

Minutes of Coldridge Parish Council Meeting 7.30 on Thursday July 16th 2020 via Zoom.

Present: Councillors Andrew Green, Marion Born, Chris Burrows, John Smith, DCC Councillor Margaret Squires

Apologies, Jim Sampson, Jeff Burrows

Clerk Keyth Richardson

Open Forum. There was no Open Forum due to COVID-19 constraints. Parishioners had been asked to raise any issues with a Councillor or the Clerk, but none had been raised. No-one had asked for the meeting details to be able to log in

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2020/21-15	Recording of meetings	The meeting was not being recorded
2020/21-16	Apologies	Jim Sampson who is not on the internet and Jeff Burrows who had an operation today
2020/21-17	Declarations of interest	None reported
2020/21-18	Minutes	The minutes of the meeting on May 14 th 2020 were approved.
2020/21-19	Coldridge Bulletin Update.	<p>The Bulletin has been running since the start of the lockdown and whilst in the initial stages it was needed to be issued daily as time has gone on there are fewer updates to publish, so it's frequency was reduced, and will end after publication on Weds 22nd July. If anything urgent does come through it can be sent out using the usual channels.</p> <p>The Chairman publicly thanked John for the sterling work he had done in producing such a useful publication and for his key role as SPOC within the Parish. It had taken a lot of his time to do this and the Parish is very grateful to him for taking this on. Thanks were also given to Keyth and Sara Richardson for delivering the 9 printed copies in the village to those without internet, and to Marion Born for delivering copies in the southern part of the parish.</p> <p>There will be a normal Calendar on August 1st and this will continue monthly</p>
2020/21-20	MDDC Covid-19 fund	The Clerk reported he had successfully applied for the further £200 and he had kept a detailed record of where this extra money had been spent. The generosity of the Parish meant there were few claims for expenses incurred in supporting neighbours, although all volunteers had not yet been told they could claim for expenses. The clerk had reduced his time spent on specific Covid-19 work by unsubscribing from the government email, which had become less useful to pass on.

2020/21-21	Casual vacancy	The Clerk and Chairman had met to revise this document and it was agreed that as no action can be taken to fill the Casual Vacancy at present this document would be considered at the next physical meeting of the Council.
2020/21-22	Model Member Code of Conduct	The Clerk had circulated this and there were no particular queries. The aim is for all councils to adopt a single code of conduct for their members which will simplify procedures for the District Council, whose role is to oversee the implementation of the Code and address any complaints from the public.
2020/21-23	Planning	It was noted that Mole End applicants had been granted permission for the work they wished to carry out. This was not contentious and following a site meeting by Chris Burrows it was agreed that no objections would be raised.
2020/21-22	Highways	<p>The following points were raised by councillors and it agreed to ask the Clerk to email these to Margaret Squires for her to discuss with Stephen Tucker from DCC Highways</p> <p>The sump buster on the road from Thorn Corner to West Leigh is still a danger, and recently a car damaged its front spoiler whilst driving on this road. There is a spring which needs to be diverted away from the highway, as it currently is pushing the ground upwards and buckling the road.</p> <p>There are patches of tarmac in The Square which are crumbling and breaking up, and will soon become potholes.</p> <p>The hedge on the south eastern side of Frogbury Cross is becoming a hazard as it is blocking the visibility towards Allerbridge. After some discussion it was agreed that Marion Born would keep an eye on this and liaise with the residents of number 1. There would be help available to trim the hedge if it is required.</p> <p>John Smith reported some of the “20 is plenty” signs are overgrown and need a wash, and he will clear the grass and wash the signs.</p>
2020/21-23	Finance	<p>The following payments were agreed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. clerk’s wages £318.52 b. clerk’s expenses £117.48
2020/21-24	Report from Margaret Squires	<p>Margaret was thanked for the regular updates she has been sending out regarding DCC activities. School attendance in Devon is above the national average, which is commendable; DCC has over 30 days stock of PPE, and more than 30 days of some items.</p> <p>She was asked to pass on the thanks of the Council, on behalf of the Parish to the refuse collectors and re-cycling team for the hard work they have been putting in, and without which the situation would have been so much worse.</p>

2020/21-25	Councillors reports	<p>It was suggested that the 2 hours free parking in Market Street Crediton was insufficient to have a hair appointment. (The maximum stay in this car park is 2 hours, longer stays need to use St Saviours Way car park) There is still free parking for 45 minutes in the High Street</p> <p>John Smith has had some complaints about vehicles travelling faster than is safe in the village area, and he has suggested that car numbers are noted. It was accepted that there would never be a speed limit in the village and if there was it would never be enforced</p> <p>The Electricity Bill was discussed but no action was agreed to be taken to support this</p>
2020/21-26	Dates of next meetings	<p>These were noted as being planned for 17 Sept, 19 Nov but this would depend on guidance and regulations from the government, but it was possible that remote access to meetings for the public would still be required for up to 12 months, as per the current legislation.</p>

Post meeting the minutes for May 14th were taken by the Clerk to the Chairman for signature.

The meeting closed at 20:19

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