

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD BY COLEORTON PARISH COUNCIL
AT THE BEAUMONT CENTRE, PEGGS GREEN
ON 8 DECEMBER 2011 AT 7.30PM**

PRESENT:-

	<p>Councillor Paul Brader - Chair Cllr Emma-Kate Fletcher Councillor Grainne Kelly Councillor Terry Betts Mrs Sandra Dillon - Website Co-Ordinator Mr John Macdonald - Heritage Warden Mr Rob Oldham - Heritage Warden Mrs Sue McGlynn - Clerk PCSO Tim Hulse Members of the Coleorton 2000 Committee Colin Pickering of New Lount Bowls Club Mrs Carol Bramley - Chair of Worthington PC Parishioners</p>
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APOLOGIES

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Buswell and Specht.

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DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Kelly declared her interest as a member of the Beaumont Centre Committee.

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REPORT FROM THE POLICE

PCSO Hulse explained that he was standing in for the usual beat officers, but that by combining three beats into the one Valley Beat, there was more flexibility and coverage. He presented the crime figures for the period since the previous meeting. There had been 4 incidents, one public order that had been detected and one dwelling burglary, one theft of cabling and one damage to a farmer's barbed wire fence, none of which had been detected. The Council noted that this was a better picture than that reported at its last meeting. PCSO Hulse asked the Council to note the new number of 101 to ring for non-urgent policy matters and advised everyone to hide their Christmas presents to reduce burglaries.

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PERIOD FOR PARISHIONERS PARTICIPATION

Reports from Heritage Wardens, Coleorton 2000 Committee and webmaster

All these individuals and groups had presented written reports before the meeting and spoke briefly in support of these. Mike Cox had provided a supplementary report on the refurbishment of the Bakehouse and was able to provide the meeting with photographs of the work. He will send these to Mrs Dillon for inclusion on the website. **Action: Photos of Bakehouse to be put on the website.** The Council congratulated those involved on what had been achieved and it was agreed that a display at the Annual Parish Meeting would be a good way to inform parishioners. It was also suggested that a plaque be put on the road side of the Bakehouse with information on the building and the restoration. **Action: Mr Cox to come back to the Parish Council with suggestions on what should go on a plaque.**

Parishioners' comments

A parishioner thanked the Parish Council for the work it does particularly around speeding. He asked whether there would be more speed camera locations. Cllr Kelly described the risk assessment process with LCC and said that whilst more sites had been earmarked, it could be some time before they could be used.

Mr Pickering told the members about the New Lount Bowls Club and reported that they were planning a Gala on 23 June 2012. The Club would be happy to share its facilities on that date with other events that were planned, particularly around the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. Councillors were pleased to hear of the plans and hoped that there could be coordination between the various events planned for June.

Robert Smith, Secretary of the Coleorton 2000 Committee, noted that he found the discussions that had taken place around Mr Macdonald's resignation from the 2000 Committee and the effect on his position as a Heritage Warden unbalanced. He felt that the Committee should have been invited to the Working Party Meeting. The Chair stated that the Council felt that they had been able to hear the views of all sides either at the last Council meeting or at the Working Party meeting.

169/2011 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 20 October 2011 were approved and signed by the Chair.

170 /2011 HERITAGE

The Working Party's recommendation was that Mr Macdonald should remain as a Heritage Warden alongside Mr Oldham. It was proposed by Cllr Kelly, seconded by Cllr Brader and agreed that this recommendation be accepted. The Council recorded its gratitude to all who did voluntary work in the Parish. Mr Oldham will be added to the 'membersplus' email group to ensure both Heritage Wardens received all information. **Action: Mrs Dillon to add Mr Oldham to email group.**

171/2011 COLEORTON WOOD

Cllr Kelly reported that she had signed the purchase agreement but it also has to be signed by LCC and The Coal Authority so the Council does not yet own the site. It is therefore not necessary yet to increase the insurance, mend the potholes in Pitt Lane or to consider how to deal with dog waste.

172/2011 QUEEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE

The Council would like to have a Jubilee Beacon but needs to find an appropriate site. The top of the hill in New Lount Reserve or somewhere in Farm Town were suggested. Mr Macdonald agreed to discuss the former with the LCC Country Parks Department and the Clerk will investigate Farm Town options. **Action: Mr Macdonald and the Clerk to investigate possible Beacon sites.**

173/2011 VILLAGE MAINTENANCE

It was agreed not to have any litter picking done during the winter month but to arrange another community litter pick in the early Spring. **Action: Clerk to put Litter Pick on agenda for February meeting.**

The wording, size and location of the plaque for the Millennium Garden were agreed. **Action: Clerk to order and install when received.**

174/2011 HOLE ON PEGGS GREEN REC

The Clerk reported that she had met NWLDC after someone had reported the hole to them. They agreed that it was on the land that the Council rents from them and they have put more barriers and signs in place. They did not think it should be filled in.

175/2011 FINANCE

1. The Clerk presented the expected end of year figures for 2011/12 and a proposed budget for 2012/13. She reported the Council Tax Base figure for 2012/13 was 525, slightly less than this year which means that raising the same precept will increase individual bills. The

Council agreed the proposed budget with £2000 put in for Coleorton Wood and a total of £14,000 to be precepted. Any balance will be put into contingency. **Actions: Clerk to complete the budget for 2012/13 and inform NWLDC of the precept required.**

2. The Council reviewed the risk register. The Chair agreed to do monthly checks on the state of the Peggs Green Rec play equipment. The Clerk will check with NWLDC about their oversight of the Forrester Close play equipment and will find out prices to have tree inspections done. **Action: Clerk to follow up outstanding matters and bring the risk assessment to the February meeting to be signed off.**
3. The Council decided to give a donation of £190 to PRIDE which would give a unit to be used by a vulnerable elderly person in the Parish.
4. The Council agreed a donation of £50 to the Royal British Legion for the poppy wreaths.
5. The following invoices were agreed for payment:
 - Brian Mee Associates - £468.00 (Bench on Peggs Green Rec)
 - Ian Stone - £300.00 (Grass cutting October/November)
 - Mrs S McGlynn - £693.12 (salary + stamps)
 - HMRC - £172.20 (tax for Clerk)
 - The Sign Maker - £36.69 (plaque for Millennium Garden)
 - Westcotec - £84.00 (fixings for speed sign)
 - Royal British Legion - £50.00 (donation for poppy wreaths)
 - Ladywell Accountancy Services - £25.00 (payroll)
 - PRIDE - £190 (donation)

176/2011 CORRESPONDENCE FOR DISCUSSION

1. In response to an email from Mr and Mrs Bartram, the Council confirmed that the number of Moto X events was agreed by gentleman's agreement. Up to 20 can be held without permission. **Action: Clerk to respond.**
2. Information about the Leicestershire Local Access Forum should be put on one of the noticeboards. **Action: Clerk to do this.**
3. The Council wishes to respond to the consultation about the Loughborough Walk-In Centre to say that it provides an excellent service which should continue, but that its location within Loughborough is immaterial. **Action: Clerk to respond**
4. The RCC's Green Directory should be put in the Post Office. **Action: Clerk to do this.**
5. The Council noted its Christmas card from the MP.

177/2011 PLANNING MATTERS

The Council noted the following decisions that had been received since the last meeting:

11/00410/FUL - Construction of dwelling on land adjacent to 37 Zion Hill - granted subject to conditions.

11/00601/FUL - Erection of extension and garage at 37 Zion Hill - granted subject to conditions.

The Council decided that it would like the roads in the Lount development to be called Pottery Lane and Kiln Close. **Action: Clerk to report this to NWLDC.**

178/2011 FUTURE MEETINGS

The next meeting will be held on 2 February 2012 at the Beaumont Centre.

Councillor training will take place on 26 January at the Beaumont Centre starting at 6.30pm

- 179/2011 It was proposed by Cllr Betts, seconded by Cllr Kelly and agreed that the press and public be excluded for a review of the Clerk's terms and conditions related to the budget discussion.

SIGNED BY CHAIR OF COLEORTON PARISH COUNCIL / DATED