

COLDRIDGE Parish Council

Minutes of Coldridge Parish Council Meeting September 20th 2018

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

Clerk: Keyth Richardson

Open Forum 7:00 30 parishioners attended this, with 10 sending apologies. This represents just over 13% of the electoral roll of 301.

This was specifically to discuss the proposed amenity land and to see if there was support for this within the parish. Andrew Green introduced the topic, with reference to a plan showing the land in question. He reported that the land, which is part of Coldridge Barton had been sold, although it was not thought completion had occurred. This complicates the issue, as the new owner may not wish to sell the land. The land was approximately three quarters of an acre and was provisionally valued at £12000. With the expected professional and legal costs, the total could rise to £18,000. Currently the Parish Council has about £3000 which can be spent on this project and they would be pursuing grants and other funds to help with the purchase, and in the short term may be looking to borrow money to help with the initial purchase. The council may also look to raise the precept by about £1000 which would be the equivalent of £6.38 a year for a band D property.

The following points were raised by parishioners

The proposed location is just a bit on the edge of the village. It will overlook one property and there were concerns over privacy; would there be security issues with children playing unsupervised; the stock fence on the far side of the one metre wide footpath would most likely involve barbed wire, but this would be away from the play area. The land would need draining and the route would most likely be towards the northern edge and so would need to be quite deep to be effective. Without effective drainage the proposed burial ground extension would not be suitable, or be given planning permission. It was explained the burial ground may not be needed for decades to come based on the current rate of burials in the churchyard.

There was widespread concern over children playing in the streets around the green with the speed of some of the traffic and the consequent risk to the children, particularly younger ones. It was agreed that a children's playground would improve the village life, and serve to encourage families with young children to move to the village

The meeting supported the need for amenity land especially for safe play areas for the children, and when asked gave 100% support to the Council borrowing money to acquire the land and to develop it. Prior to the meeting the clerk had received support for the proposal for the council to purchase the amenity land, [as described in the letter hand delivered to all properties in the Parish by the Councillors] from 6 households. There was a discussion on sources of funds and the Clerk informed the meeting he was in discussions with Mid Devon District Council regarding accessing S106 and CIL money paid in relation to developments within the Taw Ward, which could be used to help purchase the land and to fence it off.

An alternative location for the amenity land was proposed, which was the land accessed from the footpath running through the Old Bakery. It was said there was a 12-foot access to the land from the Square across the Old Bakery drive but this was questioned as to any limitations on this, and indeed if the access was still active, or had been extinguished. Vehicular access to the land would be required for installation and maintenance.

Andrew Green explained that once the land had been acquired the Parish Council would be looking for people to serve on a Management Committee which would have 2 parish Councillors on it but would need parents and perhaps some of the older children in the parish to be involved to give it a steer as to what is actually needed, and to help organise fundraising activities to help the development.

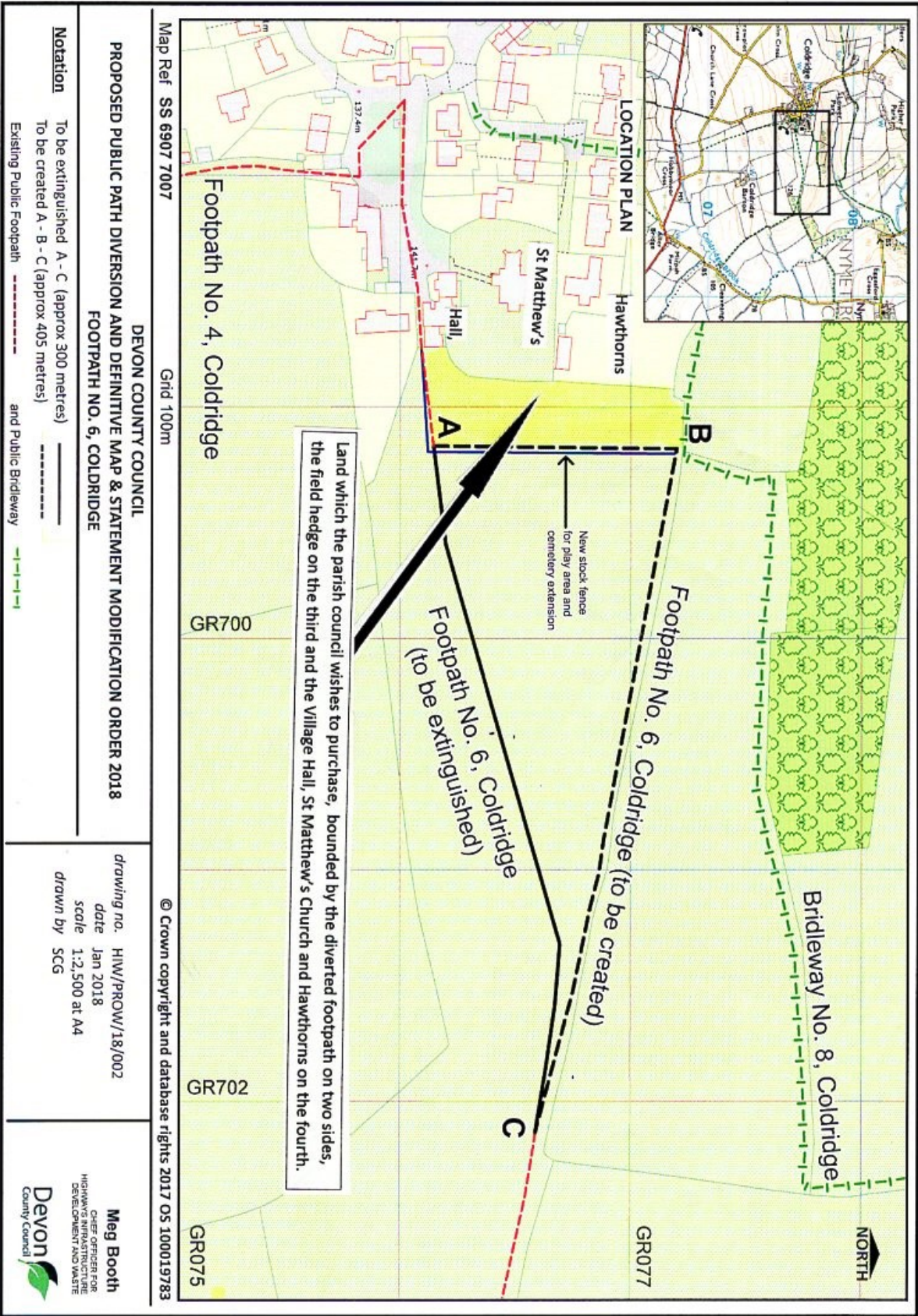
The Open Forum closed at 8:20 and was followed by the Parish Council Meeting.

Minutes of the Parish Council started at 8:20

	Item	Decision
2018/19-42	Recording of Council meetings	The Chairman requested that anyone recording the meeting inform the Council of this. No-one was.
2018/19-43	Apologies	none
2018/19-44	Declarations of interest	None
2018/19-45	Minutes	The minutes of the Annual General Meeting on July 19 th 2018 were approved and signed
2018/19-46	Clerk's progress report	none
2018/19-47	Amenity land	The council discussed the Open Forum and agreed that this showed significant support for the plan to acquire amenity land, uses to include a children's playground and possible burial ground extension. The number of parishioners present coupled with the emails and messages sent before the meeting was evidence of this. Following on from the Public Forum and the complete support from the public, the Council passed the following resolution, "Coldridge Parish Council will apply to the Secretary of State for permission to raise a loan to assist with the purchase of the amenity land as outlined on the plan circulated to Councillors and displayed at the open Forum". – see appendix 1
2018/19-48	Oral report from meeting with NBM team in Crediton	John Smith outlined the Neighbourhood Beat Management team comprising a Sgt Vicky Grimwood, PC Dan Armitage and PCSO's Dave Waring, Nikki Payne and Lisa McMillan supported by special constables. The presentation from Vicky Grimwood covered the main priorities of the team, which included safety, prevention of crime and disorder, protecting vulnerable, especially those with mental health issues, resilient communities and policing by consent. It was clear that the police service in Devon and Cornwall is financially challenged overall and faces staff shortages across all areas.

		<p>The significant problem of organised crime selling illegal drugs, and the business-like set up used to do this, was enlightening, and the overlap between vulnerable people and lower level drug dealers is significant, with many users and dealers being people with a number of issues which make them vulnerable.</p> <p>The growth of child safety when on line and CEOPs was mentioned, and the danger these youngsters are in when they are at home and on-line with predators.</p> <p>John described the Devon Alert system whereby individuals can register to be alerted to issues which may be occurring at specific locations in Devon, such where one lives or where one works. He reported he will be publicising this through the Coldridge Calendar but prior to doing so he was asked by the Chairman to liaise with the Neighbourhood Watch representative as the roles may be seen to overlap, and clarity between the two roles was needed.</p>
2018/19-49	Finance	<p>The following payments were agreed</p> <p>Clerk's wages £251.26</p> <p>Clerks expenses £98.16</p> <p>Leaving gift for Lesley Smith of DALC £10</p>
2018/19-50	Highways	<p>The road from Thorn Corner to West Leigh will be re-made- possibly as far as Frogbury Cross following a visit from Stephen Tucker DCC Highways officer in July</p> <p>The road from Eggesford Fourways to Eggesford Station is still awaiting repairs which have been promised by DCC Highways.</p> <p>Frogbury Cross is still in need of a permanent resolution to the problem of poor visibility when approaching from the south.</p>
2018/19-51	Planning update	<p>The container at Green Acres Farm appears to have been removed; the clerk was asked ensure that full compliance with the enforcement order had been done, and if a new application had been made for the site. [post meeting note -there are no applications outstanding for this property on MDDC planning website as of 21st Sept 2018]</p>
2018/19-52	Ringing out for Peace Sunday Nov 11th 2018	<p>The Council confirmed they would be promoting this event at 19:00 on 11 November 2018</p> <p>The Clerk was asked to follow up with Alan Quicke about ringers and if no response to see if any others were available.</p> <p>John Smith will ask Matt Arnold to play The Last post and failing that to ask Jeremy Lee if he can ask for a Royal marine to do this</p> <p>Parishioners will be invited to bring pictures/mementoes of their relatives who served in WW1 to be part of a small-scale display in the Village Hall, with a bring and share meal to run from 17:00 – 19:00</p>
2018/19-53	Councillors' reports and items for future agenda	None
2018/19-54	Date of next meeting	Nov 22 nd 7:30 Open Forum 8:00 Parish Council Meeting

Meeting closed at 21:55



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Grid 100m

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DEVON COUNTY COUNCIL
PROPOSED PUBLIC PATH DIVERSION AND DEFINITIVE MAP & STATEMENT MODIFICATION ORDER 2018
FOOTPATH NO. 6, COLDRIDGE

Notation

- To be extinguished A - C (approx 300 metres) ————
- To be created A - B - C (approx 405 metres) - - - - -
- Existing Public Footpath - - - - -
- and Public Bridleway - - - - -

drawing no. HIW/PROW/18/002
 date Jan 2018
 scale 1:2,500 at A4
 drawn by SCG

Meg Booth
 CHIEF OFFICER FOR
 HIGHWAYS INFRASTRUCTURE
 DEVELOPMENT AND MAINTENANCE

Land which the parish council wishes to purchase, bounded by the diverted footpath on two sides, the field hedge on the third and the Village Hall, St Matthew's Church and Hawthorns on the fourth.