

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD BY COLEORTON PARISH COUNCIL
AT THE BEAUMONT CENTRE, PEGGS GREEN
ON 28 JUNE 2012 AT 7.30PM**

PRESENT:-

	<p>Councillor Emma-Kate Fletcher - Chair Councillor Grainne Kelly Councillor Paul Buswell Councillor Terry Betts Mrs Sandra Dillon - Website Co-Ordinator Mrs Sue McGlynn - Clerk Mr Robert Smith - Coleorton Heritage Group Mr Ian Nelson - NWLDC 2 residents of Overton Close</p>
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074/2012 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Brader and Specht, Mr John Macdonald, Heritage Warden and the Police.

075/2012 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Kelly declared a personal interest as a member of the Beaumont Centre Committee. Cllrs Buswell, Kelly and Betts declared personal interests as members of the Coleorton Wood Advisory Group.

076/2012 REPORT FROM THE POLICE

In a written report, the Police noted that 2 suspects had been given a caution for possession of cannabis and a suspect arrested for theft of a mobile phone. The damage to the play surface on Peggs Green Rec had been recorded and a crime number issued. Crime figures can be seen on www.police.uk although they are currently two months out of date. **Action: Mrs Dillon to put this link onto the Coleorton website.**

077/2012 NWLDC'S CORE STRATEGY

Ian Nelson from NWLDC's Planning Department gave a presentation to the meeting on the Core Strategy that is currently out to consultation until 9 July, in particular covering matters affecting Coleorton. He explained the history of the planning system under successive governments and that this strategy had been worked on since 2005. It is a broad brush approach to development until 2031 and further, more detailed, documents will be produced in due course.

Development will be directed to the most sustainable areas ie the larger urban and village areas. Coleorton is considered to be sustainable only around the Lower Moor Road area, the rest of the Parish being considered as rural villages. The limits to development in the current plan remain until there are further proposals. The area currently known as the Green Wedge has been designated as countryside to deter development. Outside the sustainable areas, development will be limited to where there is defined local need.

The strategy covers Gypsy and Traveller Sites and the proper provision will have to be made in order to deal with unauthorised sites. Proposals will be assessed against specific criteria. The Council is looking to identify a number of sites across the District but it will not be easy. The strategy also includes wider policies on development, transport and the countryside. NWLDC will also try to protect existing services such as the last pub or shop in a village, wherever they are viable.

Once the consultation is complete, Officers will go through the responses and make any changes. These only need to be agreed by the Council if they are significant. The Strategy is

then submitted to the Secretary of State who passes it to a planning inspector who will hold a public meeting and report, hopefully that it is sound and that they recommend adoption. It is likely to be submitted in Autumn 2012, go to the Inspector in early 2013 and be in place mid-2013. After that, the Council will look at defining development areas and the limits to development and producing more detailed policies on development control on which they will consult further.

078/2012 PERIOD FOR PARISHIONERS PARTICIPATION

There were no comments from parishioners.

079/2012 REPORTS FROM PARISH ORGANISATIONS AND COUNCIL APPOINTEES

Heritage Wardens - Mr Macdonald had provided a written report.

Heritage Group - Mr Smith provided a written report and noted the Jubilee day had been very good and well supported. Much goodwill had been generated by delivering teas to those unable to attend and much had been gained by organisations working together. Mr Smith distributed the Festival of British Archaeology booklet in which the Coleorton Heritage Trail featured alongside many Leicestershire activities. The Group is looking at ways to attract more people to its walks. **Action: The Clerk was asked to write to the Heritage Group to thank them for all their efforts over the Jubilee celebrations.**

Webmaster - Mrs Dillon provided a written report and noted that there were now photos on the Heritage Trail Walk page. She has done sufficient to cover the requirements regarding cookies on the website, but is looking for a better way to allow people to opt out. Cllr Betts noted that some LCC websites say that Coleorton Wood is open from dawn to dusk which is not correct. **Action: Mrs Dillon will try to get LCC to link to the Coleorton website or change the information.**

080/2012 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The minutes, both published and confidential, of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 17 May 2012 were approved and signed by the Chair.

081/2012 EMAIL SERVING OF NOTICES, AGENDAS, ETC

It was proposed by Cllr Kelly, seconded by Cllr Buswell and agreed that it was not expedient to deliver notices, agendas, etc to Councillors by post or by hand, so email could be used.

082/2012 COLEORTON WOOD

Cllr Kelly reported that the application to the Rural Land Registry had been completed and sent off. There is currently not a lot of work to be done until the management report can be completed. It was agreed that no more trees were needed through the Groundwork offer. Cllr Betts reported that the grass would be cut this week, weather permitting. Brian Mee will be doing tarmac reinstatement work in the second week in July.

Cllr Kelly reported on her discussions with the Community Liaison Officer at ASDA. It was agreed to hold the Coleorton Jubilee Olympics on Sunday 23 September. ASDA will support the event in which there will be teams from schools, parish organisations, sports clubs, etc doing silly games with appropriate prizes from ASDA. It will also be an opportunity to present the QEII Fields plaque. **Action: Cllr Kelly to provide further information for the August meeting.**

It was agreed that the Heritage Group could erect a gazebo at the entrance to the wood for their walks on July 15.

The state of the dog bin in Coleorton Wood was raised. **Action: CWAC to discuss the best way of dealing with emptying the bin and whether it should remain.**

083/2012 LAND BEHIND OVERTON CLOSE

Cllr Kelly declared a prejudicial interest and left the room.

The Council had received communications from two residents of Overton Close about the land behind their houses that the Council owns. The trees in one area had become very tall so the closest residents had had them cut back as they had agreed to oversee the area from 2006. The rest of the area did not seem to have specific problems but there was agreed that the trees had probably been planted too densely. It was agreed that the wood management company would survey the area once they were able to start work on Coleorton Wood and that the Council would review their report before having any discussions about whether it wanted to keep the land or sell it to the neighbouring properties.

Cllr Betts raised the matter of the hedge on The Moorlands between the houses and the Kings Arms which is so overgrown that people with pushchairs are having to walk in the road.

Action: Clerk to ask Cllr Specht who owns the land and request that the hedge is cut.

084/2012 CODE OF CONDUCT AND REGISTER OF INTERESTS

There was considerable discussion around the requirements of the new Code of Conduct proposed by NWLDC. There was particular concern about the wide breadth of members' interests to be declared and published. However, the Council understood the advantages of maintaining the link with the NWLDC Code of Conduct, including not having to maintain its own or carry out its own training. Although not happy with the publication requirements and with the proviso that Coleorton PC does not publish anything until NWLDC has done so, Cllr Kelly proposed that the Council adopt NWLDC's Code of Conduct. This was seconded by Cllr Buswell and agreed. **Action: Clerk to provide previous versions of register to Councillors; confirm adoption of the Code to NWLDC; try to clarify the completion of the register of interest forms with NWLDC.**

085/2012 DAMAGE TO PLAY SURFACE, PEGGS GREEN REC

This has been repaired this week. The Clerk has claimed on the insurance and provided the information requested in order that the claim can be paid. There is a £125 excess.

086/2012 STREET LIGHTING ANNUAL REVIEW

There had been a complaint about the lights not coming on at the correct time in the morning. **Action: Clerk to respond to LCC.**

087/2012 REPORTS FROM MEETINGS ATTENDED

There was no report from the Parish Liaison Meeting as neither Cllr Brader nor Cllr Specht were in attendance.

Cllr Kelly reported that there was a new non-slip floor in the Beaumont Centre kitchen. She has asked for a lockable cupboard for the Council to use and there is a plan to paint the hallway. The Centre has £9000 in the bank and one debtor who is being chased. **Actions: Cllr Kelly to chase the invoice to the Council for the use of the Beaumont Centre.**

088/2012 FINANCE

1. The Clerk reported that the Annual Return had been sent to the External Auditors.
2. The VAT refund of £1388.73 had been received.
3. Zurich Insurance's invoice of £659.31 for the premium had been paid between meetings.
4. The following invoices were agreed for payment:
 - Ian Stone - £150.00 (mowing)
 - Brian Mee Associates - £54 (mowing Coleorton Wood)
 - LRALC - £35 (training)
 - Westcotec - £192.00 (brackets for speed signs)
 - Realcom Applications - £238.80 (IT support)
 - Mrs S McGlynn - £713.70 (salary + expenses)
 - HMRC - £172.20 (tax for Clerk)
 - G Kelly - £21.55 (keys and postage to Land Registry)

Creative Play - £1140.00 (repair to play surface)
Coleorton PO - £24.00 (rent of box)

089/2012 PLANNING MATTERS

The Council considered the following application:

12/00357/FUL - amendment to the application to convert outbuildings to dwellings at Ginn Stables Farm, Outwoods Lane. The Council agreed that its previous comments still applied.

The Council noted the following planning decisions:

12/00262/FUL - First floor side extension at West Brook, Nottingham Road, Peggs Green - granted subject to conditions.

12/00287/FUL - Extension at Tramontano House, 17 New Road, Peggs Green - granted subject to conditions.

12/00311/FUL - Change of use to form one residential dwelling at School House, School Lane - granted subject to conditions

12/00312/FUL - Erection of garage block at School House, School Lane - granted subject to conditions

12/00313/FUL - Erection of stable block and change of land use at School House, School Lane - granted subject to conditions including a scheme for the storage and disposal of stable waste to be approved.

12/00317 - Extension to 93 Zion Hill, Peggs Green - granted subject to conditions

12/00344/FUL - insertion of windows at 16 Moor Lane - granted subject to conditions

12/00432/FUL - Extension at Willow Tree Cottage, Farm Town Lane - granted subject to conditions

090/2012 CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was noted:

- RCC Directory 2012
- Leaflet - The Office of Constable from Leicestershire Police Federation
- Invitation to NWL Voluntary and Community Forum, 3 July
- NWLDC's 2012 Summer holiday activity booklet

The Council agreed not to avail itself of the litter picking equipment offered by NWLDC.

091/2012 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on 9 August 2012 at the Beaumont Centre.

SIGNED BY CHAIR OF COLEORTON PARISH COUNCIL / DATED