

Parish Council of Coleford

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday the 27th February 2019

Present

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

In attendance:

Vickie Watts the clerk taking the minutes
Julie Carey-Downes, Community Connectors Coordinator for Health Connections Mendip
There was 0 member of the public present.

PF Public Forum

Cllr Conn said that the new hedge bordering the BMX track had been planted. Special thanks to Avril and Brian Moore, Chris Allford and grandson Rufus for giving up their time to help with this task.

There has been a report of drink driving in the village.

1 Apologies for Absence (acceptance of any reasons offered)

Cllr Barrett sent apologies which were accepted by the Chair.

2 Declaration of Interest and Dispensations granted since last meeting

There were none.

3 Presentation by Julie Carey-Downes, Community Connectors Coordinator for Health Connections Mendip

Julie introduced herself and explained that this service was the brain child of Helen Kingston and Jenny Hartner which has been rolled out across Mendip with a presence in many GP surgeries.

The website www.healthconnectionsmentip.org provides information on groups and support which is available in the community that might help improve the health and wellbeing of residents. There are lots of support charities and social groups available free of charge or at low cost in the Health Connections Mendip Directory. These groups help people meet for a chat, set health goals and manage long term health issues.

Community Connectors help friends, families, colleagues and neighbours find support in their communities. They help lots of people by signposting to services like health, housing, education, exercise, debt, pain management classes, link up with Menshed, support parents of teens and has staff that are specialised to help with youths if needed. They are working closely with GP's to support people who are discharged from hospital which has statistically proven that readmissions have been reduced. They would never get involved with clinical, medical care or advice.

People can train to be a Community Connector for free.

Health Connections Mendip run Talking Cafés, where you can meet new people, make friends and chat to a community signposter about activities, support groups and services in your community. The staff will try to find solutions to assist and link them up to specialists who can help. There are 5 weekly Talking Cafes across Mendip, they are:

- Cheese and Grain, Market Yard, Frome, Monday term time only, 10am to 12 noon
- No 5 Coffee Shop The George Hotel, Frome Thursdays 1pm-2.30pm
- Winking Turtle Cafe, 12 Market Place, Glastonbury, Tuesdays, 10am to 12 noon
- The Street Food Cafe, Crispin Hall, 83 High Street, Street, Wednesdays 10am to 11.30am
- Pepper's, High Street, Shepton Mallet, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10am to 12 noon
- Pickwicks Country Kitchen , Broad Street, Wells, every other Thursday term time, 10am to 12 noon

There is a phone line which is open Monday to Friday 9 – 5pm. The service is being promoted via the radio, newspapers, PCSO's, Pharmacists and word of mouth.

Julie confirmed that the Parish Council can promote the service using social media and the website.

A Councillor asked if there was any issues with data protection. Julie confirmed that they would never take personal details from potential clients, just pass the information on and leave it with them to decide if they wish to access the service.

A Councillor asked if they have been involved in support with the county line drug issues that are currently prevalent. Julie said that she has meet with the police to discuss the ongoing drug problems in the area and are supporting parents on such issues. They are providing youth community connectors in local colleges which offers support and advice for young people.

The Chairman thanked Julie for attending the meeting which was extremely informative.

4 **Planning Applications**

- 4.1 2019/0114/VRC – Application to vary condition 2 of planning approval 2017/0600/FUL (Demolition of existing garage building and development of proposed convenience store and 1 dwelling house with associated external works)

Cllr Townsend confirmed that he had emailed the planning officer asking for clarification on the variations made to the application but had not received a response, which was very disappointing.

The Clerk to notify the planning office that the Council were unhappy that they had been unable to discuss this again as we do not have the required information to make a decision. The Clerk to ask for more information and ask for an extension to consider this at the meeting on the 12th March.

VW

4.2 **Planning updates:**

46 Beacon View, Coleford – Cllr Ham reported that the applicant has taken the decision to appeal so this will go to the inspectorate. The property is also subject to enforcement action.

5 **Consider quotes for replacing the fence around Highbury Playing Field**

The Clerk confirmed that despite efforts to contact Tim Orledge and leaving message (and him leaving answerphone messages for the Clerk) they had not yet managed to actually discuss the requirements. Adjourn until the March meeting.

Ag

The Chair confirmed that the gate for the playing field should be available for collection next week.

PH

6 **Review Cemetery rules**

Cllr Turner circulated some photographs of graves with surrounds that had been installed at the Coleford cemetery. After discussion it was agreed that the Clerk would amend the Cemetery rules to prevent installation of such surrounds in the future. It was noted that the current installations could remain until such a time that they became unsightly. The amended document to be circulated to all Councillors for discussion and comment.

VW

Once agreed a copy of the rules would be sent to all local undertakers and stone masons highlighting the changes made.

VW

It was agreed that a summary of the rules should be made into an A4 sign to be installed at the Cemetery.

VW

Ag

The Clerk to contact the undertakers who instructed the grave preparation for the recent graves and request that the mounds be levelled and ensure that future graves must not be overfilled in the future. VW

Ag

It was agreed that the shed will be removed in the near future.

7 Update on GDPR

Cllr Townsend and the Clerk to meet and review what else needs to be completed to ensure compliance. VW/AT

8 Matters of Urgency – at the Chairman’s Discretion

8.1 The skip for the allotment clearance day will be delivered on Friday 8th March ready for clearance on Saturday the 9th. Volunteers are needed to clear the corner which is particularly bad. ALL

8.2 A request had been made to the Parish Council for approval of a family wishing to exchange a house at - Macintosh View. It was agreed that the Clerk would circulate the Section 106 agreement and establish where the family is currently living. VW

8.3 Parish Forum meeting will take place on Thursday 28th February starting at 6.15pm at Council Chambers. Cllr Townsend and Ham will attend. AT/PH

8.4 Notification had been received from Somerset highways that the High Street, Coleford will be closed from the 25th March for up to 3 days to enable a leaking main to be replaced by Kier for Bristol Water.

9 Date of Next Meetings:

Wednesday 13th March 2019 Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday 27th March 2019 Planning Meeting

The meeting finished at 20.45hrs