

**Minutes of Coldridge Parish Council Meeting 19:30 on Thursday September 16<sup>th</sup> in the Village Hall**

**Present:** Councillors Andrew Green, Marion Born, Chris Burrows, John Smith, Jeff Burrows John Quick, Jim Sampson. MDDC Councillor Peter Heal

**Clerk** Keyth Richardson

**Apologies** Margaret Squires DCC

**Open Forum** No members of the public attended for this

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2021/22- 54	<b>Welcome</b>	The Chairman welcomed John Quick to his first meeting as a Coldridge Parish Councillor.
2021/22-55	<b>Apologies</b>	Margaret Squires, who was attending another Parish Council Meeting
2021/22-56	<b>Declarations of interest</b>	None reported.
2021/22-57	<b>Minutes</b>	The minutes of the meetings on July 15 <sup>th</sup> and July 22 <sup>nd</sup> were approved and signed by the Chairman.
2021/22-58	<b>East Leigh Sewage update</b>	<p>In summary the ditch on the east side of the road is inadequate for the water flow it is required to carry. The outflow of sewage fertilises the growth on the road surface and verges. If the ditch was piped to carry the sewage water there would still be the problem with the run-off from buildings and the surface water. It is best to clear the mud and dirt from the road surface, but this is not a job for the adjoining landowners/farmers.</p> <p>The Chairman said a site visit with Steve Denton MDDC and Stephen Tucker, DCC Highways along with the Parish Council is the most efficient way to resolve this and avoid a trail of emails.</p> <p>Peter Heal had already spoken to Stephen Denton at MDDC and will continue to follow this up, liaising with the Clerk on any progress made.</p>
2021/22-59	<b>Clerk's report and Update</b>	<p>SW Ambulance Trust had informed the Clerk that the next 4 years' service contract was almost due, and it would be a total of £2700 for the 2 defibrillators and annual training. This would not be new defibrillators but the existing ones, even though the cost is the same as the first 4 years.</p> <p>The Clerk had spent some time investigating alternatives, and a summary paper was tabled showing the cost of the Parish Council buying new ones and keeping them for 8 years. (8 years is the warranty on the defibrillators)</p> <p>This paper is below, but it appears that the SW Ambulance Trust charges are excessive as the second 4 years costs are only a few hundred pounds.</p> <p>If the Parish Council decides not to renew with SW Ambulance trust it can keep the existing cabinets if all SW Ambulance trust logos and signs are removed</p> <p>The Clerk will find out the cost of CPR training from several potential providers, check the sizes of defibrillators to see if they will fit the existing cabinets and report back to the council. He will also alert the council if the deadline for payment is close, and a special meeting may be needed to consider this topic</p> <p>Councillors should look at the figures and information provided and contact the Clerk if they have any questions or ideas.</p>

		The clerk will be attending various activities as part of the DALC on-line conference, and if any Councillor wished to join the cost would only be £10 for however many sessions they joined.
2021/22-60	<b>Highways</b>	Vehicles are still travelling at excess speeds within the village. Following a discussion of the types of signs the Council can fix without Highways permission it was noted that no signs with red borders can be installed by the Parish Council. The Clerk was asked to confirm the cost of changes some of the signs with the suppliers. The Council agreed in principle to fund 3 signs, post and fixings and the Councillors were asked to consider carefully where and how these could be fixed.
2021/22-61	<b>Planning</b>	Williamsons Wood is still awaiting a decision, but if the Officers are minded to grant it then Peter Heal will call it in Leigh Cottage barn and associated work had been approved as per the original application Work on St Matthew's yew trees had been approved by the Archdeacon and it was planned to start work on October 11 <sup>th</sup> . Volunteers from the parish would be sought to help with this as they will be able to undertake some of the less skilled labouring work, leaving the tree surgeons time to carry out as much of the work as possible. Several Councillors would be able to provide tractors and silage trailers to haul away the poisonous chippings and logs would be made available to parishioners
2021/22-62	<b>Neighbourhood Plan Discussion</b>	Following on from the paper circulated with the minutes and some discussion it was agreed not to proceed with a Neighbourhood Plan. Anyone who was aware of land which could be subject to development within the parish can put this forward to MDDC, but Coldridge Parish is not seen as development area in MDDC planning
2021/22-63	<b>Queens Jubilee</b>	It was agreed to work with the Village Hall Committee on a joint activity, and the Clerk was asked to follow this up. There will be national beacon lighting ceremonies on 2 <sup>nd</sup> June at 21.15 (sunset) The Chairman will approach Graham Knott, the farm manager to see if the fete field can be used for this. No decision was made on purchasing souvenir mugs or other items.
2021/22-64	<b>Finance</b>	The following payments were agreed Clerks wages £305.10 Clerks expenses £2.48
2021/22-65	<b>Councillor's concerns</b>	Hedges are being cut in some places, but other road are still waiting for this. The sight line east to Allerbridge from Frogbury Cross is waiting to be cut. Any outstanding hedge cutting will be raised at the November meeting. Taw River monitoring station had been approved, but the Council felt this was of little use and would not provide any meaningful data The road from Blackditch to Newton Cottages is very poor, partly it is believed due to the excessive number of lorries going to and from Manns Newton. There are also possible breaches of planning taking place and Peter Heal will look into both these issues with Margaret Squires There are still 2 warning signs missing from the post to the west of Allerbridge on the B3220 There were concerns raised about possible planning breaches at land near Frogbury Cross and Peter Heal will follow this up with MDDC Planning Enforcement Officers. Devon Communities Together are offering Domestic Energy Efficiency Workshops and the Clerk will try and arrange one of these for the parish

The meeting closed at 21.30

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