

# Parish Council of Coleford

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## Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2016

### Public Forum Period

Dr Jennings, Senior Partner, Mendip Country Practice (MCP), briefed Councillors on the application by Dudley Taylor Pharmacies Limited to open a pharmacy in the BA3 5NJ and BA3 5PB area close to the Co-op. This is a similar application to the one recently submitted by Unicare and to which the Council had formally objected. Opening hours were expected to be 40 hrs a week compared to MCP's 52.5 hrs. No home delivery service would be offered. Existing patients living within a mile of MCP would only be able to use the new pharmacy. MCP already have a visiting pharmacist and a permanent one, currently Professor of Pharmaceutical Services at Bath University, will start from 1-6-16.

Dr Jennings then responded to a series of questions from Councillors

Councillors queried the point of 'Consultation' as the previous application had 925 objectors and only 3 supporters, yet it was still approved. The only reason it did not go ahead was their inability to obtain planning permission for suitable premises within the defined area within the statutory 9 month period.

VW

The Chairman thanked Dr Jennings for his presentation.

Land to the rear of the Kings Head. It was reported that the Clerk had received a letter from the owner saying that it would be kept under observation for any dangerous movement. Councillors queried whether the ownership issue had been resolved. VW to clarify.

Dog Bins – Cllr Gurd reported that he had a post suitable for the one at Goodeaves and was requested to install. He was also asked if he could attend to the one at Underhill.

### 1 Present

Cllr P Ham (Chairman Presiding)

Cllrs Talbot, Neesam, Turner, Fisher, Gurd, Evans, Littlechild,  
Townsend

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

Cllrs Conn, Banks, Horler and Foot

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

Cllr Townsend declared an interest in Agenda Item 4.2

### 4 Dudley Taylor Pharmacies Limited to set up a new Pharmacy in Coleford

Councillors voted unanimously to object to this application in similar terms to the Unicare objection but with appropriate modifications following Dr Jennings' presentation . Cllr Townsend was actioned to prepare a draft for the Clerk to send to NHS England with a copy to David Warburton MP.

**5 Planning applications**

**5.1 2016/0950/HSE - Extension at first floor to rear of property Hillview Church Street Coleford BA3 5NQ**

Cllr Turner proposed, seconded by Cllr Neesam that this application be left for the planning Officer's judgement subject to any comments from neighbours. Agreed by 6 in favour, No Objections, 2 abstentions District Councillors)

**5.2**

**2016/0781/HSE Construction of a crossover in road verge and footpath to provide vehicular access. 2 Goodeaves Close Coleford Frome BA3 5RG.**

The Clerk had obtained clarification from the Planning Officer that no actual parking place had been identified. The ownership of the strip of grass to be crossed was queried, though it was noted this was not a material planning issue. Cllrs expressed a strong view that the street scene would be badly affected and would set a precedent. Cllr Gurd proposed, seconded by Cllr Fisher, that refusal be recommended on the following bases a) no turning arrangement identified, b) nearby parking is already available, c) a vehicle turning off the highway at this point opposite where cars are generally parked will represent highway hazard, d) the street scene would be adversely affected and a precedent set.

Vote 7 in favour, 1 abstention (D of I)

**6 Payments:**

Payment of the following was agreed unanimously on the basis that the Clerk had double checked the cost of SALC affiliation and that the Douglas Yates room hire was for 2105\16.

SALC Affiliation	£562.08
Douglas Yates room hire	£345.00
Rob Stanley - Footpath Warden Winter 2015/16 North & South.	£100.00
SJH Services – Grasscutting	£656.14

Councillors asked that a matrix of cuts and dates be made available in future with the Grass cutting bill

Councillors also agreed unanimously to the payment of £25 to Cllr Gurd for materials used in Notice Board construction

**7 Coleford play area – Decision on whether to remove the old multi play equipment**

Councillors thanked the Clerk for her good job in fencing off the equipment and placing safety notices. Cllr Turner has taken photographs for record purposes. Cllr Ham agreed to contact a 'friendly farmer' to dispose of the existing equipment and establish how the foundations could

be removed. Cllr Turner reported that the replacement equipment was promised by the supplier for August.

8 **Agree Parish Council Insurance Cover**

Three quotes had been obtained by the Clerk:

<b>Insurance Company</b>	<b>1 yr</b>	<b>3 yrs</b>
Hiscox – Came and Co	£927.74	£881.35
Zurich	£885.37	£824.50
Aon	983.94	£936.60

Cllr Evans and the Clerk were requested to do a final check on the scope of cover, including vandalism and accidental damage, and then proceed on the basis of the level of cover rather than simply the cheapest.

9 **Matters of Urgency – at the Chairman’s Discretion**

Replacement memorial for Florence Ada James – Councillors agreed to the request

Auto Enrol Pension for Clerk – The Clerk and Cllr Evans had attended a training course which turned out to be a selling pitch. Concern was expressed at the level of charges. The Staging Date of 1-7-16 requires the Council, as her employer, to send to the Clerk a letter pointing out that as her employment does not meet certain criteria the Council is not obliged to Auto Enrol her. However she is entitled to ask the Council to do so and a response has to be made within 5 months. Cllr Evans and the Clerk were asked to pursue further, in particular to see if more information is available from SALC.

KE/VW

The Chairman thanked Cllr Gurd for his carrying out the massive task of cutting the Cemetery hedge and for the Notice Board works at Goodeaves.

VW

The Chairman reminded everyone that the Bonfire for the Queen’s Birthday will be held at the Lower Playing Field on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June, followed by the Tea Party in the Hub on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> in support of Flower Show funds, tickets are reported to be selling like hot cakes.

Rumours are circulating that Chilcompton are considering scrapping their 3 year old skate park. To be pursued.

The Clerk has written to SCC about cutting the grass at Underhill. This is a safety issue and will be followed up if not actioned quickly.

Ag

Noted that the Clerk will be on holiday from 11<sup>th</sup> July. It was proposed and agreed that the July Meeting be brought forward to 6<sup>th</sup>

The parking problem at the Hairdresser’s on Highbury St was noted and will be an agenda item at the next meeting

**Date of Next Meetings:**

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2016      Planning Council Meeting  
Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2016      Parish Council Meeting

The Meeting closed at 9-05 pm