

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COLEORTON PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT THE BEAUMONT CENTRE, PEGGS GREEN, COLEORTON
ON 14th DECEMBER 2017 at 7.30pm.**

PRESENT:-

	Councillor Michael Specht - Chair Councillor Martin Farrand Councillor Colin Smith Councillor Michael Akroyd Mrs Sandra Dillon – Webmaster Mr John Macdonald – Heritage Warden Mr Andrew Hogsden - Clerk
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APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllrs John Cotterill and Terry Betts.

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RECORDING OF MEETINGS

The Chair noted the Council's policy on recording of meetings.

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DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Specht declared an interest in item 9i on the agenda.

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REPORT FROM THE POLICE

The Police had been invited but were not in attendance though they had provided a written report. There were three recorded crimes in the parish in the month of November, one burglary from a non-dwelling, one attempted burglary and one recovery of firearms for a house clearance.

Resolved:- that the report be noted.

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PERIOD FOR PARISHIONERS PARTICIPATION

There were no parishioners present.

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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. He advised that the Volunteer group have recently purchased a milling attachment which fits to the Stihl chainsaws and enables the group to cut the logs into planks or posts. However the group need a substantial metal rig to secure the log and to carry the attachment and chainsaw. The rig has been manufactured by the volunteer group. He asked whether the Council could assist with these cost.

Resolved:- that the Council fund the materials used for the milling attachment for £150.

Mr Macdonald reported that Viscount Beaumont School were now using Coleorton Wood for their Forest School. He was also in discussion with Swingboat Nurseries in Whitwick who are also interested in a Forest School and are investigating using New Lount Nature Reserve.

Resolved:- that the report be noted.

Webmaster – Mrs Dillon noted that there were 708 visits to the web site in November. The most popular pages included planning, the Beaumont Centre and roadworks and buses in and around Coleorton There are 128 names on the mailing list.

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.

Resolved:- Colin Smith proposed that the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 2nd November 2017 be accepted as a true record of the meeting. This was seconded by Martin Farrand and passed unanimously.

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PITT LANE EASEMENT FEE

The Clerk reported that 17/01384/OUT has been approved. This will require access from Pitt Lane. He had contacted Chris Albion at Mander Cruickshank and provided him with details of the Applicant so he can initiate the easement process. It is likely this will be driven forward by LCC. Chris Albion has had discussions with LCC who have proposed any easement is shared on a 50:50 basis with LCC.

Resolved:- that the clerk request that Mander Cruickshank contact LCC with a view to obtaining a more favourable split on the easement fee than the 50:50 split that had been proposed by LCC and that the item be retained on the agenda.

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ON-GOING MATTERS

a) NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

There were no matters to report.

Resolved:- that the item be retained on the agenda.

b) JUNCTION OF NEW ROAD, LOUGHBOROUGH ROAD AND CHURCH HILL

The clerk had contacted LCC to ask for a date when we are likely to receive a cost estimate of the proposed changes to this junction but has yet to receive a response.

Resolved:- that the Chair will chase up the cost estimates from LCC and the item be retained on the agenda.

c) COLEORTON WOOD

Inspection – it was noted the car park surface had got no worse since the summer.

Resolved:- that the item be removed from the agenda but reviewed in April 2018.

Swingboat Nurseries: Mr Macdonald advised that Swingboat Nurseries had approached him about using Coleorton Wood as a Forest School. As Viscount Beaumont were already using the site he has suggested Swingboat use New Lount Nature Reserve.

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

d) 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.

e) MILLENNIUM GARDEN

Re-painting of sign: this will be attended to in due course.

Maintenance of Garden: There had been no issues with this in November.

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

f) COMMUNITY RESPONSE PLAN

The clerk has requested space for a cabinet be discussed at the Beaumont Centre Committee when they next meet.

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

g) BLUE BADGE FOR SIGNIFICANT BUILDINGS

The clerk has not been approached by the Heritage Group since the last meeting.

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

h) PEGGS GREEN PLAY EQUIPMENT

All the work from the safety inspections in 2017 has been undertaken including the removal of the roots causing an uneven surface on the play area.

Resolved:- that the report be noted, that the clerk contact Angus Hancock to obtain a quote from Rowan Woodland Products for removing the trees whose roots are causing the uneven surface and the item be retained on the agenda.

i) WAR MEMORIAL

The War Memorial Trust have informed that the application will be assessed by 31st December and that we will be notified of the outcome within 6 weeks of that date. The Chair left the meeting. With regard to the seat John Macdonald reported that a wooden bench could be sourced for around £406; the cost of making the seat would be around £400 for the wood alone and circa £150 for additional materials. It was felt that it would be positive for the bench to be made by the people of Coleorton, for the people of Coleorton.

Resolved:- that the report be noted and that we request the volunteer group to go ahead and build the bench and that the item be retained on the agenda.

j) PEGGS GREEN RECREATION GROUND

Dog Training Classes: There was nothing to report..

Resolved:- that the item be removed from the agenda.

Management Plan: We have appointed Rowan Woodland Products to undertake this work by 31st January. Once the date of commencement of the work is known notices will be posted and the small number of local residents who may be impacted will be written to by the clerk

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

k) FLY TIPPING – CORK SCREW LANE

We are on the list for covert cameras to be re-deployed. There was 1 instance of fly tipping reported in the parish in November (in the car park opposite The New Inn) and 2 instances of fly tipping have been reported to date in December, both on Cork Screw Lane. In one instance the area has been fenced off.

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

l) PARISH NOTICE BOARDS

Cllr Smith will repair these on a like for like basis, when the weather is more favourable.

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

m) OVERTON CLOSE

An interim Tree Protection Order has been served effective from 8th December.

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

n) PARKING AT THE JUNCTION OF THE MOORLANDS AND FORRESTER CLOSE

The residents causing this issue are being more considerate allowing unencumbered entrance to, and exit from, Forrester Close.

Resolved:- that the report be noted and clerk thank Helena Bhakta for the help of the police in resolving this issue.

o) DEFIBRILLATOR TRAINING

It was suggested it may be beneficial to obtain another defibrillator to be available in the parish in the Peggs Green vicinity.

Resolved:- that the clerk undertake some research on appropriate defibrillators and the attendant costs, that the training be deferred until we had ascertained whether to go ahead with a second defibrillator and for the item to be retained on the agenda.

p) BEAUMONT GREEN: LOW HANGING BRANCHES

The Chair has removed the low hanging branches on the trees on Beaumont Green with the assistance of a helpful local resident.

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

q) PROJECTS TO IMPROVE THE PARISH

The clerk has contacted plantscape who offer a service to supply containers and plants from June to September/October and to water the plants on a weekly basis. The cost appears comparatively modest per container.

Resolved:- that the clerk obtain illustrations and firm quotes for up to 10 containers, and that the item be retained on the agenda.

r) COLEORTON PARISH BOUNDARIES

The clerk advised the Council of the outline process for effecting a change to the parish boundaries. The initial stages are to decide on a proposal and then to obtain 187 signatories from parishioners on the electoral roll of Coleorton or the area directly impacted by any proposed change. North West Leicester offices advised obtaining approximately 10% more signatories (so 205 in total) should anyone sign it who would not qualify. A number of proposed boundaries were considered as well as some other options advised by e mail from local residents.

Resolved: that the Council support changing the boundary so that there is a revised boundary on the north eastern boundary of the parish running in the centre of Gelsmoor Road, turning left at the Remstone Road and then right along the Melbourne Road until it intersects with the existing boundary, that the clerk advise officials at North West Leicester of this, and that the item be retained on the agenda.

s) THE ROPEWALK FOOTPATH

This has been cleared by LCC.

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

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PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Applications to be considered

There were no applications to be considered

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

Applications considered between meetings

17/01693/FUL - Erection of an annexe extension to an approved dwelling (revised scheme) - The Howlands, Bakewells Lane, Coleorton. No comments

17/01622/FUL - Erection of detached dwelling - Church View, 59 The Moor, Coleorton. No comments

Decisions notified

17/01000/FUL - Erection of annexe in approved residential site - Land To The Rear Of George Inn , Loughborough Road, Coleorton, Coalville. Refused

17/01281/FUL - Land To The Rear Of California Cottage, Zion Hill, Peggs Green, Coleorton, erection of shed. Granted

2017/VOCM/0204/LCC - extension to the operational life of the composting facility until September 2024 - Nottingham Road, Lount, Leicestershire, LE65 1SD. Granted

17/01599/VCI for Land Adj To Wilford House, Loughborough Road, Coleorton, Coalville, Leicestershire, LE67 8HH. Granted

17/01384/OUT Land Adjacent To 120 The Moor, Coleorton, Coalville, Leicestershire. Granted

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INVOICES FOR PAYMENT

The following items were presented for payment:

Andrew Hogsden (salary & expenses includes laptop)	£1,503.56
HMRC	£190.80
Ian Stone (November)	£300.00
Creative Play	£1,500.00
Michael Specht (chain saw repair minute 157/2017)	£77.71
Fields in Trust	£50.00

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

183/2017 BUDGET FOR 2018/19

A proposed budget showing a spend of £15,156 for 2018/19 had been circulated with the clerks report. The request for the Precept for 2018/19 is not required by North West Leicestershire District Council until 31st January 2018.

Resolved: that the precept request is reviewed in January.

184/2017 DATA PROTECTION AND FREEDOM OF INFORMATION

Resolved:- that the Sandra Dillon would inform Councillors of an e mail address for their Council correspondence.

185/2017 CORRESPONDENCE

Budget Consultation Process for NWLDC: The consultation for the proposed budget is from 19th December 2017 to 14th January 2018.

Resolved: that the report be noted.

HS2: the clerk had received a communication from HS2 offering to attend a Parish Council Meeting

Resolved:- that the clerk invite HS2 representatives to the next meeting.

Polling Station Review

Resolved:- that there were no comments on this

National Highways and Transport Parish Consultation

The clerk had circulated proposed responses in advance of the meeting.

Resolved:- that the clerk reply to the survey, that the state of the A512 between the Rempstone Road and the Ashby Roadabout on 14th December be reported and that the clerk request a new grit box to be located in the vicinity of the School Lane/Zion Hill/Stoney Lane junction.

186/2017 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Council will be on Thursday 18th January at 7.30pm.

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SIGNED BY CHAIR OF COLEORTON PARISH COUNCIL / DATED