

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COLEORTON PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD AT THE BEAUMONT CENTRE, PEGGS GREEN, COLEORTON  
ON 22<sup>nd</sup> AUGUST 2019 at 7.30pm.**

**PRESENT:-**

	Councillor Michael Specht - Chair Councillor Martin Farrand Councillor Terry Betts Councillor Richard Hughes Councillor Ann Stafford Sandra Dillon – Web Master Andrew Hogsden - Clerk
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**103/2019**

**APOLOGIES**

Councillor Michael Akroyd.

**104/2019**

**RECORDING OF MEETINGS**

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

**105/2019**

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Michael Specht declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 15h, Coleorton Wood.

**106/2019**

**REPORT FROM THE POLICE**

The police had produced a generic report but were not in attendance. 1 crime was reported in May, criminal damage or arson on or near Forrester Close.

3 crimes were reported in the parish in June all on or near Forrester Close. 1 public order offense and 2 crimes of violence or sexual offences.

**Resolved:- that the report be noted.**

**107/2019**

**PERIOD FOR PARISHIONERS PARTICIPATION**

Sandra Dillon noted that in relation to planning application 19/01452/FUL - erection of one dwelling and associated garaging, White Gables Lower Moor Road, the Archaeology Department at Leicestershire County Council have recommended an archaeological review or survey before building starts. She encouraged the Council to note that this should be done before the plot 1 ground works commenced and plot 2, this application, must have an archaeological survey because there are items of historic interest in that area.

A resident from Birchwood Close was interested in representations we will make in our response to the HS2 consultation, especially if it is 24 hours per day working. They noted that currently the existing Leicester to Burton railway has approximately one or two trains per day. Clearly, the proposed new railhead would cause a huge impact on residents living close to the Leicester to Burton railway.

Another resident asked if we had seen and could comment on the hours of working. There was a concern that workings will go right up towards Sinope.

It was noted that the local press had published a letter from Coleorton Parish Council but there was concern that the local press are not actively commenting on the impact of the proposed temporary railhead.

A parishioner advised there is another consultation meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> September on Jackson Street, Coalville.

## 108/2019 REPORTS FROM PARISH ORGANISATIONS AND COUNCIL APPOINTEES

### The Web Master

A report from the web master had been issued in advance of the meeting.

Sandra Dillon noted there was a spike in activity following the last meeting, in particular, on planning pages where there are HS2 links.

There are 123 subscribers to newsletter currently.

**Resolved:- that the report be noted.**

## 109/2019 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The minutes of the Council meeting on 27th June had been circulated in advance of the meeting.

**Resolved:- Richard Hughes proposed that both these sets of minutes be accepted as a true record of the meeting. This was seconded by Michael Specht and carried unanimously.**

## 110/2019 HS2

Kym Smith introduced herself and a colleague and informed the meeting she was not from HS2 but were engaged by NWLDC. She noted that the current consultation response deadline is 6<sup>th</sup> September although this had been extended to a very small population of people who live close to the proposed new temporary railhead and who did not receive a leaflet advising them of the changes. The deadline for these "white envelope" recipients is 18<sup>th</sup> October.

She explained there will be major traffic issues during the period of construction especially given the busyness of the A511. In addition, junction 13 of the A42 will be re-worked during construction phase.

Kym advised her current understanding is that there will be around 300 people working out of the compound and a similar number in adjacent compounds. This will cause an impact on services and the environment during the construction phase. Coleorton's response to the current consultation should reflect this.

There was a discussed about the location for ballast storage and indeed where this is sourced.

It was also noted that the site of the railhead includes reclaimed coal land. Much of this land is just starting to return to a more natural state. The temporary railhead will put this recovery back, from an ecological perspective. It should also be noted that when the use of the railhead is completed, the replacement topsoil should be suitable for indigenous vegetation.

It can also be noted that the location of the temporary railhead is on land of historical interest, and that bats and tawny owls are present in the vicinity of Birchwood Close. We should request that bat surveys are conducted at night.

**Resolved:- the report be noted, that the clerk make sure these points are salient within the consultation response, the draft response is then issued to the Council and published on our web site before submission to HS2.**

## 111/2019 ENRICHMENT

Richard Hughes noted that Coleorton Christmas is proceeding but it is more difficult to pursue other initiatives, for example how the Bake House will be used, improving the village experience and social and support initiatives . He suggested re-structuring these and planning into future perhaps by making this the task of a separate group.

In terms of Coleorton Christmas, Ann Stafford has a schedule of tasks on a spreadsheet and is looking for more volunteers to help with the organisation. The Christmas tree has been organised and a risk assessment is taking place soon. The main tasks involve the site, food and drink, entertainment and publicity. She informed the meeting that the event team is hoping for the school to be involved in some way. It was also noted that perhaps it would be helpful to engage the heritage group and the WI

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

**112/2019 AUTUMN LITTER PICK**

The clerk advised that at the last litter pick, an Autumn Litter Pick was suggested. The clerk will liaise with NWLDC for the equipment and with McDonalds for the meal vouchers for children.

**Resolved:- Michael Specht proposed this was held on 12<sup>th</sup> October subject to checking this did not coincide with half term for local schools. This was seconded by Ann Stafford and passed unanimously, and the item retained on the agenda.**

**113/2019 LEGAL SERVICES TENDER**

The clerk advised that he has sent a tender document to 5 local firms. The deadline for submission is 31<sup>st</sup> August.

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

**114/2019 NOTICE BOARD COLEORTON HALL**

A request had been made by some residents at Coleorton Hall for minutes of meetings and some other correspondence to be placed on a noticeboard at Coleorton Hall. This notice board is used by residents.

**Resolved:- Sandra Dillon will liaise with contacts at Coleorton Hall to see if they want to be on the newsletter distribution list and to see if they want to put relevant documents onto the noticeboard, and that the item be retained on the agenda.**

**115/2019 REMEMBRANCE DAY ARRANGEMENTS AND LAMPPOST POPPIES**

**Resolved:- Terry Betts will order two wreaths from the British Legion, Martin Farrand and Michael Specht will arrange for the lamppost poppies to be erected and that Michael Specht will attend the remembrance day service in the parish and read the names out, and that the item be retained on the agenda.**

**116/2019 FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT AND PRACTICE**

Richard Hughes was concerned about future liabilities, for example the Coleorton Wood 5-year management plan includes some significant liabilities and also questioned if there were any plans and associated costs for the Bake House. He suggested that the Council should have a 5-year plan for spending which should be tied into then provision of facilities and services to the community, for example perhaps the development of kiddies' trails in the woods. It was noted that the woods do have a beneficial impact on the community and environment for example there are fungi species in Coleorton Wood found nowhere else Leicestershire and there is a bat population however the main users of the wood are dog walkers and volunteers.

**Resolved:- that the clerk and Richard Hughes meet to start to pull a 5-year strategic plan together with some indicative costs and that the item be retained on the agenda.**

**117/2019 ON-GOING MATTERS**

**a) JUNCTION OF NEW ROAD, LOUGHBOROUGH ROAD AND CHURCH HILL**

There has been no real progress on this.

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

**b) COMMUNITY RESPONSE PLAN**

There has been no real progress on this.

**Resolved:- that the clerk follow up with NWLDC and the item be retained on the agenda.**

**c) Peggs Green Recreation Ground**

**· PLAY EQUIPMENT SURFACE**

The clerk advised the NWLDC will pressure wash the playground surface, the play equipment and the two benches for a cost of £370. In addition, vegetation is encroaching on the playground surface, and over one of the benches. He has obtained a quote for £85 for Ian Stone, the ground contractor, to remove the vegetation. Ann Stafford asked whether we owned the footpath between the recreation ground and Stoney Lane and advised that some conifers had been planted near the entrance to Stoney Lane. The clerk also noted that some building material had appeared in the same vicinity.

**Resolved:- Michael Specht proposed that NWLDC are engaged to clean the play surface, the play equipment and the benches and Ian Stone is engaged to clear vegetation. This was seconded by Ann Stafford and carried unanimously. Michael Specht will also investigate the encroachment on the footpath, and that the item be retained on the agenda.**

**· MOLE HILLS**

The clerk advised he had obtained several quotes for dealing with the occasional mole hills on the recreation ground for a range of costs and attendant services. It was noted that, being adjacent to fields, the moles will not be eradicated ie they are always likely to return.

**Resolved:- Terry Betts proposed that we do not take forward the quotes to deal with the mole hills, this was seconded by Ann Stafford and agreed unanimously, and that the item is removed from the agenda.**

**d) COLEORTON PARISH BOUNDARIES**

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

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

**e) PITT LANE EASEMENT FEE**

**· Easement and 17/01511/FUL**

The clerk reported that Steven Robson had written to him asking if we would give permission to agree a lower fee given the restrictions on use of the development. It was noted that Mrs Baxter did not establish a local need through the appropriate channels and therefore the Council believes that the full payment should be made.

**Resolved:- that LCC need to provide evidence that Mrs Baxter established a local need through the appropriate channels, and that the clerk make a complaint about the legal team at NWLDC preferably through the ombudsmen or some appropriate third-party agency.**

**· Request to install utilities**

**Resolved:- Michael Specht proposed that the companies are not given permission to dig the road. This was seconded by Terry Betts and agreed unanimously, and that the clerk send a letter by recorded delivery to the companies requesting this to advise them that they do not have authority to dig up the road and that the clerk make some enquiries about putting an injunction on those companies in the event that they do start to undertake this work, and that the item is retained on the agenda.**

**f) GRIT BOX – STONEY LANE & FARM TOWN**

The request for the grit box on Stoney Lane still needs the consent of one resident.

With regard to the request for a grit box in Farm Town there was no agreement this was required. Martin Farrand disagreed with the proposed location (below the sign opposite the duck pond).

**Resolved:- Martin Farrand would discuss this with the resident who requested a grit box and that the item is retained on the agenda.**

**g) BAKEHOUSE**

The transfer of this has now been completed following settlement of the completion bill for £996.

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

**h) COLEORTON WOOD**

The volunteer group produce planks and timber for various different uses. Angus Hancock had offered to buy these planks and timber from us.

**Resolved:- Martin Farrand proposed and Ann Stafford seconded that the proceeds for any timber sales are retained by CPC. This was agreed unanimously.**

Terry Betts is seeking confirmation from one of the contractors whether it is possible to revise the specification to reduce the cost of re-surfacing the bottom end of Pitt Lane.

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

**i) FORRESTER CLOSE PLAY AREA**

There has been an incidence of anti-social behaviour recently impacting one of the residents of Forrester Close. It was noted that NWLDC have not erected a substantial anti vandal fence to the rear of the playground as they had informed they would do. The generating company have not erected a fence around their sub-station, nor have new gates to the front of the play area been erected. It was noted that at one stage there was proper fencing to the front of the play area but that has been vandalised and not replaced.

A Special Expenses Report on Forrester Close from NWLDC detailing the special expenses income and the costs and outlining the legal position of this area was considered. There was a discussion how this this area of land could and should be used for example should it be retained as play area or as an area of open space, should it be gated and locked at certain times?

It was noted that Michael Specht has a non-pecuniary interest in this item. There was a discussion as to whether this could even be a pecuniary interest if house prices are impacted.

**Resolved:- that the clerk advise NWLDC we will consider buying it but that this is conditional on NWLDC installing secure fencing to the front and rear and that they request Western Power to secure the sub-station, that the report be noted, and the item is retained on the agenda.**

**j) 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.**

Cllr Farrand left the meeting.

**k) FLY TIPPING, LITTER & REQUEST FOR LITTER BIN – FARM TOWN & CHURCH TOWN**

There was one incident of fly tipping in July, a fridge/freezer, bottles and cans on the road from Farm Town to The Moorlands.

The clerk reported that the cost of a waste bin is £150.

**Resolved:- It was agreed in principle that a waste bin is obtained for Farm Town and/or Church Town, the precise location of which will be determined, that the report be noted, and the item is retained on the agenda.**

**l) PLANTERS**

The clerk noted that these seemed to have been a success. However, there has not been a planter below the sign to Church Town at The Moor end of the Ashby Road. He had spoken to the suppliers who have offered a free planter next year.

**Resolved:- that the report is noted, the clerk request that a credit note is put on our account and that the item is retained on the agenda.**

**m) BEAUMONT CENTRE**

Ann Stafford had attended the meeting of the Management Committee. It was noted that the finances are in good order and that Mike Cox is now Treasurer.

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

**n) GRIT BIN & WASTE BINS FARM TOWN & CHURCH TOWN**

This item had been discussed under agenda items g) and i).

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

**o) SPEEDING AND SPEED ACTIVATED SIGN**

The clerk had registered an interest in the parish taking part in a community speedwatch campaign. It was noted that although this does not result in penalties for offenders, it does act as a further awareness and deterrent for drivers who elect to speed. The clerk outlined the steps required for a speedwatch campaign to take place: a requirement is obtaining 200 signatories. Signatory forms were distributed

**Resolved: that the report is noted, members of the council encourage parishioners to sign the petition and the item is retained on the agenda.**

**p) MILLENNIUM GARDEN**

It was noted this is in a poor state. Our grounds maintenance contract does provide for weed killer to be applied and for general tidying of the garden.

**Resolved:- that the clerk request the contractor to apply weed killer, weed, clear the weeds and dispose of brambles and undertake general tidying prior to 15<sup>th</sup> September and that the item is retained on the agenda.**

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**PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

**Applications**

19/01452/FUL - Erection of one dwelling and associated garaging, White Gables Lower Moor Road Coleorton

19/01530/FUL - Alteration to existing out-building/gym, erection of detached garage, erection of two storey side/rear extension and single storey rear extension with balcony and formation of a new access - Hillview House 85 Loughborough Road Coleorton

**Applications considered between meetings**

19/01156/FUL - Proposed one and a half storey rear extension and erection of new detached double garage, Homelands 35 Zion Hill Peggs Green Coleorton

19/01383/Ful - Erection of single storey garage, single storey rear extension and alteration to front boundary wall, Rectory Lodge Ashby Road Coleorton

19/01235/FUL - Erection of one dwelling and one replacement dwelling, 120 The Moor Coleorton

19/01393/FUL - Proposed erection of a detached garage, gym, hot tub, studio + BBQ area - Fishpond Cottage Ashby Road Coleorton

19/01402/FUL - Two storey rear extension - Minerva Cottage Lower Moor Road Coleorton

19/00652/FULM - Hybrid planning application for redevelopment of the site comprising: Outline application (all matters reserved) for the erection of Class B8 distribution unit(s) and ancillary offices (B1a), service yards and HGV parking and attendant services - Former Lounge Disposal Point Ashby Road Coleorton

### **Decisions notified**

19/01126/FUL - Erection of a single storey side extension, conversion of existing garage into living accommodation and insertion of bay window Mulberry House Lower Moor Road Coleorton. Granted.

19/01241/FUL - Insertion of entrance door (side elevation of existing dwelling/house), The Bakery Farm Town Lane Farm Town Coleorton. Granted.

19/00796/FUL - Erection of two storey side and rear extensions and other external alterations, Wall End House 24 Moor Lane Coleorton. Granted.

**Resolved:- that we raise an objection to 19/01452/FUL on the basis it is outside the limits to development and have highway concerns as the proposed means of egress onto Lower Moor road is not suitable and does not meet highway standards, and that the clerk contact LCC regarding 19/01235/FUL which will require a payment if access to the property is required via Pitt Lane**

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### **INVOICES FOR PAYMENT**

The following items were presented for payment:

M&BG (Coleorton Wood mowing – June & July)	£240.00
Ian Stone (June & July ground maintenance)	£750.00
LRALC – membership 2019/20	£323.72
Cameron Forest & Garden Limited	£1,032.00
Ladywell Accountancy Services	£32.00

There is also an unrepresented cheque from 1<sup>st</sup> November 2018 to the Coleorton & New Lount Volunteer Group for £53.87

**Resolved:- that items are approved for payment including the replacement cheque to Coleorton & New Lount Volunteer Group which has gone missing and that the cheque raised in 2018 is not cancelled but that the clerk report to the Council if this is subsequently presented.**

There was a discussion about the Management Plan for Coleorton Wood which was tabled at the November 2018 meeting of the Council though had never been formally approved.

**Resolved:- Michael Specht proposed that we approve the Management Plan for Coleorton Wood. This was seconded by Terry Betts and approved by two votes for and one against with one abstention, Richard Hughes.**

The Chair noted that matters not discussed would be on the agenda for the next meeting of the council. This included Banking Arrangements, Bank Balances, Bank Reconciliation, Budget Report, Risk Assessment and Complaints Policy

**The meeting closed due to time.**

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### **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 3rd October at 7.30pm at The Beaumont Centre.

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SIGNED BY CHAIR OF COLEORTON PARISH COUNCIL / DATED

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