

# Parish Council of Coleford

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## Newsletter for April 2019

### Police Report

PCSO Michael Storey's report highlighted that there were 16 service calls received for Coleford during March. Figures for crimes reported were as follows:



Burglaries – 0  
Non – Dwelling Burglaries – 1  
Criminal Damage – 0  
Theft from a motor vehicle - 0  
Theft of a motor vehicle - 0  
Theft – 2  
ASB – 0

The next PACT meeting is 16<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm at Nunney Village Hall. This is chance to meet with the neighbourhood policing team and discuss issues.

### Street License application

An application had been received for a street trading license from Hunger HQ to provide catering at the The Kings Head Inn at Coleford. The license would be applicable for 1 year. The Parish Council recommended that the application should be approved provided that business is completed and closed by 11pm each day to minimize disruption to the neighbours.

### Update on safety proposals at Crossways Junction

The Parish Council has held a site visit with representatives from Somerset Highways department to discuss the issues that surround the junction of Church Street and Highbury Road. The installation of double yellow lines could alleviate the problem although it was thought that this would need to be in conjunction with a 20mph speed limit or raised platforms. Consultation is underway with the businesses in the vicinity.



### Review the removal of the rails on the footpath from Church Street to Beacon View

The rails were removed last month on the basis that the Council would monitor the path and feedback. Over the month there has been comments on social media and feedback via Councillors some of which were concerned and felt they should be reinstated but others supported the removal of the bars. By opening up the footpath it has given families a safer route to school away from the congested main road and in particular the front of the Co-op which is at times dangerous. The Council will continue to monitor.

## Update on the Election 2019

Our existing 13 Councillors were the only people to submit nomination papers which has resulted in all being elected unopposed. The Annual meeting of the Parish Council will take place on the 8<sup>th</sup> May when a Chairman elected will be elected and acceptance of office and declaration of interest's forms will be submitted.

As there will still be an election for the District Councillors on the 2<sup>nd</sup> May, due to the purdah rules, there were no District Councillor reports this month.

## Second Defibrillator for the village



The Rotary club have confirmed a donation of £500 towards the cost of a second defibrillator if the Parish Council was to match fund, which is great news. The AED Locator defibrillator, which is the same as the one located at the Co-op is currently priced at £1999 plus VAT. Further quotes will be sought for consideration at the next meeting. The new defibrillator will be located at the bottom of the village, the exact location needs to be agreed.

## The Annual Parish Meeting

The Annual Parish Meeting is an annual event when the local groups and clubs can get together to report back on what they have been doing for the last year. This will take place on the 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2019, 7pm @ The Hub. Parishioners are invited to come along. It's a great way to hear what's going on in our village. Light refreshments will be provided!



## Annual Litter pick

The Parish Council were delighted to see so many people giving up their time to clean up Coleford. Thank you to each of you that joined the team on the day, you collected an incredible amount of rubbish from around the village. We also want to say thank you to the regular pickers who are out throughout the year tackling the litter.

## Dog Fouling

This continues to be a major issue for the village. We urge you all to act responsibly and clean up after your dog and we know that the majority of you are already doing just that. You will have recently received a flyer from the Parish Council. The form can be completed and sent to Mendip Enforcement officers to report incidents of dog fouling. They will then contact the dog owners direct which could result in a fine.

## Date of Next Meetings:



Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> April 2019	Planning Meeting
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> May 2019	Annual Parish Council Meeting & Parish Council meeting
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May 2019	Annual Meeting of the Parish

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](mailto:clerkcolefordsomerset@gmail.com) Check out the website [www.colefordsomerset.info](http://www.colefordsomerset.info)

*Philip Ham, Chairman*