

Minutes of Coldridge Parish Council Meeting 20:19 on Tuesday May 4th 2021 via Zoom.

Present: Councillors Andrew Green, Marion Born, Chris Burrows, John Smith, Jeff Burrows

Clerk Keyth Richardson

Apologies Jim Sampson DCC Councillor Margaret Squires

One member of the public attended.

Open Forum. There was no Open Forum due to COVID-19 constraints. No issues for the meeting had been raised by parishioners with a Councillor or the Clerk.

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2021/22- 18	Election of Chairman	Andrew Green was proposed by John Smith seconded by Chris Burrows and elected unopposed
2021/22-19	Election of Vice-Chairman	John Smith was proposed by Chris Burrows seconded by Marion Born and elected unopposed
2021/22-20	Recording of meetings	The meeting was not being recorded
2021/22-21	Apologies	Due to the current Corona virus regulations Jim Sampson was not allowed to leave his home to enter another's to use their internet to join via Zoom, so he was not able to attend. He has no internet connection of his own.
2021/22-22	Declarations of interest	None reported.
2021/22- 23	Minutes	The minutes of the meeting on March 18 th 2021 were approved. (They were signed by the Chairman on May 5 th)
2021/22-24	To agree and sign the Certificate of Exemption as part of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return [AGAR] 2020/21	This was agreed and signed
2021/22-25	To agree and sign the Annual Governance Statement for 2020/21	This was agreed and signed
2021/22-26	To agree and sign the Accounting Statements of the Annual Return for 2020/21	This was agreed and signed

2021/22-27	To select up to two representatives for the Village Hall Committee	Keyth Richardson and Chris Burrows were proposed by Marion Born, seconded by John Smith and elected unopposed
2021/22-28	Clerk's report on Urgent Decisions since the last meeting	None
2021/22-29	Clerks Progress report for information	<p>The clerk reminded the Council that the vacancy would be advertised in the June edition of Coldridge Calendar and on the three noticeboards using the wording below, as agreed at the previous meeting</p> <p><i>Coldridge Parish Council wishes to co-opt a councillor to serve the remainder of the late John Daw's term. It invites all interested people to apply to the clerk, Keyth Richardson by email coldridgepcclerk@btinternet.com.</i></p> <p><i>Please explain why you wish to be a councillor, what skills and abilities you will bring to the council and any other relevant previous experiences. The Clerk is responsible for legal and financial aspects of the Council's work, so you do not need to be an expert in these areas, but the Council is looking for someone who can contribute to the life of Coldridge. The Parish Council is the first level of local democracy and is not party political. It is not relevant if you either are, or are not, a member of a political party.</i></p> <p><i>The legal requirements to be councillor are that you must be over 18, and meet at least one of the following.</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <i>1. be on the electoral roll for Coldridge</i> <i>2. lived within the parish for at least 12 months</i> <i>3. lived within 3 miles of the parish for at least 12 months</i> <i>4. had your only or principal place of work within the parish for the last 12 months.</i> <p><i>Please contact the Clerk if you want to discuss this informally, 01363 83251 or talk to any of the current councillors.</i></p> <p><i>The deadline for applications is June 21st and interviews will take place in early July, subject to any remaining Covid restrictions.</i></p>
2021/22-30	Finance	<p>The following payments were agreed</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Clerk's wages £208.27 b. Clerk's expenses £12.15 c. DALC payment of £81.32 d. BHIB Insurance £158.74 e. A Symonds for service parts for grass-cutter £45.64 f. Zoom annual licence £71.945

		g. Cumbria Clock Company annual service £198.00
2021/22-31	Highways	<p>Following input from the member of public a discussion took place regarding the speed of traffic in Church Lane. Suggestions included increased “20 is Plenty” signage, specific signage at C&R Construction asking drivers to respect the “20 is Plenty” in the village, and signs saying “Pedestrians in the Road”. The view was expressed that signs are not, in themselves, likely to lead to a reduction in traffic speed, as most users of Church Lane are regular and have seen the signs.</p> <p>The following were agreed.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. One or two councillors would discuss this issue with C&R Construction to ensure they were aware of the concern and worries 2. The Clerk would write an article for the Coldridge Calendar asking all drivers to respect the “20 is Plenty” <p>The top dressing of Church Lane was not good and already had bald patches and ripples in it. No-one felt it had been a good use of DCC Highways budget.</p> <p>The gully on the eastern side of Church lane as it approaches Hobby Moor Cross is deep and unguarded and a fence is required</p> <p>The sink hole at Mole End has not been repaired</p> <p>The signs for Bend and Junction are missing from the newly erected pole on the western approach to Allerbridge</p> <p>There is a Stop sign missing from the southern approach to Gilscott Cross from Birch Farm</p> <p>The clerk was asked to contact the new DCC Councillor to seek action on these points</p>
2021/22-32	Planning	Nothing to report
2021/22- 33	Councillors reports	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. It was noted the gilding on the Church Clock looked a bit dull. It is likely the significantly increased number of jackdaws were a factor as they are nesting within the church tower and accessing it via the clock face 2. Frogbury Cross car parking is still awaiting a site visit from MDDC. 3. The situation at Green Acres farm was raised. The clerk was asked to remind MDDC Enforcement Officer a site visit is still needed. 4. Chris Burrows reported that Margaret Burrows had wire brushed the East Leigh noticeboard and re-treated it. The Council thanked her for this work 5. John Smith will look at the one in the village and treat it with the material he had been given 6. The Clerk reported he had spoken to Jim Sampson who told him the West Leigh noticeboard would be moved to the linhay. Due to Covid regulations this work could not be done at present. It was requested the existing overflow noticeboard on the linhay be left, as it is very useful 7. Defib training will take place in the autumn, the clerk was asked to confirm the date when restrictions are eased.
2020/21-34	Dates of next meetings	Dates for 2021 are July 15 th , September 16 th and November 18 th .

The meeting closed at 21.05

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