

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD BY COLEORTON PARISH COUNCIL
AT THE BEAUMONT CENTRE, PEGGS GREEN, COLEORTON
ON 4th JULY 2013 AT 7.30PM**

PRESENT:-

	Councillor Emma-Kate Fletcher - Chair Councillor Paul Buswell Councillor Colin Smith Councillor Terry Betts Councillor Michael Specht Mrs Sandra Dillon - Webmaster Mrs Sue McGlynn - Clerk Mr Robert Smith - Coleorton Heritage Group 2 parishioners
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072/2013 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr Brader, Mr John Macdonald and the Police.

073/2013 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations.

074/2013 REPORT FROM THE POLICE

Crime figures for the previous period had been circulated after the last meeting. The Police reported that there had been 2 dwelling burglaries since the last meeting, one being filed undetected and the other under investigation. They had provided information, stickers and UV pens for shed security which were distributed.

075/2013 PERIOD FOR PARISHIONERS PARTICIPATION

A parishioner asked about the provision of fast broadband in the Parish. Mrs Dillon explained the current, very poor, situation where Ashby and Coalville exchanges were broadband enabled but there is at present no fibre cabling to local cabinets. The Leicestershire Broadband Project, which is partly government-funded, is aiming to have most people connected by the end of 2014 but that is not guaranteed. The aim is to have 100% superfast broadband by the end of 2017. The parishioner had been told that he was connected to Hoton exchanged, 13.2 miles away. Mrs Dillon offered to advise him on how to check that and possibly change it. **Actions: Mrs Dillon to investigate how the Parish Council might be able to influence the provision of fast broadband to Coleorton. Clerk to write to MP asking what can be done.**

076/2013 REPORTS FROM PARISH ORGANISATIONS AND COUNCIL APPOINTEES

Heritage Wardens - Mr Macdonald had provided a written report. Some new padlocks were required. **Action: Cllr Specht to see whether he has any stock; if not Cllr Betts will buy some.** Trevor Stewart is planning to print his books. This will cost £210. It was proposed by Cllr Smith, seconded by Cllr Buswell and agreed that the Council would provide half the required money. **Action: Clerk to ask Mr Macdonald to tell Mr Stewart.**

Heritage Group - Mr Smith reported that he was to have an on-site meeting about the footpaths at Ginn Stables Farm on 16th July. The Council thanked him for the response he had made to the proposals and was content that he should reiterated those points at the meeting and negotiate changes as he saw fit.

There were six people booked onto the 17th July walk, which was good.

Mr Smith had tried to obtain quotes for the Lount information boards from local companies, but none was able to give him an inclusive price. He has therefore obtained a quote within the

budget for full production of the boards from a national company. The Clerk confirmed that VAT would be reclaimable. Bellway Homes has not answered the question about maintenance as they are waiting to hear from the site management company. The Council needs to know what maintenance may be required on the boards and how much money to leave in reserve to cover this. **Actions: Mr Smith to ask the company making the boards how much maintenance may be required. Clerk to check the S106 agreement and ask Bellway formally how maintenance can be dealt with.**

Mr Smith explained that CHG were no longer having work-in-progress meetings so it may be more difficult for him to report on all aspects of the group's work in future.

Webmaster – Mrs Dillon provided a written report. The number of visits had reduced, but she was checking Google Analytics as this may be caused by visits not being counted if cookies are not accepted.

In April Mrs Dillon had responded on behalf of the Parish Council to an NALC consultation on communications as a government Bill proposed to limit newsletters to once a month. She had argued that two were needed to link with before and after Council meetings, that residents had asked for better communication during the development of the Parish Plan and that people had to opt-in to an email newsletter. She has been invited to give evidence to the NALC group considering the Bill at the House of Commons on 4th September. The Council thanked her for agreeing to attend this and were pleased that local views were being taken into account. **Action: Clerk to tell MP.**

077/2013 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 23rd May 2013 were approved and signed by the Chair.

078/2013 COLEORTON WOOD

Cllr Buswell reported that CWAC had met on 11th June and had a wide-ranging discussion. It was agreed that Angus Hancock should be invited to manage the tendering process for work in the Wood. **Actions: Cllr Buswell to ask Mr Macdonald to provide the Clerk with the information required to do this and for the Clerk to then write to Angus Hancock.** Particular discussions were held around extended hours and pedestrian access, particularly for wheelchairs. The Council agreed that no changes should be made at the moment, but were aware that there may be a need to look at disabled access in due course. The Clerk had cleared questions of mining surveys and emergency access with the insurance company.

079/2013 LAND BEHIND OVERTON CLOSE

The Clerk had been contacted by Mr and Mrs Downes about the land behind Overton Close. Angus Hancock had said that he could include this in the management plan for Coleorton Wood, but this had not been done so far. In addition, there is a covenant on the land that says it should be for public access. The Council agreed that they did not wish to consider selling this land at this time, but that it was important to check the safety of the trees and decide whether any management work was needed. **Actions: Clerk to ask Angus Hancock to do this work and tell the residents of Overton Close that the land will not be sold.**

080/2013 UPDATE ON HS2

The Clerk receives various communications from groups opposed to HS2 including most recently a report from Packington's Annual Parish Meeting and a response from the Tonge and Breedon HS2 Action Group. She is monitoring these but not taking any action or bringing them to Council's attention. The Council confirmed that it was happy with this arrangement but would want to respond to formal consultations.

081/2013 GATE AT PEGGS GREEN REC

The Clerk has not received a quote from Brian Mee for this work. **Action: Clerk to try to obtain quote, but if not, find out whether anyone else could do the work.** It was noted by a parishioner that the hole in the corner of the Rec and the one in the field behind had been filled in.

082/2013 PARISH LIAISON MEETING

Cllr Specht had been unable to attend.

083/2013 FINANCE

1. Cllr Fletcher proposed that the Council pay Mrs Dillon's expenses to attend the meeting in London. This was seconded by Cllr Buswell and agreed.
2. The following invoices were agreed for payment:
 - Brian Mee Associates - £54.00 (mowing Coleorton Wood)
 - Ian Stone - £300.00 (mowing May/June 2013)
 - Mrs S McGlynn - £734.46 (salary + expenses)
 - HMRC - £172.20 (tax for Clerk)
 - Mr B Bartram - £40.23 (resources for Coleorton Wood)
 - John Macdonald - £29.50 (bird food for Coleorton Wood)

084/2013 PLANNING MATTERS

- The situation with the information boards at Lount and the Ginn Stables Farm footpaths had been covered in the report from the Heritage Group.
- The Clerk circulated a copy of a letter from Alan Webster to NWLDC's Planning Department about the future use of the family farm which the Council noted. **Action: Clerk to write to Mr Webster to acknowledge receipt and thank for information.**
- The Clerk noted that the local wind turbine applications had not been considered at the July planning meeting, but that the turbine in Heather had been given permission.
- The following applications were considered:
 - 13/00442/FUL - Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of 4 detached dwellings at Country House, Stoney Lane. The Clerk had received representations from a resident of Stoney Lane with concerns about widening the road and maintaining the character of the road. The Council agreed with these points and was particularly concerned about access issues including widening the road. **Action: Clerk to register the Council's objections to the application on the grounds of character, access, widening and closeness to other properties.**
 - 13/00526/FULM - change of use of land for recreational activities at Melbourne Road, Lount. This is just outside the Parish boundary and the Council had no comments to make. Planning decisions notified:
 - 13/00325/FUL - erection of two-storey front extension at West Brook, Nottingham Road, Peggs Green. Permitted with conditions.
 - 13/00338/FUL - erection of single-storey front extension at 18 New Road, Peggs Green. Permitted with conditions.
 - 13/00053/FULM - updated application for Ginn Stables Farm. Permitted with conditions.

085/2013 CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was discussed:

- Summer Holiday Activity Booklet.
- Information on Healthwatch Leicester and Leicestershire. Poster in Post Office.
- Survey on provision for 11-19 year olds. **Action: Clerk to complete to show there is no provision in the Parish.** It was noted that it was particularly difficult to get children into Scouts and Cubs.

- Police consultation on front counter provision which they propose to reduce drastically as it is hardly used by the public. The Council had no comments to make.
- A question from a parishioner on the defibrillator on the Post Office wall. Some information about the wider provision had been included in the LRALC newsletter. **Action: Clerk to send this information to Mrs Dillon for the website and see what other information is available from the ambulance service.**
- It was noted that the Honeysuckle Nursery signs outside the Beaumont Centre were blocking visibility. **Action: Clerk to ask them to move the signs closer to the wall.**

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NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on 15th August 2013 at the Beaumont Centre.

SIGNED BY CHAIR OF COLEORTON PARISH COUNCIL / DATED