

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COLEORTON PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT THE BEAUMONT CENTRE, PEGGS GREEN, COLEORTON
ON 24th August 2017 at 7.30pm.**

PRESENT:-

	Councillor Michael Specht - Chair Councillor John Cotterill Councillor Michael Akroyd Councillor Martin Farrand Councillor Terry Betts Mrs Sandra Dillon – Webmaster Mr Andrew Hogsden - Clerk
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112/2017 The Chair read the Council policy on recording of meetings and introduced and welcomed Bev Smith, Chief Executive of North West Leicester District Council to the meeting.

113/2017 **APOLOGIES**
Apologies were received from Cllr Colin Smith and John Macdonald, Heritage Warden. The Council wished Mr Macdonald a speedy recovery.

114/2017 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**
There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.

115/2017 **REPORT FROM THE POLICE**
The Police had been invited but were not in attendance though they had provided a written report. There were four recorded crimes in the parish in the month of July: a burglary, theft of tools from an unsecured van, criminal damage to a wall and the theft of a plant pot. Cllr Farrand noted that fly tipping was not reported as a crime though was an offence.
Resolved:- That the report be noted and the clerk follow up with NWLDC whether incidences of fly tipping can be reported.

116/2017 **PERIOD FOR PARISHIONERS PARTICIPATION**
Neighbourhood Plan
A parishioner advised that a group were talking with other parishioners and other parishes about their experience of Neighbourhood Plans. They will keep the Parish Council abreast of developments.

A parishioner said that a planning application on Outwoods Lane which bordered onto Lower Moor Lane had gone to appeal and questioned whether Coleorton Parish Council would object. The Chair advised that this application was not within the borders of Coleorton Parish but was in fact in Worthington Parish. Coleorton Parish were not therefore a consultee and it would be inappropriate for Coleorton Parish Council to object.

There was some discussion about the boundaries of Coleorton: many villages have a parish boundary which approximates to the village boundary but this is not the case with Coleorton where some areas popularly considered as Coleorton are, in fact, in an adjacent parish. Where new property applications are made outside the limits to development within Coleorton Parish then the council objects to new planning applications.

Cllr Specht reminded the meeting that any individual can write or comment on planning applications regardless of whether they reside in the parish or not.

Cllr Specht is on the Planning Committee at North West Leicestershire and was asked how he arrives at a decision on planning applications outside Coleorton Parish. He

advised the meeting that he considers each application on its merit, taking into account advice from Council Officers, listening to speeches made at Planning Committee and undertaking site visits where possible.

Car Parking on The Moorlands

One resident asked about car parking adjacent to Forrester Close. Some residents are parking on The Moorlands within 10 meters of the junction to Forrester Close and in the area where there is a bus stop. This is against the Highway Code. The Police have been called and confronted some individuals but the problem is persisting.

Resolved: It was resolved the Clerk would make representations to County Highways; it might be that road markings are required so that the police can enforce this as a no parking zone and the item be retained on the agenda.

Reserves

One resident asked what plans the Council had for dealing with its reserves of some £56,000. Cllr Farrand commented that the Council is always open to suggestions for this (for example discussion on St Mary's held in the last two years) and to benefit the local community. The Clerk pointed out that the Council are looking to undertake the next phase in the Management Plan for the Zion Hill Recreation ground in 2017/18; the estimated cost of this is not known but is likely to be significant.

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REPORTS FROM PARISH ORGANISATIONS AND COUNCIL APPOINTEES

Heritage Warden – Mr Macdonald had provided a written report covering the work of the Volunteer Group in Coleorton Wood and at New Lount Nature Reserve. In addition he has submitted a pre application to The War Memorials Trust for cleaning and assessing the lettering of the War Memorial for a cost of £800 + VAT. Phase 2 will be to get the letters re-cut at a maximum cost of £1,520 + VAT. We will not know the outcome of this until late September/early October given the high level of applications currently.

His report also detailed that the cost of getting licenses for dealing with windthrown trees was £432 per person. In addition he had had a number of e mails from Viscount Beaumont School who will be running sessions with school children from this September. Cllr Betts asked what the children would be doing in the wood.

Resolved: that the report be noted and the Clerk share e mail correspondence from the school detailing their activities and the item be retained on the agenda.

Webmaster – Mrs Dillon noted that visits to the web site were up again in July to 856 visits. Popular pages included planning, road walks, walks and footpaths, history of Coleorton and Coleorton Post Office. 128 people are on the mailing list for the Newsletter.

Resolved:- That the report be noted.

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MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The minutes of the previous meeting were circulated in advance of the meeting. Cllr Farrand requested that it be minuted that the previous meeting did note that the Council had passed a resolution to support the development of a neighbourhood plan (59/2017) and that this be noted.

Resolved:- Michael Akroyd proposed that the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 13th July 2017 be accepted as a true record of the meeting subject to Cllr Farrand's comments above. This was seconded by Martin Farrand and passed unanimously.

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LAND AT REAR OF OVERTON CLOSE

A neighbouring resident had complained that the trees on this land were causing poor TV reception in parts of her house, affecting the solar panels and causing shade in her garden and had offered to cut the trees down.

Resolved: - that Cllr Specht would look to reduce the height of the offending trees. This would be done after the end of the bird nesting season and when the Heritage

Warden has recovered sufficiently so there can be two people present when the work is undertaken, and the item be retained on the agenda.

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HS2 – SCOPE AND METHODOLOGY FOR DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL AND DRAFT EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENTS

The Clerk explained that these assessments are required prior to tabling a hybrid Bill in Parliament in 2019. The deadline for comments of these assessments is 29th September 2017

Resolved:- that the Council will not make comments on this consultation and the item be removed from the agenda.

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ON-GOING MATTERS

a) NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

This is recorded under the Period for Public Participation agenda item.

Resolved: that the report be noted and the item be retained on the agenda.

b) COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH

The Clerk had received the forms to report incidences of speeding from the Police and had shared these with a parishioner concerned with speeding on The Moor and The Moorlands. In response to a query from Cllr Betts it was noted that we had undertaken an analysis of speeding several years ago in advance of purchasing the speed activated sign which are still being deployed at numerous locations around the parish.

Resolved:- that the report be noted and the item removed from the agenda

c) Junction of New Road, Loughborough Road and Church Hill

Cllr Specht reported that we have had a site meeting with Leicestershire County Council and Andrew Bridgen who asked for detailed costings for some suggested changes in the layout to the junction and traffic management in the vicinity. He is waiting for LCC Councillors to return from holiday so that he can discuss these changes with them. We have been advised from LCC that there are currently no funds to undertake these improvements

Resolved: that the report be noted and the item retained on the agenda.

d) COLEORTON WOOD

Report from CWAC: there was no report from the Coleorton Wood Action Committee.

Letter from Cameron Forest & Garden 22nd June: Cllr Specht advised that the trained chain saw operatives are seeking advice from the rangers at Leicestershire County Council (with whom they work at New Lount, for example) to confirm what their current license covers.

Resolved:- That the report be noted and the item is retained on the agenda.

Use by Viscount Beaumont School.

Resolved:- That the Clerk share correspondence he has had from the school on planned activities and the item retained on the agenda.

Coleorton Wood Inspection

Mr Macdonald had undertaken an inspection of the wood. Key concerns are that the car park has significant tyre marks which will break up the surface and cause pot holes. These will need repair. In addition Pitt Lane has an area which is cut up where site traffic has turned into the field. This too will need repairing.

Resolved: Clerk to write to the resident to request them to make good the surface on Pitt lane which has been impacted by their development and the item be retained on the agenda.

e) ST MARY'S CHURCH DONATION

The way forward on St Mary's is with the St Mary's PCC.

Resolved:- That the report be noted and the item be retained on the agenda.

f) MILLENNIUM GARDEN

Re-painting of sign: Cllr Smith has offered to do this.

Maintenance of Garden: the Clerk had drafted, and the Chair delivered, a letter advising the neighbour that the Parish Council was responsible for the maintenance of the garden. This had not been well received. The neighbour still maintains that she owns this land notwithstanding earlier correspondence we have had with her solicitors on the title deeds showing ownership is with Coleorton Parish Council.

Resolved:- that the report be noted and the Millennium Garden be retained on the agenda.

g) COMMUNITY RESPONSE PLAN

There was some discussion about this plan. There is a grant whereby Councils who have agreed a Community Response Plan can apply for up to £600 worth of equipment and aids to be used in the event of a disaster within the parish. There was concern about where any assets would be housed. No assets were ear marked for acquisition at this stage.

Resolved: that the Clerk ascertain if it is known for how long the grant funding would be available, and that the item be retained on the agenda.

h) BLUE BADGE FOR SIGNIFICANT BUILDINGS

The Heritage Group have obtained agreement from site/property owners for erection of blue plaques on their property.

They anticipate doing three plaques at a time with probably 3-6 months between each tranche depending upon confirmation from site / building owners. The cost for three signs including fitting is £300. They plan to use a local Coalville company. The second and subsequent tranches of signs should be a little cheaper as the artwork costs will have been incorporated into the first three.

The first three signs will be located at The Bakehouse on The Moor, Aqueduct Bridge and The Old Post Office on Lower Moor Road (now The Brambles, privately owned property).

It was noted that Aqueduct Bridge is outside the parish.

Resolved:- That the Parish Council will fund two of these plaques and the matter be retained on the list of ongoing matters on the agenda.

i) FLAG STAFF ISLAND IMPROVEMENTS

Work is ongoing. Updates are being received by e-mail and posted on our web site.

Resolved:- That the report be noted and the item be retained on the agenda.

j) PEGGS GREEN PLAY EQUIPMENT

The goal posts have now been painted meaning the only outstanding recommendation is the uneven playground surface.; Cllr Specht had attempted to flatten the surface but it appears to be a root. The clerk has contacted Creative Play who installed the play area for them to make recommendations on the way forward. They will attend week commencing 18th September

Resolved:- That the report be noted and the item retained on the agenda.

k) WAR MEMORIAL

The metal seat will be replaced with a wooden one.

Resolved:- that the report be noted and the item be retained on the agenda.

l) PEGGS GREEN RECREATION GROUND

Dog Training Classes: One course of dog training classes has been held. Knights Bay Dog Training have requested to run another course. The clerk reported that he has given permission for this as we have had no complaints and that we initially resolved to allow 2 6 week courses to run. The owner has also requested permission to hold a fun dog show.

Resolved:- that the Clerk discuss with the New Inn whether they would support this initiative and if so to contact Knights Bay Dog Training and give the go ahead and that the item be retained on the agenda.

Management Plan: The Clerk has requested quotes for work from Angus Hancock which should be available for the next meeting.

Resolved:- that the report be noted and the item be retained on the agenda.

m) FLY TIPPING – CORK SCREW LANE

There appear to have been only one incidence of tipping since the covert cameras were stolen. The Clerk was asked to follow up with NWLDC Communities team to ascertain if covert cameras can be re-deployed.

Resolved:- That the report be noted and the item retained on the agenda.

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PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Applications to be considered

There are no applications where comments are required after 24th August.

Applications considered between meetings

17/01000/FUL - Erection of annexe in approved residential site - Land to the Rear of George Inn, Loughborough Road, Coleorton. – The Clerk has raised an objection to this on the grounds it is outside the area for development, highway concerns with the development on a narrow lane with hazardous entry to the A512, and an over development of the site

17/00017/FUL - variation of condition 2 to add a dormer to front elevation - Greenfields, Lower Moor Road, Coleorton. No comment made.

2017/VOCM/0204/LCC - extension to the operational life of the composting facility until September 2024 - Nottingham Road, Lount, Leicestershire, LE65 1SD. No comment made.

Decisions notified

None

Resolved:- that the report be noted.

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MONIES RECEIVED/ INVOICES FOR PAYMENT

The following items were presented for payment:

M&BG (formerly Brian Mee for July mowing)	£54.00
Ian Stone (July ground maintenance)	£300.00
Grant Thornton (Audit 2016/17)	£120.00
Ladywell Accountancy Services (PAYE admin 2017/18)	£30.00

Resolved:- that the invoices and amounts be approved for payment and the payment made.

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OUTCOME OF AUDIT

The clerk reported that Grant Thornton had given a clean audit report with no other matters raised.

Resolved:- That the report be noted and the item removed from the agenda.

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NEW PARISH LAPTOP

No recommendations were made on this.

Resolved:- That the report be noted and the item retained on the agenda.

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TRANSPARENCY CODE

Resolved:- That the code be posted on to the parish web site and the item removed from the agenda.

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CORRESPONDENCE

Royal British Legion Lamp post poppies: The clerk reported that poppies can be purchased from the Royal British Legion for displaying on lamp posts at a cost of £3 per poppy. LCC Highways have approved that the poppies can be mounted on lamp posts at our risk and so that they do not pose a hazard or threat. They will need to be mounted by volunteers but can be taken down after armistice day and stored for use in subsequent years.

Resolved: that 50 poppies are purchased for display and the item retained on the agenda

Play equipment funding: the clerk had received details of a scheme whereby organisations can enter a competition to obtain up to £40,000 funding (with matched funding) for play and fitness equipment. The installation would need to be by February 2018 and at least 3 pieces of Komplan equipment purchased.

Resolved: that we do not pursue this competition and the item be removed from the agenda.

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NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Council will be on Thursday 28th September at 7.30pm.

SIGNED BY CHAIR OF COLEORTON PARISH COUNCIL / DATED