

Parish Council of Coleford

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Police report



PCSO Will Mortimer confirmed that he had visited Coleford on numerous occasions throughout the week. A crime report had been provided to the Council and dates were agreed for the drop-in sessions to be held at the Hub. These will take place on the following dates from 10am and 11am – no appointment needed, just turn up:

5th August
2nd September
30th September

28th October
25th November
23rd December

Climate Action Group

On Sunday 7th July Coleford Climate Action ran its first Energy Help Cafe event, which was a great success. The event offered advice on Saving Energy, Staying Warm for Less, Damp and Mould and Draught Proofing. Forty-six people attended and they gave out 25 energy packs, which contained useful leaflets, a thermometer card, under door draught excluder, draught excluder tape, a shower timer, a letter box draught excluder, a heatable wheatgerm bag and a Hygrometer (which measures relative humidity). Each pack included a larger item which could be a heated throw, a slow cooker, a dehumidifier or an electric blanket. These had been purchased and would be distributed shortly. The event was wholly funded by The Centre for Sustainable Energy and they hope to run similar events in the future.

Somerset Council

Somerset Cllr Clarke said that Suez, who has the contract to collect rubbish, recycling and garden waste in Somerset had confirmed that they were unable to deliver the contract for the price agreed and were prepared to pay the penalty to withdraw. Somerset Council have since agreed to pay an additional £46 million over the remains of the contract which ends in 2030 to ensure the service continues.

Highways:

The following items were noted:

Anchor Rd/Brewery Lane - Highways have done a more comprehensive marking up for further action in response to our request.

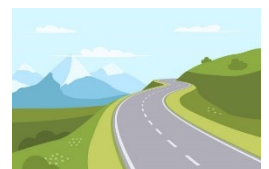
Dark Lane - one pothole filled, another area marked up.

Stockhill - some patching/edge erosion work done.

Anchor Rd - defects on footway by Rope Walk reported to us are not immediately obvious, further information required.

Pitcot Lane - drains blocked in the floods now cleared by Barlake Farm

Stoke Bottom - dangerous pothole on Green Lane reported again.



New issues to be reported:

Concern was raised that despite drains being cleared in Stockhill area, the drains further out towards Vobster had not been cleared despite complaints being registered. The resident felt that this part of the village had been overlooked as the general condition of the road, the drains and overgrown hedges were all poor. These points will be raised with Somerset Highways.

Allotments

The ground work has now been completed and is ready for the installation of the cabin and compostable toilet which are being delivered on 12th July and will be installed soon after.



The water pipes for the additional storage tanks have been installed but are not yet connected.

Huge thanks goes to Whatley Quarry who had not only donated the stone for the car park and area for toilet and raised beds, but also provided a digger and driver for several days to complete the work for which we are extremely grateful.

Somerset Council Strimmer Scheme

Coleford is blessed with a large number of beautiful footpaths and at this time of the year we sometimes have to battle with stinging nettles and brambles to get through. Somerset Council have a scheme where they provide the equipment and training to allow volunteers to strim footpaths to make them more accessible. The cost of the training is split between Somerset Council and the Parish Council both paying £82.50 each. Would you be interested in taking on this voluntary role? If so please contact the Clerk on clerk@colefordpc.org.uk

Better Buses for Somerset

Would you like to see better buses in Coleford? Well the group 'Better Buses for Somerset' are hoping to improve the services for Somerset but need your help to gain an insight into the issues here in Coleford. In order to build up a detailed picture right across Somerset of what the issues with existing bus services are, and what improvements to those existing bus services need to be made. They want to build those links with local people and representatives like yourself in areas all over Somerset, so that they can listen to and truly understand what you want and need from your bus services. Therefore, if you could email with that information for your area, then they would be very grateful. Details are:



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Date of Next Meetings:



24th July 2024 Planning meeting
13th August 2024 Parish Council meeting

If you have any issues that you would like to bring to the Parish Council's attention, please contact the Clerk on 07971 516916 or email clerk@colefordpc.org.uk Check out the website www.colefordpc.org.uk