

COLDRIDGE Parish Council
Minutes of Coldridge Parish Council Meeting July 19th 2018

Present: Councillors, Andrew Green (Chairman), John Smith, Marion Born, Jim Sampson, Jeff Burrows, Chris Burrows, John Daw
 Devon County Councillor Margaret Squires was also in attendance.

Apologies: none

Clerk: Keyth Richardson

Open Forum 7:30

One member of the public attended the Open Forum and raised the issue of bonfires in the village. These may be anti-social and in this dry time may cause a fire hazard. It was agreed to ask the Editor of the Coldridge Calendar to send out an email asking residents to avoid bonfires if possible.

The Open Forum closed at 7:40 and was followed by the Parish Council Meeting.

Minutes of the Parish Council started at 7.40

	Item	Decision
2018/19-23	Recording of Council meetings	The Chairman requested that anyone recording the meeting inform the Council of this. No-one was.
2018/19-24	Apologies	none
2018/19-25	Declarations of interest	None
2018/19-26	Minutes	The minutes of the Annual General Meeting on May 10th were approved and signed
2018/19-27	Clerk's report on Urgent Decisions since the last meeting.	None
2018/19-28	Clerk's progress report	none
2018/19-29	Update of Standing Orders	The Clerk had circulated copies of the revised Standing Orders based on the NALC Model Orders. These were discussed and formally adopted. The clerk will publish these on the website as appropriate
2018/19-30	GPDR	The Council formally adopted three documents which had been distributed at the May Parish Council. These were a Privacy Notice for Staff Councillors and Role Holders; a General Privacy Notice; and a Consent Form. The clerk will publish these on the website as appropriate subject to reviewing questions 15 and 16 in the Audit
2018/19-31	Footpath diversion update	The Clerk had been in touch with Tania Weeks from the PROW at DCC. She confirmed the informal consultation process had finished and that the formal stage would come next. The relevant documents would be published in August and the Council would receive copies via the Clerk. There may be some CIL money to help with fencing the footpath

2018/19-32	Visit of Devon and Cornwall Crime Commissioner	<p>The Council was disappointed to note that far from having a visit from the DCCP as she herself had implied during her talk with John Smith the whole project had been delegated down to the local police team, who appeared to be very inactive in pursuing this. The Council believe that rural crime, which has been reported as being on the increase is being given a lower priority within DCP compared to other crimes.</p> <p>The implied hope of establishing Neighbourhood Special Constables, or Neighbourhood Community Support Officers within the parish, or local parishes, seems to be lost. The council is sure there is support for a local person to act as the focus point for policing in the parish and this may come about through a local policing initiative.</p> <p>On the wide topic of policing it is envisaged that if the merger of DCP with Dorset goes ahead there maybe an extra 100 PC's on the street across the three counties.</p> <p>Margaret Squires is considering calling a meeting for all the parishes in her constituency and this issue of local policing is expected to be on the agenda. If a group of parishes act together this might raise the importance of the issue in the minds of the DCP.</p> <p>Note: During the AGM in May the members of the public had voiced their support for a meeting with the DCCC.</p>
2018/19-33	Finance	<p>The following payments were agreed</p> <p>Clerk's wages £180.90</p> <p>Clerks expenses £59.83</p> <p>Cumbria Clock Company £198</p>
2018/19-34	Highways	<p>The continuing deterioration of the road from Thorn Corner to West Leigh, which was reported by the Clerk in 2016, was raised. To the knowledge of one Councillor, three vehicles had suffered serious damage to their sumps, and the clerk had photographic evidence of an oil trail from the badly damaged section of road to West Leigh. The Clerk has reported this section of road to DCC Highways again</p> <p>His photo along with several others of the road surface, had been sent to Stephen Tucker, the Devon Highways manager responsible for the area, and to Councillor Margaret Squires.</p> <p>Margaret was able to give a limited update on highways.</p> <p>The road from Eggesford Fourways to Eggesford Station will be repaired in the next few weeks, and the policy on resurfacing can mean a road is left to get very bad and then the whole section repaired instead of piecemeal patching occurring.</p> <p>The Council notes that the single most commonly occurring issue at Parish Council meetings is the unfit state of roads in the parish, and the inability of the authorities to repair these.</p> <p>The time taken for the work on the A377 at Eggesford seemed to some to be excessive compared to the work on the A377 just outside Crediton</p> <p>There has been a long delay between roads in the Coldridge village area being identified as needing repair as evidenced by white paint and annotations and the actual repairs being done.</p>

		Margaret Squires will be accompanying Stephen Tucker on an inspection of roads in the parish on July 27 th and Jim Sampson volunteered to join them to provide some local information and details including Frogbury Cross which needs a permanent resolution to the problem of poor visibility when approaching from the south.
2018/19-35	Planning	The clerk was asked to re-iterate the Councils continuing opposition to the continuing presence of the container at Green Acres Farm and to make the planning inspectorate aware of this
2018/19-36	Emergency Planning	The Clerk advised the Council he had been approached by an individual selling their services as an emergency planner and offering to draw up an emergency plan for Coldridge. After careful consideration and discussion, the Council declined to take up this offer. It was noted that MDDC and DCC have emergency planning in place which coordinates with the emergency services and, in the case of an emergency in the Parish, contacting them would be a suitable action.
2018/19-37	Affordable Housing	The Clerk drew the Council's attention to MDDC's success in ensuring affordable new homes are being built in their area. They are not complacent about this and invite parish councils to consider where such housing may be built and are keen to learn of any community-led housing schemes. The Council considered this in depth, but at present there are no obvious locations for such housing in the parish.
2018/19-38	Communities Together Fund	The Clerk explained the new criteria for this, which show evidence of two communities working together on a specific project. After a discussion it was agreed to re-visit this at the next Council meeting in September, and in the meantime, Councillors would consider possible projects which could be put forward before the February deadline.
2018/19-39	Ring out for Peace Sunday Nov 11th 2018	The Clerk outlined the national activities to mark the end of WW1 and the Council agreed in principle to mark this. Activities suggested by the National Organiser include The Last Post, a Beacon and church bells rung. Andrew Green will talk to people at St Matthew's Church on coordinating this with Remembrance Sunday activities.
2018/19-40	Councillors' reports and items for future agenda	Jim Sampson reported he has permission to re-locate the West Leigh noticeboard to the lean to at West Leigh farm, which he will do once he has repaired the hinge which has failed. The council agreed this is a better location and thanked Jim for his work on this. The working party who had re-set the corner posts of the War Memorial were thanked for doing this. In discussion it was noted this is Gordon Turner Dart memorial – not Coldridge Memorial. Chris Burrow's agreed to talk to Luke about the church clock not keeping time – John Smith can describe the problem in more detail if required.
2018/19-41	Date of next meeting	Sept 20, Nov 22 7:30 Open Forum 8:00 Parish Council Meeting

Meeting closed at 21:00