

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COLEORTON PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT THE BEAUMONT CENTRE, PEGGS GREEN, COLEORTON
ON 27th JUNE 2019 at 7.30pm.**

PRESENT:-

	Councillor Michael Specht - Chair Councillor Michael Akroyd Councillor Terry Betts Councillor Richard Hughes Councillor Ann Stafford Sandra Dillon – Web Master Andrew Hogsden - Clerk
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APOLOGIES

Councillor Martin Farrand.

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RECORDING OF MEETINGS

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

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DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Michael Akroyd declared a non-pecuniary interest in grit bins and waste bins for Farm Town.

86/2019

REPORT FROM THE POLICE

The police had produced a generic report but were not in attendance. 3 crimes were reported in April 2019, the latest month available. Incidents of Anti-Social Behaviour one in Pitt Lane and one in The Rowlands and a vehicle crime on The Moorlands. The Chair noted that details of crimes can be obtained from Police.uk/Leicestershire.

Resolved:- that the report be noted and that the Clerk issue a link to this web site.

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PERIOD FOR PARISHIONERS PARTICIPATION

The Crime Prevention Officer reported that he had provided some crime prevention devices to a lady who had had advised him that a lamp post near St Mary's Church required a new bulb. The Chair reported that it was a lamp post for which LCC are responsible.

Resolved:- that the Chair will report the problem to LCC and that crime prevention evenings are organised in October and March of each year.

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HS2

Paul Mullins, Kim Soucy and Judith Rowe presented the proposed changes to the route and the proposed temporary railhead near junction 13 of the A42. They outlined the route and the strategic objectives of HS2 and the key dates. A consultation on the most recent proposals is currently open and closes on 6th September 2019.

The railhead is much larger than originally proposed being 3.2km in length and having 10 sidings. It will contain storage and parking. It will be required for 7 years. The precise hours of use are currently unclear. There is a consultation event on 29th June at Ivanhoe College. It was confirmed that the railhead is temporary, and the area will be restored after use but there was considerable frustration that the details of this temporary railhead had been announced so late in the process.

Resolved:- that the Clerk ask Kym Smith to attend the next meeting and that he draft an e-mail raising our main concerns to the MP for Leicestershire North West which would include the late nature of this change, the size of the railhead, the disruption this would cause to the parish and the unprofessional way this has been handled.

- 89/2019 REPORTS FROM PARISH ORGANISATIONS AND COUNCIL APPOINTEES**
The Web Master
A report from the web master had been issued in advance of the meeting.
Resolved:- that the report be noted.
- 90/2019 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**
The minutes of the AGM of the Council and the Annual Parish Meeting both on 16th May had been circulated in advance of the meeting.
Resolved:- Terry Betts proposed that both these sets of minutes be accepted as a true record of the meeting. This was seconded by Ann Stafford and passed unanimously.
- 91/2019 ENRICHMENT**
Richard Hughes reported that the Sub Committee had met to take forward ideas such as Infrastructure and repairs, additional items to improve the village experience, social and supportive initiatives, communication with the parishioners and Coleorton Christmas. The latter might include a Christmas Tree on Beaumont Green and a community event to held including for example Christmas Carols. The intention would be to pass any proceeds to charity. There would be quite a bit to do to organise such an event.
Resolved:- that the sub Committee meet again to take this forward and provide terms of reference for the sub Committee to be approved by the Council and the item is retained on the agenda.
- 92/2019 GRIT BIN & WASTE BIN – FARMTOWN & CHURCH TOWN**
There has been a request from a parishioner for a grit bin in Farm Town and a waste bin in Farm Town and Church Town. Dog facies is a problem. The clerk had ascertained the cost of emptying a litter bin, £2.88 per empty which equates to £150 per year for a weekly empty.
Resolved:- that the Clerk ascertain the cost of the bin itself, and what the cost of emptying a bin for dog facies would be. Ann Stafford proposed that a replacement bin is purchased for The Moorlands; this was seconded by Richard Hughes and carried unanimously and that the item is retained on the agenda.
- 93/2019 SPEEDING AND SPEED ACTIVATED SIGNS**
Richard Hughes suggested that we undertake a Community Speedwatch Campaign where speed guns are provided to volunteers to dissuade vehicles from speeding. In addition, the police do tend to undertake follow up activities and will actively police speeding in areas who have undertaken such a campaign.
Resolved: that the Clerk put the parish’s name down for a Community Speed Watch campaign and undertake some research and the item is retained on the agenda.
- 94/2019 ON-GOING MATTERS**
- a) JUNCTION OF NEW ROAD, LOUGHBOROUGH ROAD AND CHURCH HILL**
Richard Hughes has some initial costings but has some queries concerning the quotes.
Resolved:- that the report be noted, and the item retained on the agenda.
- b) DOG SHOW PEGGS GREEN RECREATION GROUND**
Resolved:- that the Clerk pass on contact details for the organiser to the web master so that we can publicise this, and that the item is removed from the agenda.
- c) COMMUNITY RESPONSE PLAN**
Nothing to report this month.
Resolved:- that the response plan be circulated to Councillors, the report be noted, and the item retained on the agenda.

d) PEGGS GREEN RECREATION GROUND

· PLAY EQUIPMENT SURFACE

The Clerk summarised several quotes for several different solutions to the surface.

Resolved:- that the Clerk obtain a quote for cleaning the surface from NWLDC and also discuss with Streetscene whether they can lift the existing surface to provide a quote and repair the existing surface, so it is safe and reasonably durable.

· MOLE HILLS

The Clerk had obtained a quote from Heath Pest Control for an annual contract.

Resolved:- that the Clerk ascertain alternative quotes for a quote and the Clerk ascertain what is included in the quote obtained from Heath Pest Control, and the item is retained on the agenda.

e) COLEORTON PARISH BOUNDARIES

The petition is still available at The Post Office for signing.

Resolved:- that the Clerk obtain 2 larger maps, the report be noted, and the item retained on the agenda.

f) PITT LANE EASEMENT FEE

The owner has written to LCC arguing why there had not been a significant increase in the land value after planning permission had been granted and has not increased their offer. LCC are due to respond to the owner. The Council reviewed a previous easement that had been granted. From the plans, it was clear that the payment was for both access over the verges and for use of the road itself.

Resolved:- that the Clerk would write to LCC explaining our frustration at the time this was taking and requesting that action is taken to bring this matter to a quick conclusion, that the report be noted, and the item retained on the agenda.

g) GRIT BOX – STONEY LANE & FARM TOWN

The Clerk has one more signature to obtain to site a grit box on Stoney Lane.

It was suggested that a grit box is located in the main area of Farm Town ie where most of the houses are located.

Resolved:- that the Clerk will investigate a suitable location in Farm Town and the item retained on the agenda.

h) BAKEHOUSE

The Clerk advised that we are waiting for the donor's solicitors for exchange of contracts. There was some discussion about the plans for the Bakehouse.

Resolved:-.that the enrichment sub-committee explore options for the Bakehouse and that the item is retained on the agenda.

i) COLEORTON WOOD

The Chair advised that the volunteer group are ahead of schedule with the management plan. It was reported that following a meeting with residents of Pitt Lane it is worth considering additional signage to make it clearer when the car park is open, that there is no vehicular access to Coleorton Wood once the gates are closed and some signs to advise areas where parking is not permitted.

Resolved:- Michael Specht proposed and Richard Hughes seconded that the Clerk take this forward by proposing wording and specification for the signs and the item is retained on the agenda.

Terry Betts had undertaken some research on the cost of re-surfacing the bottom end of Pitt Lane which has several potholes and surface degradation.

Resolved:- it was resolved that Terry Betts ascertain whether it would be possible to revise the specification to reduce the potential cost of this and that the item is retained on the agenda.

j) FORRESTER CLOSE PLAY AREA

The District Council are seeking to transfer this land to the parish council. The Chair and Clerk had met with NWLDC officers to discuss this and had asked several questions but had not heard back yet. The Clerk advised that he had heard from Martin Farrand about some other alternative suggestions for use of this space.

Resolved:- that the report be noted, the Clerk follow up with NWLDC and the item is retained on the agenda.

k) TREES BEHIND OVERTON CLOSE

Angus Hancock is preparing an application for two trees to be removed.

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

l) FLY TIPPING, LITTER & LITTER PICK

There have been two instances of fly tipping in the parish in June to date. The Chair reported that another person is being investigated with a view to being prosecuted; there is a lead on another fly tip which has been reported to NWLDC.

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

m) PLANTERS

The Clerk reported these have been delivered though he had received a report saying that one was missing (in Church Town) although he had not verified this.

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

n) BEAUMONT CENTRE

Resolved:- Terry Betts proposed that Ann Stafford be appointed to represent Coleorton Parish Council on the Beaumont Centre Management Committee. This was seconded by Michael Specht and passed unanimously.

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PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Applications considered between meetings

19/00865/FUL - Alterations to existing balcony, 25 Lavender Walk Coleorton

19/00850/FUL - Erection of single storey extension to existing outbuilding, 3 New Road Peggs Green Coleorton

19/00928/FUL - Erection of detached garage, timber fence and alterations to the front elevation of the dwelling, 8 The Moorlands Coleorton

Decisions notified

19/00607/FUL - conversion of existing internal garage to living accommodation and erection of double garage - 2 Stoney Lane Coleorton - granted

19/00635/FUL - formation of vehicular access - 29 The Moorlands Coleorton - granted

Resolved:- that the report be noted, and that no objections are raised on these applications.

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INVOICES FOR PAYMENT

The following items were presented for payment:

Michael Specht (Chair Allowance)	£250.00
Play Safety Ltd (RoSPA play equipment inspection)	£82.20
M&BG (Coleorton Wood mowing - May)	£120.00
Ian Stone (May ground maintenance)	£300.00
Plantscape (planters)	£2,291.28
Andrew Hogsden (pay and expenses Apr – Jun)	£981.40

Resolved:- that these are approved for payment.

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ITEMS FOR DISCLOSURE ON THE WEB SITE

The Clerk advised that payments and receipts greater than £100, a variance analysis from the prior year together with a summary of receipts and payments and the bank reconciliation had been posted to the web site.

Resolved:- that the report be noted, that the Clerk obtain alternative quotes for the provision of legal services, and the item is removed from the agenda.

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STANDING ORDERS, FINANCIAL REGULATIONS AND CODE OF CONDUCT

These had been circulated in advance of the meeting. The Clerk advised that the standing orders had some revisions and were based on an updated template circulated by the LRALC.

Resolved:- Michael Specht proposed these documents be adopted by the Council. This was seconded by Michael Akroyd and passed with 4 votes for and one abstention. The abstention was because the Councillor had not read all the documents in advance of the meeting.

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PUBLIC RIGHTS

The Clerk advised that the accounts and records of the Council are now available for public inspection.

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

100/2019

BANKING ARRANGEMENTS

Richard Hughes advised that he had made some enquiries and it is possible for us to obtain an interest rate of 1.1% on surplus funds on a fixed rate account

Resolved:- that £20,000 is transferred to a fixed rate account, and the item retained on the agenda

101/2019

CORRESPONDENCE

The Campaign to Protect Rural England – Leicestershire had requested whether we would want to subscribe to them at a cost of £36 per year

Resolved:- Michael Specht proposed that we do not support this organisation; this was seconded by Terry Betts and passed unanimously.

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NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 22nd August at 7.30pm at The Beaumont Centre.

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SIGNED BY CHAIR OF COLEORTON PARISH COUNCIL / DATED