

Parish Council of Coleford

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday the 27th June 2018

Present

Cllr P Ham (Chairman)
Cllr Townsend, Banks, Conn, Drescher, Harding, Hanney and Turner

There was one member of the public present

PF Public Forum

- 1 Cllr Turner raised the issue of the hedge overhanging the footpath that runs between the pedestrian crossing and the School. Cllr Drescher offered to speak to the owner on one side and to carry out the work for the other who was believed to be unwell.
- 2 Cllrs were concerned at possible public health issues with the condition of the property at 15 Careys Mead. Cllr Ham had already spoken to Mendip DC who could not intervene as it was private land. The Clerk was actioned to write to Aster as owners.

1 Apologies for Absence (acceptance of any reasons offered)

Cllr Pearce, Talbot, Barrett and Evans sent apologies which were accepted by the Chair.

2 Declaration of Interest and Dispensations granted since last meeting

- 2.1 All Councillors had an interest in the TPO application 2018/1352/TPO – Proposed works to a TPO tree at 40 Beacon View, Coleford as the application had been submitted by Fosseway Tree Services on behalf of the Parish Council. The Clerk would make the Planning Officer aware of the situation.
- 2.2 Councillor Townsend declared an interest in planning application 2018/1279/FUL – Erection of 2 dwellings, Old Meadow House, Lipyeate, Coleford on the basis that the site is adjacent to a relative's property

3 Co-Option of new Councillor

Mr Matthew Allen was in attendance as a member of the public and was potentially interested in becoming a Councillor. He was invited to send to the Clerk a brief CV if he wished to apply.

4 Unitary Councils and the implications

Cllr Ham reported that all options for mergers were currently on the table. Somerset in common with a number of Councils is effectively bankrupt and is pursuing all avenues to avoid being taken under Government control like Northamptonshire. Currently 50% of the County budget is spent on Adult Social Care and 25% on Child Social Care with interventions on the latter having increased by over a third in the last 12 months. Somerset's MPs were expected to have a strong say on the outcome. It was noted that Wiltshire was now Unitary, having voted in favour, whilst some 10 years ago Somerset voted against. Cllrs expressed the view that another referendum should be held when any definitive proposal was put forward. Cllr Ham asked Cllrs to forward any other comments they may have.

5 Planning applications

- 5.1 2018/1352/TPO – Proposed works to a TPO tree at 40 Beacon View, Coleford
All Councillors were aware of the application as it had been submitted by Fosseway Tree Services on behalf of Coleford Parish Council. The work needs to be completed to reduce the risk of dead timber falling in the garden below.

It was proposed by Cllr Conn and seconded by Cllr Banks that the application be recommended for approval and Councillors agreed unanimously, with District Councillors abstaining.

Vote: 6 For, 0 Against, 2 Abstained (Both District Councillors)

5.2 **2018 Planning Application** of 2 dwellings, Old Meadow House, Lipyeate, Coleford **105 mins** **Pla**
5 Council 152 TPO had been worked since TPO decided to participate in the discussion or vote. 5.1 20

5 All 2018/1179 Planning Applications of 2 dwellings, Old Meadow House, Lipyeate, Coleford that a letter of objection
had been received from Mr and Mrs Pritchard which had been circulated to all Councillors. 5.2 20

After lengthy discussion it was proposed by Cllr Conn and seconded by Cllr Turner that the application be recommended for approval subject to resolution of the following:

1. Highway Access – visibility was considered dangerous, especially to the left
2. Drainage – does the sewerage system have adequate capacity?
3. Privacy concerns need to be satisfied

Vote: 6 For, 0 Against, 2 Abstained (Both District Councillors one of which also had an interest)

6 Update on work proposed by CAFC for the changing rooms

Cllr Drescher confirmed that he had met with John Hansford. It was concluded that the best solution was for a tiling ‘wall’ for the toilet. Councillors voted unanimously to fund the estimated £380 for the material cost with CAFC to provide the Labour. It was understood that CAFC were raising funds for the new door.

Vote: 8 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstained

7 Agree date for meeting to review Play Area Inspection reports

Cllrs Turner, Conn, Evans, Harding and Barrett form the working party for the play areas. It was agreed that a meeting would be arranged for 10-00 on Saturday 8th July at the Changing Rooms to discuss the content of the annual inspection reports and to plan any work that is considered to be required as well as discuss a longer-term maintenance / replacement plan.

8 Matters of Urgency – at the Chairman’s Discretion

No items were raised

9 Date of Next Meetings:

Wednesday 11th July 2018 Parish Council Meeting
Wednesday 25th July 2018 Planning Meeting

The meeting finished at 20-20 hrs