

DRAFT Minutes of Coldridge Parish Council Meeting 19:30 on Thursday November 25th in the Village Hall

Present: Councillors Andrew Green, Marion Born, Chris Burrows, John Smith, Jeff Burrows John Quick, Jim Sampson. Margaret Squires DCC

Clerk Keyth Richardson

Apologies Peter Heal MDDC

Open Forum No members of the public attended for this

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2021/22- 66	Welcome	The Chairman welcomed Margaret Squires to the meeting
2021/22-67	Apologies	Peter Heal , who was attending another Parish Council Meeting
2021/22-68	Declarations of interest	None reported.
2021/22-69	Minutes	The minutes of the meeting of September 16 th were approved and signed by the Chairman.
2021/22-70	Matters arising a. East Leigh Sewage update b. Traffic calming in the village c. Queen's Jubilee	<p>Whilst this not a problem at present it will be problem in the future unless action is taken. The growth on the road surface needs to be removed, possibly by putting it on to the banks at each side of the road.</p> <p>The clerk was asked to follow this up with Peter Heal, and a site visit with Steve Denton MDDC and Stephen Tucker, DCC Highways along with the Parish Council may well be the most efficient way to resolve this and avoid a trail of emails.</p> <p>There was a long and detailed discussion on this topic. A speed operated sign would cost about £5,500 and would need the agreement of DCC for its implementation and operation. The existing speed limit, of 60mph would not be reduced unless there was a fatal accident, and even then, the speed limit may not be changed. The Parish Council can ask for Steve Tucker from DCC Highways to come out with a camera to check speeds, and this would be done through Margaret Squires. She commented that it is often the perception of speed which is the issue, and from her experience from other similar locations the majority of vehicles are only a bit over 30mph.</p> <p>The Clerk was asked to email Margaret to see if this could be arranged, and at what cost, and if any other measures could be considered. The Parish Council did not want rumble strips as these are noisy and affect local residents who live alongside the road.</p> <p>Queens Jubilee. Discussion deferred to January but is was noted the Village Hall Committee was keen to get involved in any celebration, which would be focussed on the Beacon and the Village Hall</p>

2021/22-71	Clerk's report and Update	<p>Energy Workshops. These were poorly attended, with only a handful of attendees, most of whom were councillors or the clerk. If these are offered next year careful consideration needs to be given to how these are promoted to the parish.</p> <p>DALC on-line conference. The clerk found this was less successful than previous face to face ones, where informal discussion are useful aspect.</p> <p>DCC spends a significant amount of its budget on care, both adult and child. This is an ongoing growth in expenditure. DCC is recruiting new carers and care mangers, but there is a national shortage.</p> <p>There are plans for compulsory registration for all Airbnb operations. At present many of these operate outside any form of regulation and registration for tax purposes, which is an unfair advantage over the more traditional types of holiday letting.</p> <p>Devon is also part of a bid for devolution, which if successful would benefit transport, skills & training and climate action. It is hoped that this devolution will not require there to be an elected mayor, which is not appropriate for the Southwest.</p>
2021/22-72	Budget setting	<p>The clerk had previously distributed draft budgets, showing two precepts; Budget A £5,000. Budget B £4,500. A discussion took place on both options. A proposal to adopt Budget A was proposed by John Smith and seconded by John Quick. This was passed unanimously. The Chairman, on behalf of the Council, thanked the clerk for work in producing such detailed proposals</p>
2021/22-73	Defibrillators	<p>Following from the last meeting, when the Council were particularly concerned that any proposal would ensure that annual training would be available for the parish, the Clerk had carried out some more research. As a result of this he produced a paper with a proposal to source the defibrillators from a charity called Jays Aim, in Newton Abbot. They can provide defibrillators, service items such as pads and batteries, free training sessions and an element of technical support. These would cost £914 each. John Smith proposed the Council purchase these defibrillators from Jays Aim and was seconded by Chris Burrows. It was agreed unanimously.</p> <p>Margaret Squires suggested the Clerk apply for some funding from her DCC Locality Fund, to the tune of £350 per defibrillator, and she would approve this. The Council thanked Margaret for this donation.</p>
2021/22-74	Planning	<p>A short email trail showing that MDDC will not be enforcing the planning conditions on the development at Williamsons Wood was shared with the Council. The clerk had prepared a brief email to be sent to the Head of Planning. As a new procedure for reporting possible planning contraventions had only come out 3 days ago the Clerk was asked to modify the response, and circulate the revised letter to the Council.</p>
2021/22-75	Highways	<p>The Chairman, as Salt Warden, has visited all the bins in the parish and all are fairly full. The recommended dose is a tablespoon per square metre, which needs to be widely known.</p> <p>Other highways issues focussed on the roads from Lapford, through Black Ditch Cross and up to Leigh Cross.</p>

		Three emails had been received by the clerk and circulated. A long discussion ensued, over the causes of the problems and possible solutions. The use of the road by many heavy lorries tipping at Manns Newton and other locations have resulted in the drains collapsing, the roads flooding and the verges being damaged. The Environment Agency gives permission for such dumping but does not take into account the knock-on effect on the environment by the heavy volume of traffic. The clerk was asked to draft a letter to be sent to Steve Tucker, copied to Margaret Squires covering these points and asking for action. At the moment Steve is recovering from Covid and the Council wish him a speedy and full recovery.
2021/22-76	Finance	The following payments were agreed Clerks wages £476.26 Clerks expenses £6.24 Village Hall Hire £70 (for 2020 and 2021)
2021/22-77	Councillor's concerns	MS. DCC is arranging training for new care staff with Exeter and Petroc Colleges, but this is national problem. Currently DCC is overspending its budget on adult and children services, but with new officers being appointed improvements are expected J Smith as Councillor Advocate is able to arrange speakers on Speed watch and Cyber Crime. It was agreed to look at this in the new year MB Hedges at Frogbury Cross need some more attention, AG to investigate this. The sump buster road is still awaiting repairs. (Thorn Corner to West Leigh) AG asked the Council to spend around £30 on Christmas tree for the green, and this was agreed as per the 2021/22 budget.
2021/22-78	Date of next meetings.	The dates for meetings in 2022. January 13 th , March 17 th , May 12 th July 21 st September 22 nd November 24 th

The meeting closed at 21.15

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