

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD BY COLEORTON PARISH COUNCIL
AT THE BEAUMONT CENTRE, PEGGS GREEN, COLEORTON
ON 7 MARCH 2013 AT 7.30PM**

PRESENT:-

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| | Councillor Paul Buswell - Chair of meeting Councillor Michael Specht Councillor Terry Betts Mr John Macdonald - Heritage Warden Mrs Sandra Dillon - Webmaster Mrs Sue McGlynn - Clerk Mr Robert Smith - Coleorton Heritage Group 1 parishioner |
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017/2013 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Fletcher, Brader and Smith. In the absence of both the Chair and the Vice Chair, Cllr Buswell chaired the meeting. County Councillor Nick Rushton had hoped to attend the meeting but had sent apologies.

018/2013 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations.

019/2013 REPORT FROM THE POLICE

There was no report from the Police. The Clerk reported that the latest crime figures on the website were for January which had been reported at the last meeting.

020/2013 PERIOD FOR PARISHIONERS PARTICIPATION

There were no matters raised. The parishioner in attendance was interested in HS2, so was invited to join the discussion at that point in the agenda.

021/2013 REPORTS FROM PARISH ORGANISATIONS AND COUNCIL APPOINTEES

Heritage Wardens - Mr Macdonald had provided a written report. He noted that Trevor Stewart had written a new book, A Social and Historical Study Around Coleorton and Locality, 12th Century - 1960. 20 copies had been printed and distributed but it would not be sold. The Volunteer Group had been shortlisted for the Green Footprints award for which the Council congratulated them. The Clerk noted that Mr Macdonald had represented the Council at the LTALC meeting on the future of museums and libraries and had circulated a report.

Heritage Group - Mr Smith provided a written report. He noted that the Heritage Group was disappointed that the above book would not be published which they understood was because of copyright issues. The Group was also disappointed that the covering of the finials on the school fence had been approved by NWLDC.

Webmaster - Mrs Dillon provided a written report. She had discussed the book with Mr Stewart and will be setting up a book page on the website where there will be some references to it including the contents page. She has also added HS2 to the planning page.

022/2013 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 24 January 2013 were not approved as none of the Councillors at that meeting were in attendance. **Action: Clerk to put signing of minutes of January meeting on the agenda for the next meeting.**

023/2013

COLEORTON WOOD

- Mr Macdonald reported that the management plan had been received from Angus Hancock. It needed to be reviewed and agreed to be returned to the Forestry Commission by the end of March. It was proposed by Cllr Specht, seconded by Cllr Betts and agreed that authority to do this be delegated to CWAC.
- Mr Macdonald reported that the tools had been purchased and received. There were three more items required that the company could not supply. **Action: Mr Macdonald will order these from elsewhere.**
- Cllr Specht reported that the Coleorton Wood sign needs replacing and that the sign near the entrance still says LCC. The fixtures are available, so only new signs are required. The Volunteer Group wants to make two benches for the Wood. Mr Macdonald provided a photo of the proposed design. The materials will cost £162.50 and the benches will be anchored with chains. It was proposed by Cllr Specht, seconded by Cllr Buswell and agreed that both the signs and the materials for the benches should be purchased. **Action: Cllr Specht to order the necessary signs and Mr Macdonald to order the materials for the benches.**
- The Volunteer Group is still awaiting bricks to build the plinth for the QEII Fields plaque. **Action: Cllr Brader to enquire about suitable bricks.**
- Cllr Betts agreed to contact the landowner about the encroachment into the Wood and the Volunteer Group will remove the pheasant feeder. The Clerk confirmed that the mowing contract had been renewed.
- A Woodland Improvement Grant can be applied for to do future work once the management plan has been agreed. A felling licence comes with the agreed plan.

024/2013

PLANS FOR HS2

The Council had a long discussion on the plans that had been published on the proposed route for HS2. The Clerk and Mr Smith provided printed maps showing the route and it was confirmed that there were no properties in Coleorton Parish that would be directly affected. The Clerk had copied Councillors into the email contacts she had had from various action groups and it was agreed that the Council should keep in touch with those. The particular concern was that any route change could come closer to Coleorton. **Actions: Clerk to invite Cllr Nick Rushton to the next meeting and highlight HS2 on the Summary Notes; Mrs Dillon to ask for comments from the public via the website, in particular whether a public meeting would be helpful; the Clerk and Mrs Dillon to publicise the consultation on the Exceptional Hardship Scheme.**

025/2013

PLAN FOR MOVING SPEED SIGN

The sign will shortly be moved to Lower Moor Road. Two people are required to move the sign. **Actions: Cllr Buswell to ask Debbie Lewis and Cllr Specht to ask Grainne Kelly if they would be prepared to assist; Cllr Buswell will produce a list of the sites and who will move the sign and when.**

026/2013

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 2013

The Clerk reported that she had booked the Beaumont Centre as back up, on the groups that had already agreed to attend and that the WI had declined.. The Council would take up Cllr Brader's offer of a generator to provide refreshments itself. Cllr Buswell knew of someone who could provide a large frame tent for about £100. It was proposed by Cllr Betts, seconded by Cllr Specht and agreed that this should be hired. **Actions: Cllr Buswell to arrange tent hire, Clerk to put publicity for event on agenda for next meeting.** It was agreed that communication needed to be clear that this is not a 'meeting'. As well as posters and the website, publicity through Messy Church and Hermitage Radio was suggested.

027/2013

LITTER PICK

The litter pick will be held on 20th April at The Moorlands, Beaumont Green and Peggs Green Rec at the same times as last year. **Actions: Clerk to produce a poster and send it round; Cllr Specht will try to obtain Macdonald's vouchers; Clerk to ask Cllr Smith if he could do a leaflet drop and coordinate Beaumont Green; Clerk to arrange for the equipment to be delivered and collected from her house.**

028/2013

PLAY EQUIPMENT AT PEGGS GREEN REC

The annual safety check had been completed and all was well except for a swing seat that looked as if it had been gnawed by a dog. The quote to replace it was £145 including delivery and fixing. **Action: Cllr Buswell will inspect the seat and send round a photo so that the Council can decide how urgent the replacement is.**

029/2013

BEAUMONT CENTRE AGM

Cllrs Buswell and Betts had attended this meeting and reported that it had been properly carried out with the accounts formally presented. The financial situation was better than it was when last reported on. The Council agreed that the accounts should be audited but this did not have to be done by a firm of accountants, just a competent person. **Action: Clerk to inform the Beaumont Centre Treasurer.** The Centre is in a better state following the work that had been done, but bookings were poor.

030/2013

VILLAGE NAME SIGNS

The Clerk reported that the Council's request for the name signs on the A512 had been accepted by LCC so the work would go ahead on that basis and as previously reported.

031/2013

FINANCE

1. It was resolved that Coleorton Parish Council's bank account be continued with HSBC Bank plc (the 'Bank') and the Bank is authorised to:
 - a. Pay all cheques and act on other instructions for payment signed on behalf of the Council by any two Coleorton Parish Councillors listed on the bank mandate (the 'signatory') whether any account of the Council is in debit or credit;
 - b. Deliver any item held on behalf of the Council by the Bank in safe keeping against the written receipt or instructions of any two Coleorton Parish Councillors listed on the bank mandate; and
 - c. Accept any two Coleorton Parish Councillors listed on the bank mandate as fully empowered to act on behalf of the Council in any other transaction with the Bank.
2. It was resolved that the Council agrees that any debt incurred to the Bank under this authority shall in the absence of a written agreement with the Bank to the contrary be repayable on demand.
3. It was resolved that the Clerk (the 'Proper Officer') is authorised to supply the Bank as and when necessary with lists of persons authorised to sign, give receipts and act on behalf of the Council, and that the Bank may rely on such lists.
4. It was resolved that the above resolutions be communicated to the Bank and remain in force until changed by a resolution of the Council and a copy, certified by the Chief Executive and the Proper Officer is received by the Bank.
5. The Council agreed the completed risk register which was signed off by the Chair of the meeting.
6. It was agreed that the Council would not make a donation to Leicestershire CAB.
7. The following invoices were agreed for payment:
 - Mrs S McGlynn - £722.77 (Salary + expenses)
 - HMRC - £172.20 (tax for Clerk)
 - Coleorton Social Welfare Centre - £20 (Hire of Beaumont Centre)
 - F R Jones and Son - £1102.35 (tools for Volunteer Group)

Creative Play - £282.00 (annual check and service for play equipment)

J Macdonald - £30 (food for bird feeders in Coleorton Wood)

8. The Council agreed that the outstanding bills expected before the end of March could be paid before the next meeting.

032/2013 PLANNING MATTERS

- The Clerk reported that correspondence with NWLDC implied that the Council did not have to take on responsibility for the lagoon at the Lount development. NWLDC was awaiting proposals to be put forward by Bellway.
- Mr Smith agreed to ask Bellway if he could look at some similar signs to those to be erected at the Lount development to get some ideas on design. There is also one by The George. The Heritage Group has information on the Pottery that could be used.
- Mr Smith had heard from NWLDC that there were more discussions going on about the footpaths around Ginn Stables Farm.
- The Council noted that the planning application to build a house on land next to 91 Zion Hill was going to Planning Committee on 12th March.
- The Clerk reported that no adverse comments had been raised about the following applications dealt with between meetings:

13/00053/FULM - Increase from 4 to 5 the number of houses to be constructed at Ginn Stables Farm.

13/00086/FUL - erection of two storey house to east of 37 Zion Hill.

- The Clerk reported that decisions have been notified for the following applications:

Appeal dismissed against refusal of permission for the erection of a house on land south of 1, Zion Hill

12/000249/OUT - erection of dwelling at Honeysuckle Cottage. Lower Moor Road. Permitted with conditions.

12/01039/LBC - covering finials along Viscount Beaumont School boundary fence. Permitted with conditions.

12/01014/FUL - erection of replacement gates at 1 Lavender Walk. Permitted with conditions

12/01047/FUL - erection of conservatory at 17 Forrester Close. Permitted with conditions

12/01092/TPO - crown lift to lime tree at Viscount Beaumont School. Permitted with conditions.

033/2013 CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was noted:

- Leaflets and posters about the opening of the Urgent Care Centre at Loughborough.
- Request via the suggestion box that a road name sign was needed at the junction of Bakewells Lane and Stoney Lane and that Stoney Lane needed maintenance. The Clerk has passed these to the relevant Council.
- Invitation to Civic Dinner on 26th April.

034/2013 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on 18th April 2013 at the Beaumont Centre.

Dates for meetings for the rest of the year were agreed as 23rd May, 4th July, 15th August, 26th September, 14th November and 19th December.

SIGNED BY CHAIR OF COLEORTON PARISH COUNCIL / DATED