

Parish Council of Coleford

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 25th April 2017

Present

Cllr P Ham (Chairman)
Cllr Townsend, Conn, Gurd, Turner, Fisher, Neesam, Banks, Littlechild and Talbot

There were 5 members of the public present

Public Forum

There were no points raised.

1 Apologies for Absence (acceptance of any reasons offered)

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

2 Declaration of Interest and Dispensations granted since last meeting

There were none.

3 Planning applications

3.1 2017/0527/FUL - Conversion of disused agricultural building to holiday letting cottage. Hippy's Farm, Hippy's Farm Lane, Coleford

3.2 After discussion and consideration of the plans it was proposed by Cllr Conn that the application be recommended for approval which was seconded by Cllr Banks.

Voting FOR 8, AGAINST Nil, ABSTENTIONS 2 (District Councillors)

2017/0759/HSE - Proposed single storey extension to West elevation. Melrose, Highbury Street, Coleford

After discussion and consideration of the plans it was proposed by Cllr Turner that the application be recommended for approval which was seconded by Cllr Littlechild.

Voting FOR 8, AGAINST Nil, ABSTENTIONS 2 (District Councillors)

4 Matter of urgency

NHS Health Checks – The Council has been offered the mobile van for Health Checks on the 31st May. They assured the clerk that this was sufficient time to promote the event. It was agreed that the date would be accepted and that the Highbury Playing Field Car Park would be the location. VW

Quote for the removal of trees – Cllr Gurd reported that 4 quotes had been received for the removal of the 2 trees at Highbury Playing Field to make space for the BMX track. They were as follows:

- Ian Reed and Oakleigh Garden Services Total £819 removing wood but not chippings. No VAT ... No quote for removal of chippings.
- Richard Roch Combe Garden Maintenance £950 (£150 sml tree + £800 lrge tree) + to remove Chippings from site additional £200.
- Alex Corcoran Heartwood Tree Care £1980 (£1650 + £330 VAT) Removing all material from site
- Ray Robinson £965 removing all from site no VAT

After discussion it was agreed that although it would be good to support the local business, it transpires that the insurance certificate did not provide sufficient public liability for tree works. It was agreed that if Ray Robinson could amend his insurance to provide suitable cover within 48 hours then he should be instructed to complete the work at a price of £965. If he is unable to provide cover then Oakleigh Garden Services would be instructed at a price of £965. Cllr Gurd to action.

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- 5 **Date of Next Meetings:**
Wednesday 10th May 2017 Annual Parish Council Meeting & Parish Council Meeting