

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD BY COLEORTON PARISH COUNCIL  
AT THE BEAUMONT CENTRE, PEGGS GREEN  
ON 1 NOVEMBER 2012 AT 7.30PM**

**PRESENT:-**

	<p>Councillor Emma-Kate Fletcher - Chair  Councillor Paul Buswell  Councillor Paul Brader  Councillor Michael Specht  Mr John Macdonald - Heritage Warden  Mrs Sandra Dillon - Webmaster  Mrs Sue McGlynn - Clerk  Mr Robert Smith - Coleorton Heritage Group  Dr M Aram and Ms L Keeling - Belton Surgery  2 members of Leicestershire PCT  PCSO Tim Hulse</p>
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**122/2012**

**APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Betts.

**123/2012**

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations.

**124/2012**

**PRESENTATION ABOUT COLEORTON SURGERY**

Dr Aram presented information that had been sent to the Council that day about the closure of the surgery in Coleorton. This had been set up in Dr Jolleys' house in the 1980s when it was necessary to offer 24 hour care at a surgery. It has become less and less viable as an appropriate location to see patients who often have to have another appointment at Belton. Dr Jolleys is retiring in March 2013, so the Belton Surgery is proposing to close the Coleorton surgery. The PCT representatives explained to the Council how the consultation process with local residents would be conducted.

Councillors raised the matter of the collection of repeat prescriptions which was a major advantage to having the surgery in the village. The PCT suggested that this could be done through the Post Office which the Councillors supported as long as the owners were content. The surgery and the PCT will be in touch with the Clerk about the consultation so that the Council can assist in its publication, including on the website.

**125/2012**

**REPORT FROM THE POLICE**

The Police provided the following crime statistics covering the last 6 weeks:

2 thefts from unattended cars, one a handbag and one a set of number plates. A suspect is to be arrested for the first of these.

1 attempted burglary. This is being looked at by CID as there is an anti-burglary campaign in Leicestershire at the moment.

1 internet fraud.

PCSO Hulse then gave the Council a full picture of the serious problem of thefts of heating oil. There have been 16 in the last 60 days on the Valley Beat, some of which are in Coleorton. The Police are doing considerable work to track the pattern of the thefts to try to intercept them and catch the perpetrators. PCSO Hulse has also produced a flyer to go to users of oil giving suggestions for security measures. He hopes to be able to distribute this shortly including putting on the Coleorton website. Help is needed from the community to stop this crime.

PCSO Hulse then described Leicestershire's new way of policing from early 2013. There will be more officers based in the Valley Beat, but they will have to deal with a wider range of crime than currently. The Clerk has circulated information about this.

The Council agreed that the Clerk should complete the crime survey sent by Sir Clive Loader.

**126/2012 PERIOD FOR PARISHIONERS PARTICIPATION**

There were no matters raised.

**127/2012 REPORTS FROM PARISH ORGANISATIONS AND COUNCIL APPOINTEES**

**Heritage Wardens** - Mr Macdonald had provided a written report and had nothing to add.

**Heritage Group** - Mr Smith provided a written report. He noted that it was disappointing that the Group's project on Coleorton Pottery had been shelved, but it was not appropriate to have two publications on the same subject. The Festival of Archaeology event was likely to be repeated next year and NWLDC's Physical Activity Development Officer had been in touch about publicising the walks which the Group is considering.

**Webmaster** - Mrs Dillon provided a written report and noted that it was good to see that the number of users continued to rise.

**128/2012 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 20 September 2012 were approved and signed by the Chair.

**129/2012 CASUAL VACANCY**

All of the Councillors present had been involved in discussions with the potential Councillors. It was proposed by Cllr Buswell, seconded by Cllr Brader and agreed that Mr Colin Smith of 55 The Moor fill the casual vacancy. The Chair had spoken to him and he was happy to accept. He had sent his apologies for this meeting to the Clerk as he had a pre-arranged engagement. The Chair had also spoken to the other interested person to encourage her to become involved so that she could possibly fill any future vacancy. **Actions: Clerk to inform NWLDC; Cllr Smith to complete the necessary paperwork at the next meeting; Clerk to give Mrs Dillon his email address to add to the groups.**

**130/2012 COUNCILLOR RESPONSIBILITIES**

It was agreed the management of noticeboards and the Council's representatives on CWAC be postponed to the next meeting so that Cllr Smith could be part of the discussion. The Clerk had circulated the legal note from NALC about Parish Councils acting as Trustees for Village Halls which stated there was no disclosable pecuniary interest in principle. The Councillors were content to continue the relationship with the Beaumont Centre as stated in its current constitution.

**131/2012 COLEORTON WOOD**

- The Woodlympics had been a success and people had turned up despite the rain. The Clerk confirmed that she had written to thank Asda.
- Cllr Buswell reported on the considerable recent activities of CWAC including a meeting with Angus Hancock. He has completed the grant document which the Clerk and Chair signed. **Action: Clerk to copy this and return it to Angus Hancock.** We should hear within 3-4 weeks about the outcome. The grant to cover the cost of the production of the management plan does not seem to be in doubt, but the financial year in which it will be payable is not clear. On this basis, Mr Hancock is happy to go ahead with producing the management plan for the end of January 2013. He will provide 5 years of detailed plan with a less detailed plan up to 20 years ahead. Work that needs to be done will have to be paid for and the Council will need to decide how to use Mr Hancock. He could help with producing tender documents or he could tender for some of the work himself. He is

also happy to undertake the annual tree surveys and will provide the necessary paperwork as an appendix to the management plan. This will include all the Council owned or leased land including that behind Overton Close. The Clerk explained that she had no documentation about this area, so the Council agreed that she should spend the £34.95 it costs to get deeds from the Land Registry.

- In the meantime, Mr Hancock will meet the Volunteer Group on 1 December to discuss a temporary work plan for the next six months. Cllr Specht noted that a recent survey had found 63 species of fungi in Coleorton Wood, including two never previously found in Leicestershire.
- Despite the report at the last meeting, Leicestershire County Council has now stated that they do own the Pitt Lane verges and will maintain them next year. The Volunteer Group has done some work on clearing them but needs some more equipment. **Action: CWAC to decide what equipment is needed and make a proposal to the Council. Cllr Specht to investigate funding from NWLDC for such equipment.**
- Cllr Fletcher had entered the Woodlympics into the Fields in Trust Awards 2012, but it was not eligible as the Council had not yet received the Deed for signature. **Action: Clerk to email Fields in Trust to confirm that the Council had agreed to sign the Deed and would do so as soon as it was available.** The Clerk had been contacted by Fields in Trust to confirm the area to be registered. The Council agreed that the whole area it owns should be registered, including Pitt Lane. **Action: Clerk to confirm to FiT.**
- The Clerk had circulated a request from the National Forest Company about taking part in a survey about woodland management. The Council agreed that it should participate and Mr Macdonald agreed to be the contact. **Action: Clerk to give Mr Macdonald's contact details to the National Forest Company.**

#### 132/2012 ARRANGEMENTS FOR LITTER PICK 2013

The Council agreed that this should go ahead on a Saturday in late April, after the Easter holidays. **Actions: Clerk to contact NWLDC to book the equipment; Cllr Specht to contact McDonald's about vouchers.**

#### 133/2012 REMEMBRANCE DAY

The Clerk passed the wreaths and the list of names on the War Memorial to the Chair. She had not received final notification from the Cadets, but there might be a volunteer adult instructor to lead the parade. She had misunderstood the earlier communication and the Cadets will be parading at Belton.

#### 134/2012 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 2013

The Council agreed that it would be good to hold the Annual Parish Meeting in Coleorton Wood in mid-May, but avoiding the bank holidays. Further discussion will be left until the next meeting. **Actions: Clerk to look for an appropriate date; Councillors to consider the provision of shelter, power, lights, refreshments.**

#### 135/2012 FINANCE

1. The Clerk provided a statement of the budget figures to the end of September 2013. The Council was content but noted that some areas of expenditure were under budget. The Clerk noted that budget discussions for 2013-14 should start at the next meeting, but that no decision could be taken until legal advice had been received on a Councillor's position on having a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in the setting of the precept. She also noted that it had been previously agreed that the Clerk should be appraised during November to link with any salary change to be reflected in the budget. **Action: Chair to organise Clerk's appraisal**
2. The following invoices were agreed for payment:  
Ian Stone - £300.00 (mowing)

Realcom Applications - £49.99 (AVG Security)  
Coalville Signs - £82.80 (signs for Wood)  
Royal British Legion - £50.00 (Donation for wreaths)  
Brian Mee Associates - £54.00 (mowing Coleorton Wood)

**136/2012 PLANNING MATTERS**

The Council noted that its concerns about the diversion of footpaths around Ginn Stables Farm had been acknowledged, but that there had been no follow up.

The Council considered the following application:

12/00780/FUL - Erection of a two-storey dwelling at land next to 91 Zion Hill, Peggs Green. This land is outside the development area so the Council wished to object. There have also been various changes to the land over the years that have had retrospective planning consent, so the Council felt that the owners were trying to gradually have the land included in the development zone.

The Council noted the following planning decisions:

12/00507/FUL - Erection of new agricultural building at Flagstaff Farm, Ashby Road - granted subject to conditions.

12/00627/OUT - Erection of two storey dwelling next to 114 The Moor - granted subject to conditions.

12/00728/FUL - Change of use of land to residential curtilage and retention of ancillary outbuildings and structures - granted subject to conditions including a restriction on the amount of land included.

12/00752/FUL - Conversion of roof space to bedroom at the Old Joiners Workshop, Prestons Lane - granted subject to conditions.

The Council noted that there had been an appeal against the decision to refuse planning permission for a dwelling on land south of 1 Zion Hill. The Council had objected and was happy for its comments to go forward to the Planning Inspector. **Action: Clerk to request a copy of the appeal decision letter.**

**137/2012 CORRESPONDENCE**

The following correspondence was noted:

- Copy of Branchline.

The Council noted that Cllr Specht had investigated the anonymous complaint about the blocking of the footpath next to The Thatches on Stoney Lane and had found that everything was in order.

**138/2012 NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on 13th December 2012 at the Beaumont Centre. The Council felt that use of the kitchen was satisfactory. **Action: Clerk to book Beaumont Centre for dates agreed for next year.**

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**SIGNED BY CHAIR OF COLEORTON PARISH COUNCIL / DATED**