

Parish Council of Coleford

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Newsletter for May 2018

Annual Parish Council Meeting

This is the time that we elect our Chairman and allocate roles for the Councillors. We agreed as follows:

Chairman	Cllr Philip Ham was re-elected
Vice Chairman	Cllr Townsend was re-elected

Working Party

Playing Fields & Play Ares
BMX Pump Track
Environment
Finance
Cemetery
Pay Review
Small Grants

Lead Councillor

Cllr Drescher
Cllr Conn
Cllr Evans
Cllr Conn
Cllr Turner
Cllr Ham
Cllr Banks

Team members

Cllrs Turner, Conn, Evans, Harding & Barrett
Cllrs Turner, Ham, Gurd & the Clerk
Cllrs Talbot, Barret & Townsend
Cllrs Townsend & the Clerk
Cllr Harding, Townsend & the Clerk
Cllrs Townsend & Pearce
Cllrs Conn & Evans

Lead Councillors

Public Footpaths /RoW	Cllr Barrett
Highways	Cllr Pearce & Townsend
Open Spaces and Trees	Cllr Harding & Barrett
Parish Plan	Cllr Conn
Young People	Cllr Ham & Banks

Planning

2018/0632/FUL - Brookside Cottage, Underhill, Coleford, Frome, BA3 5LU
Demolition of derelict cottage, stable and garage and construction of one
garage on the footprint of the existing buildings

After consideration Councillors it was proposed that the application be recommended for approval



Pump track association

A meeting will held at the Hub, Church Street on a date to be agreed in hope that we can form an association.



Pump track signage

Quotes were considered and a contractor selected to make the safety sign and the sign to show the donors names and opening dates. The wording will be agreed and the signs need to be installed before the formal opening.

Arrangements for formal opening ceremony

Invitations have now been sent out to guests. The provisions for refreshments will need to be made soon.

Review year end accounts

The finance working party had reviewed the year end accounts and reported as follows:

- That the pump track forecast overall balance of expenditure was £29,692.77 with income at £30,838.65 subject to receiving the grant from Sport England.
- Other areas were highlighted:
- Clerk salary and expenses - modest overspend due to some figures not known when budget set.
- CAB - one off catch up payment of £2000 to cover the two missing years
- Grass cutting - modest underspend
- Housing Needs Survey - £500 underspend as MDC bore cost
- General admin and misc expenses - overspend due to no budget allocation. (Budget allocations made for 2018-19)
- Capital Improvements (exc pump track) plus repairs - £500 underspend despite payback team's modest costs
- Repairs and improvements at changing rooms - over £900 underspend as CAFC proposals not started yet.
- Play equipment inspections - £1000 not spent and clerk has been doing inspections FoC. It was agreed that Cllr Conn and Cllr Townsend will meet to discuss a way of reimbursing the clerk and bring back to the Council for discussion and approval.
- Play equipment repairs and improvements. Only £1448 spent from £7000 budget
- Parish Plan - £500 not spent. No capacity to start this yet.



Overall an over spend is shown, because the Pump Track project straddles the year end and we have to claim £14,000 from Sport England. Also we have the funds in the BMX/Pump track account. Activity excluding the Pump Track was well within budget overall.



Post Office

Things are slowly progressing. The required upgrading materials have been ordered to ensure sufficient broadband is available. Some cupboards and work surfaces will need to be installed within the room which will be used as the post office. The Post Office will open for 2 hours on a Wednesday and Friday with the times to be confirmed.

Date of Next Meetings:

Wednesday 23rd May 2018 Planning Meeting
Wednesday 13th June 2018 Parish Council Meeting



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