

Parish Council of Coleford

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 23rd May 2017

Present

Cllr Townsend, (Chairman)
Cllr Conn, Gurd, Turner, Fisher, Neesam, Littlechild, Pearce, Evans and Talbot

There were 0 members of the public present

Councillors held a minutes silence to remember the people that were affected by the Manchester bombing last night.

Public Forum

- A** Cllr Evans stated that the Environment working party were meeting at his home on Thursday 25th May at 10am to discuss potential locations of the new street furniture. All Councillors welcome to attend. ALL
- B** Cllr Neesam said that the hedge on Church Street which was reported at the last meeting really does need to be cut back as it is impacting on the visibility of vehicles and pedestrians as they negotiate Church Street. Cllr Townsend said that this had been reported to the Highways team who said that it would be cut back by the end of May. If this is not done by the end of the month, the Clerk to draft a letter to the landowner requesting that the hedge be cut back. The letter to be passed to Cllr Ham for comment prior to sending. VW
- C** Cllr Evans said that he had heard that the Leigh on Mendip village day committee were concerned that notices placed on the Coleford notice boards were being taken down and they had been told that they were not able to place articles within On the Map. No one present was aware of any reason as to why this was happening but it was agreed that OTM was not connected to the Parish Council and would have to be negotiated directly with Rev'd Clarissa Cridland.
- D** Cllr Gurd stated that a light on Church Street is being obscured by the growth of a sycamore tree. The Clerk to notify Western Power that the tree needs cutting back. VW
- E** It was noted that in the past it had been discussed whether the dog waste bin at Goodeaves should be relocated. It was agreed that this would be an agenda item for the next meeting. Ag
- F** Cllr Gurd confirmed that he had applied weed killer to the north bank of the Goodeaves Play area.
- 1** **Apologies for Absence (acceptance of any reasons offered)**
Cllr P Ham and Cllr Banks 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 2017/1268/LBC – Minor alterations to the internal layout of existing granted listed building consent (application number 2103/0412) and relocation of roof lights

The Mill House, Mill House, Mill Lane, Coleford, Radstock

All Councillors had considered the abovementioned application. After consideration it was proposed by Cllr Gurd that the decision should be left to the listed building officer which was seconded by Cllr Turner.

Voting FOR 9, AGAINST Nil, ABSTENTIONS 1 (District Councillor)

4 Matter of urgency

4.1 Dog poo bags

Cllr Fisher confirmed that we needed to order more bags. It was agreed that on this occasion 1000 would be purchased. VW

Voting FOR 10, AGAINST Nil, ABSTENTIONS Nil

The Clerk to investigate costs for bulk buying to be discussed at a future meeting. VW

4.2 Noticeboard

The roof on the notice board located at the green at Underhill had become rotten and had collapsed onto the stairs. Cllr Conn had cleared the debris and made the area safe. He proposed the following options:

Option	Advantages	Disadvantages	Very Approx Materials Cost
1. Leave the notice board as it. No roof	No cost in short term and no work	Rain damage to notices. The board will decay more quickly. Less attractive?	£0
2. Angle cut the two posts and add a tanalised plank across top – minimal roof	Low cost and some rain shelter. Minimal work	Similar to (1)	£20?
3. Rebuild almost as before – clay tiles on battens on wooden framework	Good shelter. Traditional look restored.	Weight of current roof and sudden collapse indicates that the front of this heavy structure should be supported by two additional posts, set in front of the existing two.	Up to £150? Inc about 24 single pantiles at £1.10 or about 50 small Rosemary tiles at £0.75 each Inc 2 tanalised 4x4 front posts – up to £20
4. Rebuild roof with wooden shingles instead of tiles	Good shelter. Less weight. Should not be too heavy for existing posts. Attractive.	Probably harder to fix.	Up to £175? Shingles probably about £100 but no additional posts
5. Rebuild roof with bitumen top	Rain proof in short term. Cheap	Limited life. Poor appearance.	Probably c£80? Inc roll of felt at about £15
6. Rebuild roof with coroline black corrugated bitumen sheet	Rain proof over medium to long term. Cheap	Appearance not as good as shingles or clay tiles. But relatively neat.	Probably c£80? Inc coroline 2m sheet at >£10
7. Rebuild roof with clear plastic corrugated sheeting	Rain proof in short term. Cheap Notice board less dark	Limited life due to UV light impact. Poor appearance	Probably c£80?

It was also suggested that using "tiles" made of roofing felt could be a cost effective option.

Cllr Townsend thanked Cllr Conn for both clearing the debris and his work on tabling options.

Cllr Gurd said that he had spoken with the person who rebuilt the notice board at Goodeaves who will quote for the repair to the roof to the board at Underhill. Once received this will be circulated to all Councillors.

Cllr Conn said that he thought it might be a good idea to have the Coleford Village logo placed on the rear of the board to highlight that it is the Parish Council noticeboard.

It was agreed that this would be an agenda item for the next meeting.

Ag

4.3 CAFC

Cllr Townsend said that Cllr Ham had emailed John Hansford with the offer as agreed by full council at the last meeting, but no agreement had been reached. He had subsequently spoken with Keith Harrison of the CAFC committee who had indicated that 9 payments of £110 would be acceptable. Cllrs pointed out that the £990 had been agreed by the Parish Council as a reasonable fee for the year 2017/18 and this included a 25% discount against the anticipated current capital costs.

Cllr Gurd said that he wanted the Clerk to minute that he felt the Parish Council had handled this matter badly and that he felt face to face negotiation would have been more successful than communicating by email. He hoped that if an agreement was reached at £990 for a fixed period that the Parish Council should lean towards supporting CAFC.

Cllr Evans and Cllr Conn both felt that the Parish Council had tried to negotiate with CAFC. It was highlighted that the original meeting took months to arrange due to the time restraints from Mr Hansford. At that meeting it was agreed that the next meeting would take place on the 27/05/17. It was Mr Hansford who then pressed for an answer regarding the charges within a 10 day period. He later threatened to go to the press and continued to put pressure on the Council to agree to his offer.

TG

Cllr Gurd said that he had spoken with Ky Rashleigh who made a proposal for a fixed fee of £990 for 3 years. He had agreed to meet with the Council and then report back to Mr Hansford. It was hoped that this would help with the negotiation process. Cllr Gurd to pass on this information to Cllr Ham as Councillors agreed that he was still the best person to manage the negotiations.

Everyone present agreed that if there was an agreement at £990 for the year that all running and maintenance costs should be very closely monitored during the year.

Ag

This will be an agenda item for the next meeting.

Ag

BMX track

Cllr Gurd said that he had purchased an ordnance survey map (with the agreement of the Clerk) of the proposed BMX track site for use within the planning application for the new entrance. The cost was £31.80 which will be claimed back by Cllr Gurd at the next meeting. The planning application has been completed along with the site plan. The drawings had been emailed to all Councillors prior to the meeting. The package was passed to the Clerk to submit to the Planning department.

VW

Ag

Cllr Gurd confirmed that both trees have now been removed. The contractor did a great job. The invoice has been submitted and the cheque will be raised in settlement at the June meeting.

Cllr Gurd confirmed that he has been speaking with Benny Noble who is a member in a band who had suggested that a gig be held to help raise money for the pump track. Phil Horler has mentioned that he would speak with the CRG committee to see if they are able to donate £200 towards the fund. Cllr Gurd also suggested that there may be some kind of sponsored BMX event held at the new Leigh on Mendip track to also help raise funds. Cllr Conn stated that any funding application would be helped if evidence could be provided to show that the parishioners were engaged in the project.

TG

Cllr Gurd said that he would be meeting again with Ky (The BMX track designer) to seek a design suitable for the Coleford site. He also has 2 further contacts who would also be approached for quotes.

TG

Two contractors have been approached to quote for the creation of the new entrance and Cllr Gurd is currently seeking a third contractor to quote. It was noted that the work would take between 3 and 7 days.

PH

Cllr Ham has commenced the process of liaising with local quarries with a view to sourcing materials either free of charge or at a reduced price. PH

Cllr Gurd said that he believed planning permission would not be required for the actual track but Cllr Townsend pointed out that Leigh on Mendip had obtained planning permission and his advice from Mendip planning department was that a pre application should be submitted. Everyone agreed that it would be worth submitting a pre planning application. Cllr Gurd was actioned to arrange a design drawing for this. AC/VW

Cllr Conn and the Clerk to investigate whether a pre application for the Sport England application could be submitted immediately.

5 **Date of Next Meetings:**
Wednesday 14th June 2017

The meeting ended at 20.33hrs