

Parish Council of Coleford

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Newsletter for April 2017

Councillor Vacancy

We still have a Councillor vacancy, which we are really keen to fill. If you think you could spare a few hours each month to attend the Council meetings which are held on the second Wednesday of each month then please get in touch. The Clerk will be able to tell you more about the role and answer any questions that you might have.

Police

The next PACT meeting will take place on the 11th May at the Rode Pavilion. If you have questions about any aspect of policing please do go along and have your say.

Somerset County Council report

County Cllr Ham reported that:

- Elections will take place on the 4th May and Cllr Ham will be standing again.
- There have been four Quarry meetings recently.
 - Halecombe quarry are looking to move their offices so that the quarry can be extended.
 - The Wainwrights planning application to extend the quarry towards Oakhill is imminent.
 - Torr and Coleman's have reduced their carbon footprint by 50%
 - At Whatley quarry there was an interesting presentation about the use of explosives in quarrying.
- All quarries are at full production.
- The Frome Town consultation meeting was only attended by 3 people. The Town Council are proposing to remove the free parking bays outside the banks and transform the area into a pedestrian friendly zone.

Mendip District Council report

District Cllr Townsend reported that:

- The Wainwright planning application will provide answers to the questions which the original application raised.
- Rode Parish Council have completed their Neighbourhood Plan which is now subject to referendum. It may be worthwhile Coleford Parish Council giving it consideration with a view as to whether it would be worthwhile putting together a plan for Coleford. The plan is key to unlocking CIL funding if there is development within the village.
- The Bishops Barn in Wells is undergoing review as to what it could be used for in the future.
- Keyrings Lettings have housed 3 families in the last month. They currently have no properties available and are seeking landlords.

District Cllr Ham reported that:

- Shape Mendip lottery is now up and running. The lottery and the benefits to the Hub need to be promoted to maximise income for the hub who receive a direct cut from the tickets sales.
- The Changing Places scheme which aims to provide changing facilities for adult disabled people within Mendip is progressing with some offers of money and some sites proposed. The cost is approximately £30K per build with ongoing running costs of £3K per year per site.

- The first Syrian families which moved to Frome a year ago have now moved to new homes in Bath (supported by the 4 year scheme). Two more families are expected soon and will be moving to Frome and Glastonbury. Only 20% of the Councils throughout the country have welcomed refugees in the way that was recommended by Government.
- The Frome to Radstock rail link is looking like a real possibility, with stations at Frome, Mells and Radstock. CPM, the concrete pipe works is looking to expand its site and is keen to utilise the rail network as a method of transportation. Talks continue with Sustrans to find solutions to re-routing of the cycle path.
- There have been several complaints regarding the Penny's haulage lorries, which are accessing the old Cookwood Quarry site, in particular whilst using Charlton Road. Cllr Ham has spoken to the site owner and the hauliers regarding the complaints. All lorries have forward facing cameras so if a registration number is noted during an incident of inconsiderate driving then it will be investigated by the haulage company.
- As part of the Transformation group, it was agreed that the plans for the new Shepton Library will be submitted. There are discussions around the creation of a blue light hub at the site. It was agreed that 20 units from Box Works will be purchased by Mendip District Council to be sited in Frome Town Centre for start-up businesses to rent; with further units being located in Shepton Mallet at a later date. They will be managed by Forward Space Ltd but will provide an income to MDC.

Planning Applications

Coleford Parish Council voted in favour of the following applications being approved:

2017/0597/LBC - Insertion of conservation roof light within north roof slope and the creation of a door opening in screen wall (not boundary wall) at Hill Farm Lipyeate Coleford Radstock Somerset

2017/0596/FUL - Insertion of conservation roof light within north roof slope and the creation of a door opening in screen wall (not boundary wall) at Hill Farm Lipyeate Coleford Radstock Somerset
Erection of an oak framed car port and workshop and detached timber greenhouse.

Previous Planning decisions

2016/3130/PAA - Application for prior approval for a proposed change of use of agricultural storage to dwelling house and for associated operational development.

Owls Nest Farm, Luckington Lane, Coleford

Prior approval refused by Mendip District Council

2017/0209/LBC - Replacement of modern roof coverings with slate. Replacement of 2 modern roof lights with conservation type roof lights

Newbury Manor School, Tinkers Lane, Newbury

Approved with conditions by Mendip District Council

2017/0366/PAH - Prior approval for a proposed single storey rear conservatory extension which would be beyond the rear wall of the original house by 4.5m with a max height of 3.5m and an eaves height of 2.5m

17 Farley Dell, Coleford, Radstock

Mendip District Council decided prior approval is not required

2016/1960/APP - Approval of details reserved by condition 3 (external facing materials) of permission
2015/1605/HSE

Nathaniel's Barton, The Barton, Church Street, Coleford

Approved by Mendip District Council

2017/0194/OTS - Outline application for a single dwelling on land adjacent 1 Roseberry Cottages
Land adjacent to 1 Roseberry Cottages, Highbury Street, Coleford.
Approved by Mendip District Council

Review accounts for year-end 31st March 2017

The year-end 2016/17 accounts were agreed and signed off as an accurate record. It was noted that there would be some items purchased imminently that should have been paid out during the 2016/17 financial year, like the CAB payment and street furniture, which would have reduced the figures carried forward.

New Street furniture

An order for 5 x 100 ltr grit bins and 5 x Cesar grit bins had been placed to replace damaged street furniture or for new sites. A new recycled plastic and steel bench has also be purchased to replace the damaged bench on Church Street opposite the Church.

Community Pay back scheme

We have been able to secure the Community Pay Back team for 6 sessions (1 day a month) starting in July. A provisional list of potential projects has been created. We now need to prioritise the tasks and prepare a list of materials and tools that will be required to complete each task.

Review website

Please take a look at the website which has been revamped! We think it's clear and easy to navigate. You'll find up to date minutes and agendas for Parish Council meetings. The Parish Council is enormously grateful to Mr Peter Coles who has built the new site as well as generously funding the first year cost of hosting which is very generous. Take a look at the site and if you have any questions then please do let the Clerk know so that it can be rectified.

Progress report on BMX track

Lots of research has been going on behind the scenes since our last meeting; looking at potential designs and options available to Coleford Parish Council. Kye Forte is an International BMX rider as well as the company owner who has designed and built the Leigh on Mendip track.

The proposed Coleford site has been measured and a scale drawing showing the current football pitch, the youth football pitch and the new BMX track has been prepared. The site is large enough to incorporate both a BMX track and pump track. The pump track surface is also suitable for scooters and skateboards which would capture the interest of a larger number of potential users.

Cllr Conn and the Clerk have been tasked with sourcing grants and funding opportunities for the project.

Date of Next Meetings:

Tuesday 25th April 2017

Annual Parish Meeting and Planning Meeting

Wednesday 10th March 2017

Annual Parish Council Meeting and 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

Philip Ham, Chairman.