**Minutes of Coldridge Parish Council Meeting 20:00 on Thursday September 22nd 2022**

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

**Clerk** Keyth Richardson h

**Apologies** John Smith **MDDC Councillor** Peter Heal

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| 2022/23 -51 | **Welcome by Chairman** | Andrew Green welcomed everyone to the meeting, which started at 19:30 |
| 2022/23-52 |  | The Chairman gave a short tribute to Her Majesty the late Queen Elizabeth the Second and then read the Official Proclamation. The meeting observed a minute’s silence. |
|  |  | The meeting was suspended for an Open Forum, but nothing was raised by any of the six parishioners present |
| 2022/23-53 | **Recording of meetings** | The meeting was not being recorded |
| 2022/23-54 | **Apologies** | John Smith , MDDC Councillor Peter Heal |
| 2022/23-55 | **Declarations of interest** | None reported. |
| 2022/23-56 | **Minutes** | The minutes of the meeting on July 21st were approved and signed |
| 2022/23-57 | **Matters arising** | none |
| 2022/23-58 | **Speed watch** | There was some discussion on the estimated speeds of some vehicles using Church Lane. The criteria for a 30-mph limit were mentioned including the number of dwellings within a certain distance, openings onto the road, recorded accidents and fatalities. Cllr Squires will ask the DCC Highways Engineer for her constituency to hold a handheld speed check early in the morning. |
| 2022/23-59 | **Visit to local employer** | The chairman and vice chairman will arrange to visit C&R construction to discuss traffic flows and speed in the village. It was noted that other motorists are also driving above the “20 is plenty” suggested speed. |
| 2022/23-60 | **Clerks report and mobile library** | A letter has been received from Coldridge Village Hall thanking the Parish Council for purchasing the new tables which have made a huge difference, especially for the Coldridge Café and Coldridge Arms.  The mobile library thanked the Parish Council for their offer of support, but have sourced a replacement van and resumed the service |
| 2022/23-61 | **DALC Conference** | It was confirmed that just the Clerk would be attending on Oct 5th |
| 2022/23-62 | **Rural Villages Service Group** | It was agreed not to join this group as no clear benefits were seen |
| 2022/23-46 | **Planning** | No progress has been made on this issue. The Clerk was asked to follow this up with Peter Heal. |
| 2022/23-47 | **Highways** | As requested, the clerk had investigated the landfill licences and operations in the area. It is clear from communications with DCC that the Environment Agency do not consider the suitability of the highways to be used for any landfill traffic.  West Newton was given planning permission for a nature reserve by MDDC, and so any soil being tipped there is not landfill but is simply to create the nature reserve. The council are concerned that this may not be being monitored by MDDC and asked the clerk to follow up with the local MDDC Councillor, Peter Heal.  The council were remined that the most efficient way of reporting potholes is via the DCC website. To be considered for repair the pothole must be 300 mm across, 40mm deep with a sharp edge. Shallow soup-bowl type depressions do not count and will not be filled. 60% of supposed potholes reported on the website do not meet this definition, and reporting non-potholes wastes council time and resources.  DCC will be overspending by about £30 to £40 million this year as it is being asked to do more work with regards to adult and children’s social care, which soak up much of the DCC budget leaving little for highways   * The loose gravel from top-dressing on between Black Ditch and Newton Cottages needs sweeping before it blocks the drains * The road from Thorn Corner towards West Leigh is still awaiting repairs. Known locally as the sump buster * It was noted the hedge from Thorn Corner to Farley’s Grave had been cut more promptly than usual. |
|  | **Finger board at Hobby Moor Cross** | Keith Watts has offered to do this at no charge and will ask Dee Bridges to paint the wording. |
| 2022/23-48 | **Finance** | The following payments were agreed   * 1. Clerk’s wages £169.74   2. Clerk’s expenses £4.28   3. BQQ costs £370.78 |
|  | **Councillor’s reports** | Jonny Monument has taken over as Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator The address is [coldridgenhw@hotmail.com](mailto:coldridgenhw@hotmail.com)  The footpath sign posts do not show the re-aligned route, and the Clerk was asked to follow this up with DCC.  John Smith would be asked to send out an email asking people to keep dogs off the village green, although as a public footpath runs across the green this is not enforceable.  Once the new bin collection dates are known the Clerk will print out copies for those who need them. |
| 2022/23 -50 | **Dates of next meetings** | To confirm the dates for the last meeting in 2022 is on November 24th and to agree dates for 2023 as January 19th, March 16th, May 18th (depending on election requirements) July 20th, Sept 14th, November 16th. |

The meeting closed at 21.15

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