

COLWALL PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of the meeting of Colwall Parish Council held in the Jean Simon Room of Colwall Village Hall, Mill Lane, Colwall at 8.00pm on Wednesday 16th December 2015.

Present: Councillors, Beard, Butler, Carless, Cooper, Cottam, Haynes, Hughes, Kendrick, Mills, Rees, Stock and the Clerk.

1. Welcome and Apologies: The Chairman welcomed those present and apologies for absence were received and accepted from Councillors Fraser, James and Trafford-Roberts.

2. Co-option of Councillors.

Following the receipt of one application, for the current vacancy on Colwall Parish Council.

IT WAS RESOLVED that subject to Acceptance of Office, Diane Taylor be co-opted onto Colwall Parish Council.

3. Declarations of Interests: The Chairman reminded Councillors of the need to declare any Interests in items on the agenda.

Councillor Carless declared an interest in item 6(iii) and did not vote on this matter.

4. Minutes: The minutes of the last meeting of the Parish Council held on the 25th November 2015 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

5. Progress Report –

i) S106 monies Brookmill Close development Colwall.

The Clerk reported the following:-

Herefordshire Council are now in receipt of the monies payable from the S106 agreement relating to the development at Brookmill Close.

There are 3 items of particular relevance which were drawn to the attention of the Parish Council,

1) £30,000 for the elevation of flooding at Brookmill and the immediate vicinity.

Following a holding reply from Joel Hockenhull, Senior Drainage Engineer at Balfour Beatty. IT WAS AGREED that the Clerk advise Joel Hockenhull, that Colwall Parish Council wish for these monies to be used in priority for the physical elevation of flooding as quickly as possible, rather than being utilised to cover Balfour Beatty's administrative costs in attempting yet again to secure grant monies, for which the site was not eligible 2 years ago. It is important that the monies raised are put to best use "on the ground".

2) £13,314.00 index-linked, for the provision of "Off Site Play Facilities" in the Parish.

IT WAS AGREED this will be considered by the Village Amenities committee of Colwall Parish Council, under their jurisdiction of Play Areas in the Parish.

3) £4,908.00 index linked, for the provision of "Off-site Sports Facilities": This is written to include priorities set out in the Councils Playing Pitch Strategy – (projects are included in the Investment Plan). I have been advised, "As yet, there are no priorities identified for the improvements to the football and cricket facilities, as this would still need to be agreed via the partnership described above and at a local level".

IT WAS AGREED that the information relating to this windfall, is to be forwarded to Councillors Butler and Mills who are representatives of the Football Club and Colwall Cricket Club respectively for claiming, as appropriate, through their respective bodies.

6. Financial Matters.

i) Colwall Parish Council considered the Income and Expenditure for December 2015, as per the list circulated at the meeting. IT WAS RESOLVED that the payments be made. The Clerk was thanked for her efforts in securing the S106 monies for reimbursement for the cost of repairs to the Orlin Road Play Area, totalling £8,547.00.

ii) IT WAS RESOLVED that the 2016/17 budget be accepted.

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Clerk apply for the Precept as proposed in the Budget at £77,259.00.

iii) IT WAS RESOLVED that the HALC membership be renewed in 2016/17.

iv) IT WAS RESOLVED that Colwall Parish Council join the Local Government Pension Scheme for the Clerk with effect from 1/4/2016.

7. Neighbourhood Development Plan

Councillor Stock provided the following update:-

1 Yew Tree Meeting

A public meeting was held at the Yew Tree public house on Thursday 26 November 2015 to discuss the NDP. It was organised by Phil Kendrick and 35 people attended. The meeting had a very different feel to the Village Hall one because of the different venue and fewer people who were pretty much only from Colwall Green.

The result was a lively meeting based around questions from the audience and whilst I think we should always have the large presentation meeting perhaps it is a format we should consider using in the future to allow people to ask questions.

2. Feedback from Consultation

We had 102 representations to the consultation which closed on 30th November. I think this is a good response and generally people were in support. The vast majority of people used the Questionnaire and had a lot of comments. I have only totalled the word count for the comments in the questionnaires associated with the school; that is Option 1, 2 & 3 and the landowner's proposal, but those alone total 6,900 words or 11 full pages of text and there are another 15 other questions all that attracted comments, all of which we need to review and consider.

Whilst I stress the number of people supporting or objecting is not treated as a 'vote' they nevertheless give an idea of people's thoughts.

It will take time to absorb and consider the representations and this work will start in the New Year.

3 Allocation of Site for the School - Proposal to Herefordshire Council

The Clerk advised that a holding reply had been sent to Herefordshire Council on the 7th December 2015, in response to a verbal request received via Councillor Stock for feedback on the potential school site via the public consultation conducted in November 2015.

This email stated "As you are aware, the consultation only closed at midnight on the 30th November 2015; we have received over 100 responses and are collating the information/feedback in the responses.

Early indications are, that the Mill Lane Site is preferred for the new Primary School, however, until we have reviewed the feedback in detail there is nothing further to add at this stage.

Once this has been completed, and the outputs referred to Colwall Parish Council for their official comment, I will then be in a position to respond to you formally on behalf of Colwall Parish Council.”

After a period of debate IT WAS AGREED this matter will be discussed at an extra ordinary meeting of the Parish Council which will be held on Wednesday 13th January 2016.

8. Herefordshire Councils Home to School Transport Policy.

IT WAS AGREED that a working party be established to investigate Secondary School Transportation issues and options.

The working party will consist of Councillors Cooper, Fraser and Hughes; and will revert back to Full Council with their outputs in due course.

9. Correspondence for Processing

i) Ledbury Town Plan – draft review.

IT WAS AGREED Councillor J Stock would review this and report his views and comments for Councils consideration at the meeting to be held on the 27th January 2016.

10. Correspondence for Information

See table attached.

11. Reports of Committees.

i) IT WAS RESOLVED that the report from the Village Amenities committee meeting held on the 2nd December 2015 was received, approved and adopted.

ii) IT WAS RESOLVED that the report from the Planning & Development committee meeting held on the 25th November 2015 was received, approved and adopted.

12. Representatives on Outside Bodies. To receive reports from Councillors who have represented Council at meetings since the last Full Council meeting.

i) Councillor Butler had attended a Millennium Room Trustees Meeting as the representative of the Colwall Parish Council library working party.

Councillor Beard had attended the same meeting, as the Parish Council representative. Both reported this to be a productive meeting where the parties are looking to develop ideas to enhance the services offered.

ii) Councillor Beard had attended the meeting of Colwall Parish Charities. Where 8 awards totally £355 were made.

13. Date of next meeting:

To confirm the date of the next Full Council meeting, this will be held on Wednesday 27th January 2016 and would be held in the Jean Simon Room of Colwall Village Hall.

An extraordinary meeting of Full Council meeting will be held on Wednesday 13th January 2016 and would be held in the Jean Simon Room of Colwall Village Hall.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.15pm.

Signed:

Table Correspondence
December 2015

Document 1	Cotswold Line Promotion Group – Autumn/Winter 2015 Newsletter
Document 2	Thank you for donation - Colwall PCC
Document 3	Thank you for donation – Air Ambulance
Document 4	Countryside Voice – Winter 2015 and Fieldwork Winter 2015 edition.
Document 5	Rural Bus Funding update 2015-2016 NOTE - This does not affect the 675 service which serves the village.