

Parish Council of Coleford

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 23rd August 2016

Public Forum Period

Mr Christian Johnson, the applicant for application ref 2016/1314/FUL, was in attendance but did not wish to speak in the Public Forum. He was invited to remain while his application was discussed but only to speak if requested to do so.

Mr J Witt and Mr M Hannan, representing JW Waste, wished to give Councillors a brief on the recycling business for which they were planning to obtain a lease at Newbury Works. The company is a small family business with 7 trucks carrying commercial and skip waste. The current site at Tunley is too small and they expect to transfer most of the activities to Coleford with possible employment opportunities. Relationships with Camerton Parish Council had been good with a 7 year track record. Consent has been obtained for the operation of 8 trucks and 3 skips and all licences were in place for handling Non Hazardous Waste. The Environment Agency was giving advice. The company has its own mechanic. There was a Question and Answer session as follows

Q (Councillor) How does the scale of the operation compare to the old Fullers Earth site?

A (JW Waste) Much smaller

Q What waste material will be handled?

A Whatever arrives in a commercial waste bin, including food waste but that would be taken by collection vehicles directly to the Warminster anaerobic digestion plant and would not be brought to Newbury.

Q What vehicles will be involved?

A Maximum size will be 32 ton 8 wheelers, plus skip wagons.

Q What routes will be used?

A To Bristol, Warminster, Frome and Taunton.

Q What will be the hours of operation?

A Monday to Friday 0700 to 2000, Saturday 0700 to 1300, no Sunday working

The Chairman thanked the Company for coming to the Parish Council.

Cllr Evans reported that the Astra apparently abandoned in Preachers Vale had now been dented.

Cllr P Ham (Chairman Presiding for part of the meeting) Cllr Townsend (Chairman for part)
Cllrs Banks, Conn, Turner, Evans, Horler and Littlechild,

2 **Apologies for Absence (acceptance of any reasons offered)**

Cllrs Fisher, Gurd, Talbot, Neesam and Foot

3 **Declaration of Interest and Dispensations granted since last meeting**

There were none

4 **Planning applications**

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

4.1 2016/1314/FUL - New single family dwelling

The Chapel On The Hill, Church Street Coleford Frome BA3 5NG

After discussion Councillors voted to Recommend Acceptance, proposed by Cllr Banks and seconded by Cllr Conn.

Councillors noted that the Applicant had worked with the Mendip Conservation Officer to produce a design more in sympathy with the setting of the Grade 2 Listed former Methodist Chapel next door. The new design would sit 'quietly' next to the Chapel, Though Councillors asked that attention should be paid to the exterior finish which should be subject to the agreement of the Planning/Listed Building Officer. The applicant advised that adequate parking was provided with 4 spaces available for the new dwelling, alongside the 2 reserved for Wesley Cottage and the separate parking for the Chapel itself.

Councillors also noted that the new dwelling may lie in the path of the old Somerset Canal. The recently published 'The Coal Cut at Coleford' shows the canal, including the brick arch under the road, in very close proximity. They requested that if approval is given it should be subject to the appropriate archaeological investigation and preservation.

4.2

Vote 5 in favour, 0 against and 3 abstention (2 Due to District Councillors)

2016/1976/FUL - Single storey infill/addition + single storey flat roof rear extension + covered lean to with external chiller and freezer.
Crossway Stores Highbury Street Coleford Frome Radstock

After discussion, and with the united view that the business should be supported, Councillors voted to Recommend Acceptance, proposed by Cllr Littlechild and seconded by Cllr Turner, 6 to Nil, with 2 Abstentions, subject to the following:

1) regarding the Chiller and Freezer units it was suggested they should be moved to the opposite side of the plot at the rear to minimise any noise disturbance to neighbours to the east

2) the provision of a Disabled Toilet was welcomed but to assist disabled access to the shop a proper section of dropped kerb should be installed

3) clarification was requested of the Goods Inwards arrangements with the current entrance planned to be closed off. There was concern that delivering wholesale quantities of goods through the shop itself would be hazardous.

Vote 6 in favour, 0 against and 2 abstention (2 Due to District Councillors)

5 Matters of Urgency – at the Chairman’s Discretion

Cllr Turner advised that there was broken glass on the hard playing area again. This was a particular concern as Cllrs Evans and Townsend had only swept it clear 3 weeks before. Councillors wanted to make urgent arrangements for regular inspection

Cllr Turner advised that the contractor for the Multiplay Equipment on the Lower Playing Field had issues with the grading and levelling of the stone base. This was not the Council’s responsibility to resolve.

Cllr Banks gave the sad news of the passing of his Father in Law, Charles Padfield, at the age of 95. He commented that the Surgery had done a good job in making arrangements for him to remain at home. The funeral will be held Friday the 2nd September, 1.30 at Holy Trinity Church Coleford with refreshments at the Gospel Hall afterwards. The Committal service at will be at 3.15pm, Bath Crematorium returning to the Gospel Hall to meet with all that stayed.

6 Date of Next Meetings:

Wednesday 14 th September 2016	Parish Council Meeting
Tuesday 27 th September 2016	Planning Council Meeting

The Meeting closed at 8-20 pm