

Parish Council of Coleford

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June Newsletter

Planning applications

2018/1148/FUL – Retrospective application for the installation of disabled access ramp.

Coleford Pharmacy, Crossways, Church Street, Coleford, Radstock

Coleford Parish Council recommended that the application should be refused but would welcome disabled access that was fit for purpose and complied with current health and safety rules. The current design is inadequate, it is not wide enough and there is insufficient room to negotiate the bend and into the shop for mobility scooters and wheelchairs



Police report

PCSO Michael Storey had sent his apologies along with the following report for the Coleford area:

Burglaries – 0

Non – Dwelling Burglaries – 0

Criminal Damage – 1

Anti-social Behaviour – 8

There were 40 service calls received for Coleford in the month of May. These ranged from ASB, Road related incidents, Burglaries, suspicious sightings and abandoned 999 calls.

Review opening if the BMX pump track and discuss press release

The sun shone on the day of the ceremony which was officially opened by Mr Nigel Taylor the Chairman of Somerset County Council. It was wonderful to see the track being put through its paces by some world class professional who then shared their knowledge and rode with the local youths. It really was a great success. The Parish Council would like to thank everyone who has got involved with the BMX Pump Track and helped to make this happen, from the local businesses that provided materials free of charge, to the residents who held fund raising events and to Cllr Gurd who completed a sponsored sky dive!



We are thrilled to be in the process of putting together a committee to look after and manage the Pump Track and are grateful to those that have volunteered to take on this role.

On a sour note it was very sad see that there has already been a case of vandalism where one of the safety signs and posts had been pulled from the ground and graffiti on the CRG container. Let's hope that this is an isolated incident.

Highways including agree contractor for renovation of finger post signs

A message had been received asking if double yellow lines could be installed outside of the Co-op. This is something that has been investigated on more than one occasion over the last 20 years. If yellow lines were installed who would enforce it? The Police are already overstretched and Coleford parking is unlikely to be a priority. Cllr Ham confirmed that the Small improvement scheme, which included measures to address inconsiderate parking and speeding in the village has been approved to go through to the next stage. If successful it would be many months (if not years) before we would see the installation of the scheme.

Speedwatch

We now have 8 volunteers forming our speedwatch team! The Area Coordinator has been asked to reactivate the previously approved speedwatch locations ready for use once the volunteers are trained. If you think you could spare a bit of time to help then please call Vickie Watts on 07971 516916 or email clerkcolefordsomerset@gmail.com



Date of Next Meetings:

Planning Meeting - Weds 27th June 2018 and Parish Council Meeting Weds 11th July 2018

If you have any issues that you would like to bring to the Parish Council's attention please contact the Clerk on 01749 880428 or email clerkcolefordsomerset@gmail.com

Please check out the website www.colefordsomerset.info

Philip Ham, Chairman