

COLDRIDGE Parish Council
Minutes of Coldridge Parish Council Meeting Jan 18th 2018

Present: Councillors, Andrew Green (Chairman), John Smith, Marion Born, Jim Sampson and John Daw,

Apologies: Jeff Burrows, Chris Burrows

Clerk: Keyth Richardson

Open Forum 7:30

Four members of the public attended the Open Forum.

Concerns were raised about the speed of vehicles through the village and the safety of residents. Specific examples were given, and in one case a resident had phoned Crediton Taxis to complain, which is an excellent way of tackling the problem at source. Discussion covered why it is unlikely the village will have a speed limit, and why the Parish Council had paid for and erected the “20 is Plenty” signs on all four approach roads to the village. The very discussion also led onto the possibility of there being a children’s play area in the village, which will enable children to play away from the roads

Another problem was the dogs fouling in the village. Despite the dog waste bin and the litter bin some irresponsible dog owners are letting their pets foul the road outside people’s houses. Acknowledging that this is a problem, the Chairman advised that residents should contact the dog warden of MDDC in the case of dogs persistently running free and fouling. The Parish Council will consider putting a dog waste bin at the entrance to the field, but will discuss this with the Village Hall committee first.

Helen Smith said the Christmas tree on the green was appreciated by many residents, who had commented on how nice it was, but can it stay up till 12th Night. The Parish Council agreed it could. It was only removed this year to coincide with the end of the Christmas Tree Festival in the Church.

John Smith reported he still had some unnamed recycling boxes which had blown into his garden and the discussion went on to the problem of rubbish blowing around from boxes with no lids. Lids are available free from MDDC. It was requested to repeat the article in the Coldridge Calendar

All residents present expressed concern over what is happening at Green Acres Farm, with the owner apparently getting away with flouting planning regulations for years. The latest application is on the agenda and will be discussed in the Council meeting which follows.

Some discussion took place regarding highway potholes, and water running down the road from blocked drains. The advice is to report these to DCC Highways on their website, as some residents do regularly, and to pursue any claim for damages to a vehicle caused by a pothole with DCC Highways.

The Open Forum closed at 8.00 and was followed by the Parish Council Meeting.

Minutes of the Parish Council

	Item	Decision
2017/18-65	Recording of Council meetings	The Chairman requested that anyone recording the meeting inform the Council of this. No-one was.
2017/18-66	Apologies	Jeff Burrows, Chris Burrows
2017/18-67	Declarations of interest	None
2017/18-68	Minutes	The minutes of the meeting on November 16th were approved and signed
2017/18-69	Clerk's report on Urgent Decisions since the last meeting.	None
2017/18-70	Clerk's progress report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The defibrillator has arrived today and will be installed in the phone box and then wired in professionally. The Clerk was asked to arrange the 2018 Training Session soon, the 2017 one was on April 27th. The Clerk has booked himself onto a course in April looking at the General Data Protection Regulations which come into force in May and will affect the Parish Council.
2017/18-71	Local Council Award Scheme	The Clerk had received information from some Councillors, and agreed to circulate this to the whole Council as an aide-memoire to other Councillors. It is important the Council shows the wide range of training undertaken by the Councillors and Clerk.
2017/18-72	Definitive Map Review and footpath diversion update	<p>Tania Weeks has seen the old minutes as she requested. No comments or requests to see the proposed Definitive Map had been made to the Clerk.</p> <p>The diversion for the footpath running east from the St Matthew's Church is being dealt with by DCC. It will be going out for informal discussion this month, with a view to dealing with any objections before it moves onto the formal process. The purchase of land for amenity use is dependent on this footpath being diverted.</p> <p>The Clerk had been in touch with MDDC regarding s106 and CIL money and had received useful advice. The money cannot be used to purchase a burial ground, so this will have to be paid for some other way. Due to the changes in regulations it is in the Council's interest to break this large project into a number of smaller ones, including start dates up to 10 years hence. Clerk asked to follow this up in detail before next meeting.</p> <p>There was some discussion on the obligation of the Parish Council to provide burial grounds and the Chairman and Clerk agreed to clarify this.</p> <p>It was also unanimously agreed that The Parish Council will now actively pursue the purchase of the land.</p>
2017/18-73	Finance	The following payments were agreed Clerk's wages £181.22

		<p>Clerks expenses £92.08 St Matthews Church £25.00 for the Christmas tree John Smith £7.50 lights for Christmas tree Credition Ring and Ride £100.00 It was decided, after discussion not to support Citizen's Advice as it was felt to be too distant from the Parish</p>
2017/18-74	Highways	<p>No response had been received from DCC over the letter received from a parishioner who had fallen over on the uneven road surface in South Side. The Clerk was asked to follow this up and to find out when these road repairs will be done. The road from Trenchard Farm via Eggesford Fourways to Eggesford is abysmal, and with the recent heavy rain the surface is being washed away. Particular concern was raised about a pothole just down from Rosedene. Clerk agreed to report this. Discussion took place on some local action which might reduce some areas of flooding.</p>
2017/18-75	Planning	<p>Application 17/01857/CLU was discussed. The Parish Council are unanimous in their firm opposition to this. This reflects the views of the Parish. If granted it would be the thin end of the wedge towards a housing development on this site. The Parish Council call upon MDDC to pursue the enforcement process to remove this container.</p>
2017/18-76	Christmas Tree Festival	<p>As noted in the Open Forum this was well received and it was agreed to continue with this annually. It will remain up until 12th night each year</p>
2017/18-77	Congratulatory letter to Bishop Sarah Mullally	<p>Several Councillors expressed their respect for Bishop Sarah and how she had impressed them. It was felt she understood rural communities and their needs and although she has been appointed Bishop of London it is hoped she will continue with this wider agenda as part of her role in the Church of England and as a member of the House of Lords. A letter of congratulation will be sent on behalf of the Council.</p>
2017/18-78	Councillors' reports and items for future agenda	<p>Councillors again raised highway issues and look forward to a positive response from DCC Highways to the problems in the Parish.</p>
2017/18-79	Date of next meeting	<p>Mar 15, May 10 [Annual Meeting] July 19, Sept 20, Nov 22 7:30 Open Forum 8:00 Parish Council Meeting</p>

Meeting closed at 21:00