

Parish Council of Coleford

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday the 24th October 2018

Present

Cllr Philip Ham (Chairman presiding)
Cllr Banks, Conn, Drescher, Hanney, Talbot, Turner, and Townsend

There was 2 member of the public present.

PF Public Forum

No points were raised.

1 Apologies for Absence (acceptance of any reasons offered)

Cllr Allen, Barrett, Evans, Harding, Pearce, and PCSO Storey all sent apologies which were accepted by the Chair.

2 Declaration of Interest and Dispensations granted since last meeting

Cllr Turner has a personal interest in the planning application 2018/2394/HSE.

3 Approve Minutes of the last Parish Council meeting held on the 26th of September 2018

The minutes from the meeting had been circulated to all Councillors prior to the meeting. An amendment was made to show that Cllr Townsend chaired the meeting and on page 2, the post meeting note should state 'uplift' rather than lifted, which was amended by hand. It was then agreed that the minutes from the 26th September were an accurate record and were duly signed by the Chair.

Vote: 8 For, 0 Against and 0 Abstained

4 Planning

4.1 2018/2394/HSE – Erection of a single storey detached garage 46 Beacon View Coleford Radstock Somerset BA3 5PE

All Councillors had considered the plans for the above mentioned application prior to discussion. The neighbour to the applicant attended the meeting and expressed concern over the ground works which had already taken place in preparation for the building of the proposed garage. During the excavations the neighbour's foundations to the kitchen extension have been completely exposed leaving it vulnerable to subsidence in the future. He wants the applicant to make good the damage he has done (which included using a jack hammer on the foundations) to ensure that the safety of the kitchen extension is not compromised and that his property insurance is not affected. The applicant will not enter in constructive dialogue over the matter.

After discussion it was proposed by Cllr Conn that the application should be refused which was seconded by Cllr Banks on the basis that:

1. The installation of a garage in the proposed location would compromise the street scene and building line.
2. The proposed garage would be too close to the neighbour's kitchen extension.
3. There is a risk that the building of the garage would reduce light into neighbouring property.
4. The construction of the proposed garage and preparatory work seriously threaten the foundations of number 47 Beacon View.

Vote: 5 For, 0 Against and 3 Abstained (2 x District Councillors and Cllr Turner)

4.2 2018/2025/FUL – Replacement of one window and repair of one window
Church of the Holy Trinity, Church Street, Coleford, Radstock

All Councillors had considered the plans for the above mentioned application prior to discussion. It was proposed by Cllr Banks that the application should be approved which was seconded by Cllr Conn. The work needs to be completed and will be more uniform in appearance.

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

5 2nd Quarter budget review and initial discussion regarding Precept 2019/20

It was agreed that this would be adjourned until the next meeting to allow the finance committee to meet.

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6 Agree Grass cutting contract & date for tender advertisement

Cllr Conn has extensively reviewed the contract which now includes an evaluation system. Cllr Conn agreed to be the point of contact for any Contractor enquiries which should be addressed using email, details of which will be included in the covering letter.

All Councillors agreed that the document was ready for circulation and that the Clerk will submit the advert for tender immediately with the deadline being the 3rd of December for tenders to be received.

VW

The Clerk will also send the packs to local contractors inviting them to quote.

VW

7 Finger Post Sign Renovation – Agree quotes received for the 2nd phase

Mr Chris Ingrem had provided a quote for the renovation of the 3 finger posts proposed for the second phase as follows:

1. Ham Cross - £225
2. Junction of Church Street with High Street - £120
3. Newbury Lane / Dark Lane - £140

All Councillors agreed that the quote should be accepted and the Clerk will confirm with Mr Ingrem.

VW

8 Discuss and agree Risk Assessments for village play areas

Risk assessments for the village play areas and the hard court had been circulated to all Councillors prior to the meeting. Cllr Conn drew attention to the risk of unwanted attention from strangers for children when using the play areas. He proposed that the Council could mitigate the risk by highlighting that children should be supervised when using the play areas which can be done using the website and Facebook.

VW

In the past a youth had been injured whilst climbing over the hardcourt fence. Cllr Conn had added this as a risk within the hard court risk assessment. This risk was reduced by the gates to the hard court being left unlocked so that there is no need to climb over, for example to retrieve a ball.

Anti-social behavior is the highest risk at the hard courts. If incidents start to arise then the Parish Council can highlight to parents by using Facebook and the website.

Cllr Townsend confirmed that the Parish Council's application for £9500 from the Aviva Insurance grants had made it through to the second stage. The funds will be used to renovate the hard court. This phase of the grant process requires people to vote in support of the application using Facebook. All Councillors should spread the word and encourage maximum support.

ALL

Cllr Drescher said that the football club had indicated that the hard court was not suitable for use by any of the football teams due to the surface. It was questioned whether the Parish Council insurance was providing adequate insurance if youths were to injure themselves from falling on the hard court. Cllr Evans would be asked to investigate.

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9 Matters of Urgency – at the Chairman's Discretion

Cllr Ham explained that there have been changes to Mendip Enforcement team who for a 6 month trial period are running one team which will deal with all enforcement issue e.g. planning matters, dog fouling, etc. The Clerk was encouraged to liaise with Ian Glover regarding dog fouling issues.

The Clerk asked if the Council was happy with the format of the questionnaire which will be circulated around Beacon View / Farley Dell / Coal Barton / Mendip Vale / Merryfield / Lipyeate / Anchor Rd to seek views on a potential new play area.

It was agreed that the questionnaire should be printed as an A5 one sided colour document. The Clerk had received a quote from Fosseway Press for 500 copies would be £42.50 + VAT. It was agreed that a further quote would be sought and the Clerk would place the order with the company that provides the best value.

Cllr Banks confirmed that he will be attending the SALC meeting on Saturday the 27th October and was happy to offer lift to Councillors representing Cranmore and Holcombe Parish Councils.

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Date of Next Meetings:

Tuesday 6th November 2018 Small Grants Working Party Meeting

Wednesday 14th November 2018 Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday

The meeting finished at 20.25hrs