

Parish Council of Coleford

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5 Upper
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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 26th January 2016

Public Forum Period

1. Concern was raised over the lack of lighting on the footpath from Careys Mead to Highbury car park. The Clerk will contact Mendip District Council to see if this can be rectified. VW
2. The surface dressing on Highbury Street has deteriorated terribly since it was completed last year. It has already been raised with the representatives of the Highways department and there has been rumour that it will be re surfaced in the Spring. Cllr Townsend to chase Charlie Higgins for this to be progressed as it is impacting on the drainage systems along the road. AT
VW
3. It was noted that during the process of preparing a recent grave within the Cemetery, damage has been caused to the adjacent grave due to the use of a digger. The Clerk to liaise with the grave digger to rectify the problem. AT
4. A new verge has been created along Brewery Lane but it has not been rolled / packed and there is a worry that the topsoil will run off in the recent heavy rain and block the drainage systems. Cllr Townsend will speak with the landowner.

Present

Cllr P Ham (Chairman Presiding)

Cllrs Townsend, Gurd, Turner, Talbot, Banks, Evans, Neesam, Conn and 1 member of the public.

1 Apologies for Absence (acceptance of any reasons offered)

Cllr Horler and Cllr Littlechild both sent apologies which were accepted by the Chair.

Cllr Foot did not attend.

2 Declaration of Interest and Dispensations

Cllr Townsend declared a personal interest in the planning application 2015/2863/LBC.

3 Planning Applications

2015/2863/LBC - Hill Farm Lipyeate Lane Coleford Frome Radstock

Internal re-configuration at first floor level to create a larger en-suite bathroom to the master bedroom, and a new en-suite shower room to bedroom 2.

All Councillors considered the plans.

Cllr Townsend left the room at 19.18hrs

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

Vote: 7 For; 0 Against; 1 Abstention

4 Planning updates

2015/1316/HIG – Coleford House, High Street, Coleford, BA3 5LU

Complaint about a high hedge. Decision - the hedge is not significantly adversely affecting the enjoyment of the property and therefore no action needs to be taken.

2014/0669/CLE – Application for a lawful development certificate for existing use as C3 dwelling and ancillary residential use of touring caravan
Owls Nest Farm, Luckington Lane, Coleford
Refused.

5 Precept 2016/17

The Clerk explained that there was some confusion over the figures agreed at the last meeting. The Clerk confirmed that 2015/16 precept was £25,615.34 with the council tax support grant of £2,559.66 which totalled £28,175.00 received from Mendip District Council for the year. It was agreed at the last meeting that a 5% increase should be implemented which would equate as follows:

£25,615.34 + 5% which is £1,280.77 making a total of £26,896.11. The council tax support grant for 2016/17 has been agreed at £2,585.76 which would mean that a total of £29,481.87 would be received from MDC.

Our budget spreadsheet as re-amended on the 14/11/15 has a difference between income and expenditure of £29,429.05 which would support the 5% increase as proposed.

The Tax base for 2016/17 is £711.68. If this is divided by our precept request of £26,896.11 it gives the charge to a Band D household of £37.79, which when compared to last year's figure of £36.80 is an increase of £0.99 per household.

VW

All Councillors agreed that the Clerk would submit the Precept request for 2016/17 of £26,896.11

Vote: 9 For; 0 Against; 0 Abstention

6 Agree quote for Butterfly bank interpretation board

The Clerk explained that she had received an updated quote from Signefex for the printing and fitting of the interpretation board for the Butterfly bank to total £164.40. Somerset Wildlife Group have quoted £150 for the printing. Fitting and VAT are not included.

It was agreed that the Clerk should instruct Signefex to print and install the interpretation board.

Vote: 9 For; 0 Against; 0 Abstention

The clearance of the Butterfly bank is due take place on Saturday 30th January 10am to 3pm. Eleanor Higginson has asked if the Parish Council would like the cuttings to be burnt on site during the day and if so where to. After discussion it was agreed that the material should be left and used as part of the Queen's Birthday celebrations. The location of the fire will be agreed on the day.

7 Heritage at Risk Register – 2016 Re Survey.

The Clerk read out the proposed assets to be included in the Heritage at Risk – suggestion form; namely the old canal system including the tunnel that runs under the Church Street in front of the Old Methodist Church. The Aqueduct (known as the Huckyduck) was also to be included. There was a suggestions that the Vobster Coke ovens should also be mentioned although they are not actually within Coleford Parish. The Clerk will liaise with Cllr Conn regarding the appropriate wording to be used to identify the locations of each asset.

VW
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Matters of Urgency

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AT/TG

Vote: 9 For; 0 Against; 0 Abstention

2. Coleford Athletic Football Club – John Hansford had telephoned to speak to the Chairman, Cllr Ham in response to the letter agreed and sent after the last meeting. It was a lengthy conversation but ended with Cllr Ham making it clear that the Playing field is for the use or recreation and that the Flower show and village day are entitled to use the field and are unlikely to change the date. John agreed to give consideration to future plans for the pitch surface and will get back to the Parish Council soon to discuss.

PH

3. Clean for the Queen – Cllr Ham confirmed that there will be a press release going out on Thursday when parishes can then register for the clean-up. Cllr Ham will register Coleford PC.

4. Cllr Turner reported correspondence regarding the application for funding from the Tesco – Bags of Help had been received which confirmed that it had been successful and will go through to a public vote against 2 other local applications. The winner of the public vote will receive £12K, 2nd £10K and 3rd £8K which is fantastic news! The public vote will take place between 27/02/16 to 06/03/16. Cllr Turner

CT

to email a response by the 27/01/16 (tomorrow) to confirm that Coleford PC would like to go through to the public vote.

VW

Vote: 9 For; 0 Against; 0 Abstention

5. An email had been received from Emma Coles requesting the use of the Playing field for the Flower show and Village day from Friday 26th to Monday the 29th of August 2016. All Councillors agreed that this would be acceptable. The Clerk to notify Emma Coles with the Parish Councils agreement.

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Vote: 9 For; 0 Against; 0 Abstention

6. Clerk reminded Councillors that the meeting of Mendip Community Support Frome Forum on the 9th February held at the Community Room, Frome Asda
7. Cllr Gurd requested that funding for Skate Park and play area be an agenda item for a future meeting.

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Date of Next Meetings:

Wednesday 10th February 2016

Parish Council Meeting

Tuesday 23rd February 2016

Planning Council Meeting