

Parish Council of Coleford

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Newsletter for May 2017

Councillor Appointment and Resignation

At our recent meeting we were pleased to receive a letter from Mr Chris Pearce expressing an interest in becoming a Councillor. Mr Pearce moved to the village in 1988 and had stood as a Parish Councillor between 2005 and 2011 so we were delighted that he was keen to return and the Council did not delay in co-opting him onto the Council.

Having filled the Councillor vacancy it was with sadness that the Council received the letter of resignation from Val Horler after 26 years of service to Coleford Parish Council. Her wealth of knowledge about the Parish and its "comings and goings" will be missed enormously but of course we wish Val all the best, and hope that she enjoys her new found freedom.

District and County Council report

Due to the local elections and the state of purdah, there was little to report for the District and County Councils this month. For our parish, Councillor Philip Ham regained his seat as County Councillor and I'm sure come the month of June he will have settled back into his role and normal business will have resumed.

Decisions on Previous Planning Applications

2017/0445/HSE - To erect a White PVCu framed roof canopy to the side of the property
Waverley, Church Street, Coleford
Approved by Mendip District Council with conditions

2017/0834/AGB - Land at Rope Walk Farm, Coleford, Radstock
Erection of apex building for the storage of animal feed.
Prior approval is not required.



Present Planning Applications

2017/0891/TPO - 26 Preachers Vale Coleford BA3 5PT

Oak (A) - Crown lift to a height of 5m above ground, reduce the crown to leave a finished crown spread of 8m high and 6m wide, remove all dead or decaying limbs, branches and foliage.
Coleford Parish Council recommended that the application be approved.

Approve the Audit 2016/17

The Clerk confirmed that the internal audit had been completed during April and that she had prepared the paperwork for the Annual audit for 2016/17 which needs to be submitted to Grant Thornton for the first week of June. The Clerk ran through the relevant points and full Council answered the questions relating to the Annual governance statement 2015/16. Both the Annual Governance and Accounting statement were then signed. The Clerk will ensure that the audit paperwork is submitted to the external auditor by the deadline and displayed on the notice boards and website to allow the electors an opportunity to examine the accounts.

Progress on the BMX track



Things are starting to happen! It has been decided that a new access to the Highbury Playing field should be installed from Newbury Lane. This will involve planning permission and the removal of a small tree, but it is believed it will be a worthwhile addition to the field for Village Day and will certainly help during the installation of the BMX track. There are two further trees in the field boundary that will need to be removed to accommodate the track and this work will take place during May. The paperwork for the planning permission is being collated as we speak and again hopefully will be submitted imminently.

Further meetings are planned with track designers to get an idea of a suitable design and contractors will be sought to quote for the new entrance. The Council have been busy investigating potential funding sources. There will no doubt be hoops to hop through, but hopefully good preparation will help to strengthen our case - the Council is committed to making this happen.

Community Pay back scheme

The Council has secured a regular slot with the Community Pay Back scheme and have been compiling a list of potential projects for the team to complete ranging from litter picks to renovating the village benches. We now need to ensure that we have the required materials ready for them to undertake the jobs and ensure that we have appropriate work for both wet and dry weather. This scheme offers great value to the Council and it is hoped that they will be able to make a real difference in some areas of the village.

Village Website

The new website is looking fantastic! Please log on to www.colefordsomerset.org and take a look for yourself. You'll find information about the village along with copies of the Parish Council agendas and minutes. There are still areas that need to be updated which will be completed over the coming months.

Date of Next Meetings

Tuesday 23rd May 2017

Planning Meeting

Wednesday 14th June 2017

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 clerk@colefordsomerset.org

Please check out the NEW website www.colefordsomerset.org

Alan Townsend, Vice Chairman