which was patched last year, to be top dressed, and this will also happen in the spring.

The County Council has been given £18 million additional funding for Highways and I am expecting additional funds for our division, so parishes should let me know which sections most need doing.

Colyton Grammar School expansion

Colyton Parish Council asked me for my views on the report that Colyton Grammar School is

one of 16 grammar schools which will share £50 million money to expand, and I replied as follows:

Colyton Grammar School is an excellent school and as County Councillor for Seaton and Colyton, I support its case for improved funding for its ongoing activities, as I do for all local schools. However I do not support the Government's £50 million extra funding to expand grammar schools and I am disappointed that Colyton Grammar School put itself forward for this controversial scheme. Additional capital funding should benefit the education of all children, rather than being used to expand a small number of selective schools. It is not right that Colyton Grammar School should benefit from millions of additional funding purely because it is a selective school, when under-pressure local schools which are open to all children receive no funding boost. I also share residents' concerns that expansion of the school would exacerbate the traffic problems which bussing pupils to and from the school already cause in Colyford, and to which no solutions have yet been found.

The Headteacher of the Grammar School has subsequently confirmed that their funding of £490,000 is for Sixth Form expansion. Their case referred to the closure of Sixth Form entry at Axe Valley Academy. I find it depressing that the Government can't fund Axe Valley well enough to support their Sixth Form, but can find extra funding for Colyton Grammar.

Govers Meadow, Colyton, street lighting failure

I intervened with Western Power after the company told residents it could take four weeks to restore lighting on the estate, and the lighting was restored the next day.

Seaton Area Health Matters

The Steering Committee, of which I am a member, will finalise its proposals for using the empty space in Seaton Hospital by the end of January, when they will be made known to members and affiliated organisations as well as discussed with the CCG and RD&E.

CPRE reports on Devon's Housing Needs to go to DCC Cabinet

The Council meeting decided that my motion to examine the implications of the reports by the Council for the Preservation of Rural England, which suggest that Devon is being asked to build too many additional houses and the wrong types, will go to the Cabinet on 9th January. The CPRE have said they will address the Cabinet.

Flybe / Exeter Airport concern due to Brexit uncertainty

I asked a question at the County Council about this. As reported in the press, Flybe has put itself up for sale and Virgin may be interested. The County Council together with other local councils has offered support for Flybe including its training academy at Exeter Airport, but says that in the end it is for the company to resolve the situation. The threat to Flybe was reported to be as a result of the effects of Brexit uncertainty, but Conservative councillor Rufus Gilbert, cabinet member for Economy and Skills, denied this was the cause of the situation.

I also proposed a motion on the Brexit crisis, in the light of this threat and the closure of a car parts factory in Plymouth with the loss of 350 jobs which has been clearly put down to the Brexit situation. However the Council referred it to Cabinet in January. This postpones a full Council discussion until February, when it will be too late to influence Parliament's decisions.

Fracking petition published

Along with over 850 other councillors, I have signed an open letter, Let Communities Decide, opposing government proposals to fast-track fracking by allowing exploration under permitted development rules. We are insisting that before any exploratory work is done local planning authorities should have a chance to look at the proposals. Our area is available for exploration licenses although at the moment there are no signs of any interest from companies, unlike in Dorset.