

Parish Council of Coleford

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 26th July 2016

Presentation by Laura Miller of the Citizen Advice Bureau

Laura thanked the Council for being a contributor to the CAB funds. She said that a current CAB priority was “Prevention Better Than Cure”. They were looking to get their message across to younger people about money and consumption management through schools where possible. The imminent introduction of Universal Credit was expected to bring problems for those currently receiving benefits weekly being changed to a monthly basis. All those affected have been notified in advance. Advice and support is available from Mendip. There is a CAB rep available at the Surgery on a Tuesday, the CAB van comes to the RBL on Thursday mornings, and the CAB office at Shepton Mallet is always available.

The Chairman thanked Laura for her informative presentation

Public Forum Period

Cllr Evans advised that a dangerous hump of concrete had been spilt near the Mells Park AT entrance. Cllr Townsend to notify Highways.

Cllr Evans had been advised that the pavement in front of the Co-op was difficult for mobility scooter users. The pavement here belongs to the shop and Cllr Townsend was AT actioned to investigate with Co-op management.

Cllr Conn had been approached about the Bus Stop sign in front of the Crescent. Cllr Ham advised that agreement had been reached with all concerned and Highways would be actioning very soon.

Cllr Turner had been approached about the hedge growth opposite 35 Mendip Vale and the condition of the nearby footpath linking the two parts of Mendip Vale. Cllrs Turner and CT/AT Townsend agreed to investigate.

- 1 **Present**
Cllr P Ham (Chairman Presiding for part of the meeting) Cllr Townsend (Chairman for part)
Cllrs Conn, Turner, Evans, Horler and Littlechild,
- 2 **Apologies for Absence (acceptance of any reasons offered)**
Cllrs Banks, Fisher, Gurd, Talbot, Neesam and Foot
- 3 **Declaration of Interest and Dispensations granted since last meeting**
Agenda Item 3.2 – Cllr Townsend
Agenda Item 3.4 – Cllr Ham

Planning applications

All Councillors had considered the plans for the applications listed below prior to the meeting:

4.1 2016/1576/FUL Proposed New 4 bedroom, 2 storey, dwelling house, associated access, parking & amenity space. Avalon, Lipyeate Coleford Frome BA3 5PW

It was proposed by Cllr Turner that the application be approved which was seconded by Cllr Littlechild.

Vote 5 in favour, 0 against and 2 abstention (2 Due to District Councillors)

4.2 2016/1606/HSE Construction of a crossover in road verge and footpath to provide vehicular access. 2 Goodeaves Close Coleford Radstock Somerset BA3 5RG

It was proposed by Cllr Evans that the application be refused which was seconded by Cllr Conn. The following reasons were recorded

Highway safety

1) there are no turning splays at the exit onto/off the highway therefore it will be necessary to come virtually to a stop to turn in off the highway. This would be a hazard.

2) also there is said to be parking for two cars, we do not believe there is room for both vehicles to park and turn so they can enter/exit the highway in forward gear.

Visual impact

1) there is a contradiction between the words in Box 11 on the Application form and the accompanying words and photo. Box 11 states that the Material will be "tarmacadam paving", and that no additional information is being supplied. However the accompanying plans show Grasscrete concrete paver. What is actually proposed?

2) the second vehicle parking in front of the dwelling will spoil a street scene where on this side of the entry into the village there are no vehicles parked along this line of dwellings. If approved a precedent will be set and the valued visual quality will be rapidly eroded.

Access - Box 5, question 3 of the application form states there will be no change to a right of way. This is queried as the new driveway clearly crosses an existing footpath.

Vote: 5 in favour of refusal, 0 against and 1 abstention (Due to District Councillor & D of I))

4.3 2016/1488/FUL – Siting of a temporary agricultural workers dwelling and the erection of two agricultural buildings. Spring Water Farm, Anchor Road, Coleford

Mr J Smith and Ms K Prewitt represented the applicant Cllr A Foot. Cllrs were advised of the applicant's problems with the milk price issue and his wish to move to rearing livestock which would require continuous on-site monitoring,

It was proposed by Cllr Horler that the application be approved which was seconded by Cllr Turner.

Vote 5 in favour, 0 against and 2 abstention (2 Due to District Councillors)

4.4 2016/1727/LBC & 2016/1726/FUL - A proposed close boarded fence behind an exiting classroom building, and in front of a stone wall. Newbury Manor School Tinkers Lane Newbury Frome Somerset

It was proposed by Cllr Conn that the application be approved with the following comments: Councillors wished to know the purpose of this second application, which was validated on 13th July, following the approval of /1232 and /1233 on the same day, and noting that the new Design and Access Statement appeared to be the same document as for the previous application.

In such cases Councillors were strongly of the opinion that for this, and any other repeat application, it should be mandatory for some sort of comparison and explanation of changes to be provided. The decision was seconded by Cllr Littlechild

Vote 5 in favour, 0 against and 1 abstention (Due to District Councillors)

Councillor Philip Ham left the meeting at 19.45hrs

5 Update and discussion on the Shared Access proposal to improve mobile coverage in the village

Cllr Ham advised that Mr Martin Evans of Mendip DC had agreed to be our legal adviser and the provider had been duly informed.

6 Matters of Urgency – at the Chairman’s Discretion

Cllr Ham advised that the Lower Playing Field site needed to be cleared for the Multiplay equipment installation to commence. Cllr Turner had placed an urgent request for a special Key for taking the old equipment apart, the supplier was not being helpful. Alternative means of deconstruction may be necessary.

Cllr Ham distributed copies of a notice inviting interested parties to attend a meeting on the proposed Skateboard Park at the Hub on Thursday, 11th August 2016, at 7.00 pm.

Several Cllrs asked for issues regarding the upkeep of the Butterfly bank and the Lower Ag Playing Field boundary to be raised as Agenda items at the next meeting.

7 Date of Next Meetings:

Wednesday 10th August 2016

Parish Council Meeting

Tuesday 23rd August 2016

Planning Council Meeting

The Meeting closed at 8.25 pm