

COLEORTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 17th February 2021 at
7.00 pm Remotely via Zoom

PRESENT: Cllrs M Farrand (in the chair), M. Akroyd, R. Hughes, C. Mursell, A. Stafford. 7 members of public.

172/2021. APOLOGIES: Cllr T. Betts (Ill).

173/2021. APPOINTMENT OF TEMPORARY CLERK AND RFO

RESOLVED: Appointment of Fiona Palmer as Temporary Clerk & RFO to Coleorton Parish Council for a starting period of 4 months.

174/2021. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

175/2021. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

To confirm the minutes of the following meeting of the Parish Council:

- a) Full Council – 9th December 2020. **RESOLVED:** To approve the minutes.

176/2021. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- a) A member of the public asked for advice regarding industrial works taking place in Coleorton.
- b) A member of the public raised concerns about the Ivanhoe Line after the death of secretary. The member of public will make contact with the new secretary and bring further information to the Parish Council in due course.

177/2021. POLICE REPORT

CRIME FIGURES:

<https://www.police.uk/pu/your-area/leicestershire-police/valley/>

ARE YOU LISTENING CAMPAIGN:

Criminals are using children all across the UK.

Child Criminal Exploitation (CCE) is a term used to describe when children and young people are manipulated or coerced into committing crimes.

Criminals groom boys and girls to carry out illegal activity on their behalf – such as selling and storing drugs, carrying weapons and committing burglary, robbery or theft.

Currently across Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland we are seeing children and young people between the ages of nine and 17 being used by criminals. The most common type of crimes they are becoming involved in is activity known as 'County Lines'.

Children and young people caught up in CCE won't always act like victims because they don't often see themselves as victims.

This is because individuals or gangs who target children will often make them feel respected, important and protected.

Some children are also made to feel like they have no choice and will be scared to speak out about what is happening.

It is important we all remember children are often preyed on because they are vulnerable.

We must all work together to help put an end to this abuse.

The police, education, local councils and health organisations across Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland all have an important part to play in preventing children being exploited and deal with those responsible.

We also need your help to look after the children in your life. To know the signs and to act if you suspect a child is in danger.

Are you listening.

Funded by Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland's Violence Reduction Network, a new film entitled 'Are you listening' aims to raise awareness of the issue of CCE, some of the signs that could indicate a child is in danger and where you can go for help and support. It is important we all play an active role in tackling this issue.

The film focuses on four stories, which although fictional, are typical of the types of criminality children do become involved in.

<https://www.leics.police.uk/police-forces/leicestershire-police/areas/leicestershire-force-content/c/campaigns/2020/are-you-listening/>

Children won't often just tell you if they are in trouble but there are often some obvious signs that could indicate they might need help.

The most obvious sign is a change in a child or young person's behaviour from what is considered 'normal' for them.

Other signs include:

- Withdrawal from usual group of friends and a mention of older or new friends
- Having gifts, a new phone or money that can't be accounted for
- Becoming withdrawn or secretive
- Receiving a large number of calls or messages to their phone or being worried about being away from their phone
- A drop in grades or performance, as well as suspension or exclusion from school
- Going missing from home or not showing up to school or regular afterschool groups or clubs
- Become involved in low level criminality such as antisocial behaviour

If you suspect a child is being exploited try to talk to them. Children are more likely to open up to an adult they have an existing and trusting relationship with.

Next steps

If you think a child could be involved in this type of activity, you can contact Leicestershire Police on 101 or online. If you suspect a child is in immediate danger always call 999.

You can also call your local council children's team for advice.

Leicester City Council 0116 4541004

Leicestershire County Council 0116 3059521

Rutland County Council 01572 758407 or their out of hours number is 0116 305 0005

Children's charities such as the Children's Society and the NSPCC also have information and support which can help.

NEIGHBOURHOOD LINK:

Neighbourhood Link is a community messaging service from Leicestershire Police that provides news and information about policing activity or initiatives, crime prevention advice as well as major incidents affecting your area.

Through this service you can receive messages from your local Neighbourhood Policing Team, local police or, in the event of a major incident or event affecting the whole of Leicestershire, from a partnership of agencies known as the Local Resilience Forum.

In order to receive messages you will need to register your details. This information will enable us to send you messages relevant to the areas you live and work. Anyone can register, whether you live, work or travel into Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland. Registration is free and simple to follow.

- Sign up to Neighbourhood Link
<https://www.neighbourhoodlink.co.uk/>
- If you are already registered you can amend your details
- Request a reminder if you have forgotten your username or password
- You can unsubscribe from the service at any time

Neighbourhood Link is not able to receive messages and you should not use it to contact the police. In an emergency always dial 999. An emergency is when a crime is happening, someone suspected of a crime is nearby, someone is injured, being threatened or in danger.

If you wish to contact Leicestershire Police in other circumstances, for example to speak to local police or seek advice on police matters, you can call us by dialling 101 on your telephone.

<https://www.neighbourhoodlink.co.uk/>

BEAT TEAM CONTACTS:

If you need to contact a member of your beat team and the enquiry isn't urgent then the easiest way to do this is via Email, you can either do this through the Leicestershire Police website or on the details below:

PC 819 Steve Harrison – steven.harrison@leicestershire.pnn.police.uk
PC 1391 Adrian Coleman – adrian.coleman@leicestershire.pnn.police.uk
PCSO 6867 Kevin Bradley – kevin.bradley@leicestershire.pnn.police.uk
PCSO 6865 Mark Ball – mark.ball@leicestershire.pnn.police.uk

178/2021. PARISHIONERS' CORRESPONDENCE:

- a) Condition of benches in the Parish. It has been raised that some of the benches throughout Coleorton are in need of repair, especially the one outside of the church. Historically, a local volunteer group would make repairs however, they are not working due to COVID. Cllr Mursell suggested purchasing new benches made of recycled plastic which look like wood but are less maintenance. It was suggested that the seat by the Church was beyond repair and a safety issue and that some in the Millennium Garden needed attention. **RESOLVED:** Cllrs Ferrand & Akroyd to remove the bench from outside of the church. **RESOLVED:** Councillors to check out all the other benches and seats in the Parish, coming back to the next meeting with ones that need removing or could be repaired.
- b) Industrial Engineering Company are causing grievances for local residents in both Coleorton and Worthington. It is unclear as to whether they have or have not the correct planning permission, or controls surrounding noise and light. **RESOLVED:** Coleorton Parish Council will provide support to Worthington and its villagers on this issue. **RESOLVED:** To contact with Worthington Parish Council to offer support. **RESOLVED:** To contact NWLDC planning and environmental protection regarding the different issues and ask for support of the NWLDC councillor. **RESOLVED:** To bring back to the next meeting.
- c) Parking issues – Throughout Coleorton, vehicles are completely blocking paths and residents cannot move around freely without putting themselves in danger. Suggestions made to put posters on noticeboards to remind residents and workers to not park on the pavements and the benefits for the village if they were to park more on the road (slow down traffic). **RESOLVED:** Chairman to contact local police for advice and to see what they can do.

179/2021. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Welcome to the new Temporary Clerk and thanks to Ann Stafford for acting as the unofficial temporary Clerk. Thanks to all of the councillors for picking up necessary jobs. **RESOLVED:** To receive the report.

180/2021. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS, INCLUDING NWLDC AND LCC

- a) Website Development – Cllr Stafford has received a copy of the framework for the new website and will send it to all. The website company will also look at Coleorton Parish Council Facebook page and to be unlink it from Cllr Stafford's personal page making it more professional. **RESOLVED:** Councillors to give feedback and input on the new website.
- b) Litter picking – Feedback given that village looks much tidier. Thank you to those who are giving their time to litter pick the Village. Fly tipping still an issue with limited support from NWLDC. **RESOLVED:** To be put

on agenda for next meeting to discuss a way forward, formalise a group and protect the volunteers by registering them on the Parish Council's insurance. Cllr Stafford mentioned a new grant scheme that has just been released by LCC. **RESOLVED:** Clerk to enquire about what is available.

- c) Fly tipping - Cllr Akroyd gave an update on fly tipping issues in the Parish and had been liaising with NWLDC in respect of the use of cameras, how to power them and the cost implication. **RESOLVED:** To be put on agenda for next meeting to discuss a way forward and potentially formalise a group.
- d) Annual Parish meeting - Cllr Stafford suggested that the meeting was potentially a way to make contact with residents and ask them what they might want for the Parish. **RESOLVED:** Clerk and Chairman to undertake the necessary statutory arrangement and work on to attract public to attend.

181/2021. ENRICHMENT AND THREE-YEAR PLAN

Chairman proposed to move forward to next meeting. **RESOLVED:** To defer to next meeting.

182/2021. ONGOING MATTERS

Pitt Lane

- a) The ownership and ongoing liability of Pitt Lane was discussed. Cllr Hughes suggested that he takes it on. **RESOLVED:** To delegate authority to Cllr Hughes to progress this matter, making contact with Leicestershire County Council in terms of reverting the ownership of the road back to them and seeking clarity on the issues which are stopping the water supply being installed for local resident.
- b) Resident wishes to run a water pipe across land owned by the Parish Council and LCC. The Parish Council wasn't to support the resident,, however, before it can agree to any formal requests, permission must be obtained by Leicestershire County Council first. The resident expressed frustration as to the lack of progress in terms of any response from LCC. **RESOLVED:** Coleorton Parish Council and Mrs Baxter's daughter to contact Cllr N. Rushton (LCC) regarding the issue so that he can make contact with Leicestershire County Council on their Behalf.

183/2021. HS2

Chairman proposed to move forward to next meeting. **RESOLVED:** To defer to next meeting.

184/2021/ FINANCE AND ACCOUNTS.

- a) To review and sign off expenditure for December 2020/January 2021. Five cheques had been:
 - 18/12/20- 77Rockets - Website hosting - £128.00
 - 23/12/20 - Clerk's wages - £612.00
 - 5/1/2021 - Clerk's wages - £360.00.
 - 5/1/21 - Clerk's expenses - £22.19.It was unclear where cheque 101144 was. Cllr Stafford to investigate. **RESOLVED:** To ratify these payments.

- b) Online Banking - Chairman proposed to move forward to next meeting. **RESOLVED:** To defer to the next meeting.
- c) Budget 2021-22. A draft totalling £18,537.00 had been circulated to all councillors prior to the meeting. **RESOLVED:** To accept the proposed budget.
- d) Precept 2021-22. The Parish Council consider the Precept information as explained by the Chairman. There was much discussion and consideration about what the Parish Council would like to achieve for the Village in 2021. **RESOLVED:** To request a precept payment of £14,348.00 equating to £25.04 for a Band D resident. To be paid in two equal instalments of £7,174.00 by 30th April 2021 and £7,174.00 by 30th September 2021.
- e) Payment February 2021
 Cllr Mursell queried a payment for the Christmas tree removal as this had not been discussed or approved previously. Cllr Farrand accepted responsibility and will ensure that all payments are made in the correct manner going forward.
 Christmas tree removal – Ian Smith – £120.00.
 Zoom Annual membership – £143.00. Reimbursement to Cllr Akroyd who had paid this out initially.
 5/1/21 – 77Rockets – Website hosting – £123.64.
RESOLVED: To make these payments for February 2021.

185/2021. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

RESOLVED: To make the following comments.

20/02010/FUL	Land adjacent to Highwinds, Lower Moor Road, Coleorton, Leicestershire.	Erection of three dwellings with associated off street parking and garages (amended scheme to that permitted under application reference 16/00352/FUL).	Permitted before the meeting took place.
20/02035/FUL	Gladian, 163 The Moor, Coleorton, Coalville.	Erection of replacement dwelling.	No Cllrs have any objections.

Meeting closed 8.40pm

Signed _____

Print Name _____

Date _____