**Minutes of Coldridge Parish Council Meeting 19.30 on Thursday May 9th 2024**

**Present:** **Councillors** Andrew Green, John Smith, Marion Born, John Quick, Malcolm Bedford, Ivan Kriznik, Chris Burrows

**MDDC Councillor** Alex White

**Clerk** Keyth Richardson

**Apologies:** **MDDC Councillors** Natalia Letch

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| 2024/25-1 | **Welcome by Chairman** | Andrew Green welcomed all to the meeting |
| 2024/25-2 | **Recording of meetings** | no-one was recording the meeting |
| 2024/25-3 | **Apologies** | Apologies had been received from MDDC Cllr Natalia Letch |
| 2024/25-4 | **Declarations of interest** | None reported. |
| 2024/25-5 | **To approve of the minutes of the meeting on March 21st 2024** | The minutes of the meeting on March 21st 2024 were approved and signed |
| 2024/25-6 | **To agree and sign the Certificate of Exemption as part of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return [AGAR] 2023/24** | This was agreed and signed |
| 2024/25-7 | **To agree and sign the Annual Governance Statement for 2023/24** | This was agreed and signed |
| 2024/25-8 | **To agree and sign the Accounting Statements of the Annual Return for 2023/24** | This was agreed and signed  A vote of thanks was given to the Clerk for his clear and prompt work in ensuring the Parish Councils finances are in order. |
| 2024/25-9 | **To select up to two representatives for the Village Hall Committee** | Chris Burrows and Keyth Richardson agreed to serve for another year. |
| 2024/25-10 | **Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman** | Andrew Green was proposed as Chairman by Marion Born and seconded by John Smith  John Smith was proposed as Vice-Chairman by Chris Burrows and seconded by John Quick.  Both were unanimously elected. |
| 2024/25-11 | **Clerks Progress report** | The portrait of the King Charles III had arrived, and it was agreed to hang this in the village hall. |
| 2024/25-12 | **Finance** | The following payment were agreed. Proposed by Malcolm Bedford, seconded by John Smith   * 1. Clerk’s wages £228.29   2. Clerk’s expenses £21.75   3. DALC payment of £150.74   4. BHIB Insurance £286.48   5. A Kendal Clock winding for 2023/24 £30   6. Coldridge Village Hall £24.00 |
| 2024/25-13 | **Highways** | Ivan Krisnik has taken the lead on a number of these issues and has kept in touch with DCC Margaret Squires and DCC highways officer Steven Tucker. He has noticed some pushbacks on smaller jobs.  Frogbury cross drain still needs clearing, and this requires DCC and MDDC to work together on this. (MDDC on the property, DCC in the highway)  Spot repairs on the B3220 are ok but in future this road will need to be closed from Blackditch to Frogbury Cross for more significant work.  Work needed in The Square was reported on 23 April and some has been completed, but others still to be done in The Square and by Stooks Rise.  It will be at least 2 years before any major work is done in The Square, regarding a general resurface.  The Parish Council note that most, if not all highway issues are caused by, or exacerbated by, blocked drains and a lack of significant maintenance.  Neighbouring counties do not such dreadful roads, and the Parish Council wonders how they can do it, but DCC cannot.  The clerk was asked to check on the correspondence from Meg Booth on this topic. |
| 2024/25-14 | **Planning** | No update yet from Cllr Natalia Letch MDDC on the possible breach of planning for Green Acres, and this is with the MDDC enforcement officer Heather Nesbitt.  There is some discussion between planners and the owner regarding the re-building of a property at East Leigh, but this is outside the remit of the Parish Council. |
| 2024/25-15 | **Date of next Annual Parish Meeting** | May 15th 2025 |
| 2024/25-16 | **Councillor’s reports** | John Smith noted a tree at Gilscott was overhanging the road. John Quick had spoken to the owner who was not going to act. John Smith will report it on the DCC website.  Ivan gave an update on D-day Commemoration. He has borrowed some of John Dike’s memorabilia for display in the hall and will show some Pathe newsreels on the screen.  19:30 Sunshine singers will lead singing of period songs.  20:00 pasties available – Marion Born and Margaret Burrows co-ordinating. Pat and Chris Allard happy to help with this  20:30 Sunshine Singers  21:15 Beacon lighting and tribute read by Andrew Green.  *Minutes from March 21st meeting for info*  *After some discussion, and following offers of help from members of the Village Hall Social Group the plan is for the Village Hall bar to be open, 200 pasties to be available at no charge and the beacon lighting will take place nationally at 21:15.*  ***Roles-***  *Chris Burrows and Andrew Green to be responsible for the beacon including obtaining permission from Graham Knott, the Manager of Coldridge Barton.*  *Pasties. Chris and Pat Allard to organise these, in conjunction with Margaret Burrows who is investigating the use of frozen pasties for VH events. Can Malcolm and John Quick also help with these and the donation bucket. Official suggestions are Royal Navy Association; ABF the Soldiers Charity; RAF Benevolent fund; Merchant Navy Assoc.*  *John Smith and Andrew Green to put up the bunting.*  *Ivan will coordinate the advertising on WOIC.*  *John Smith with publicise it in The Coldridge Calendar*  *Marion will arrange for tea and coffee to be available.*  Malcolm Bedford noted some lorries are still using Frogbury cross to access C&R Construction. Ivan and Malcolm will collect data on frequency from Trevor McKown  It was noted the on-line banking mandate had got bogged down on its way round the Councillors and will be re-started afresh in June.  John Quick noted that Chris Hodgson has good signage to his business, which could be copied for C&R. If anyone is in the vicinity of Chris Hodgson could they take pictures of these signs? |
| 2024/25-17 | **Date of next meeting** | The dates are July 25th Sept 19th Nov 21st |

The meeting closed at 21.30

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