

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 8.10 pm on Wednesday 27th April 2016.

Present: Councillors: Beard, Butler, Carless, Cooper, Cottam, Fraser, Haynes, James, Kendrick, Mills, Stock, Rees, Taylor, Trafford-Roberts, 12 members of the public and the Clerk.

1. **Welcome and Apologies:** The Chairman welcomed those present and no apologies for absence were received.
2. **Declarations of Interests:** The Chairman reminded Councillors of the need to declare any Interests in items on the agenda.
Councillor Carless declared a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in item 4(ii).
3. **Minutes:** The minutes of the last meeting of the Parish Council held on the 23rd March 2016 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

4. i) Neighbourhood Development Plan

Councillor Stock provided the following update “following a meeting with representatives from Cowl Barn Lane, a minor change has been made to the Landscape Sensitivity and Capacity Assessment as a listed building had been omitted from the text of Area 19.

Paul Esrich of the Malvern Hills AONB has provided his comments on the latest version of the Plan (v6 Reg 14 version).

I have been working on the Highways and Traffic background note as I mentioned last month but the school has taken most of my time, but does provide a ‘test bed’ for the proposals which should be suitable for use elsewhere in the village. Essentially it is traffic calming, but appropriate for a village in the AONB.

There is the concern that the AONB is likely to object to any housing on the proposed school site because of the effect on the landscape. This has come about following all the landscape work for the school and they say “*it will compromise the setting of what could turn out to be a really successful landscape-led scheme for the school itself*”.

It is disappointing they don’t take the same view of what could be achieved with the housing. This is another item we need to consider given the Council’s Resolution and advice to the landowner.

If we lose the 21 houses on this site and only gain, say, 9 in place of the existing school site and adjacent plot, we would have a shortfall of 23 out of 70 which is a 1/3rd shortfall which I cannot see being acceptable”.

ii) New Primary School – Highways Aspect

Councillor Carless had declared a Pecuniary Disclosable Interest in the following item; therefore Councillor Carless left the room.

The Vice Chairman Councillor Mills took the seat.

Councillor Stock reported the following:-

“Regarding the school plans I am concerned there is no provision of any sort for parents to drop off or park to collect children; contrary to the Council’s Resolution that apply to the Allocation of the Site.

I have received a long and detailed explanation as why they will not make any provision which I am happy to go through if wished. The crux of the matter is that it will not be in accordance with the site allocation conditions and we need to consider what that means and what action we need to take.

I also have several significant issues with the latest highway proposals because they are not coherent and some will be routinely ignored and are therefore pointless.

Contrary to my understanding the ‘tables’ are to be vertical features to control speed which is not necessary except for the school trips when the 20 mph hen lights flash can be used and are understood by drivers.

Some of my concerns have been dismissed as ‘detail’, but it is the detail that’s the issue and some as matters that will be picked up by the Safety Audit, which is an entirely wrong approach.

After initially thinking the consultation was constructive it now appears Herefordshire Council decided on the proposals. I am therefore keen to learn what approach the Parish Council considers I should take on two separate issues; the lack of turning head and parking and second, the highway works. My personal view is we should robustly object on both counts”.

The meeting was adjourned to allow members of the public to speak.

The meeting was reconvened.

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Clerk write to A Hough at Herefordshire Council to express the Parish Councils concerns that there is no provision of any sort for parents to drop off or park to collect children; contrary to the Council’s Resolution (in the minutes of the meeting of the 13/1/2016) that apply to the Allocation of the Site.

The Clerk was also asked to bring to the Planning Officer and the County Councillors attention, the Parish Councils concerns that “several significant issues with the latest highway proposals have been raised because they are not coherent and some will be routinely ignored and are therefore pointless.

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After initially thinking the consultation on the Highways issues was constructive it now appears Herefordshire Council Educations Department have already decided on the proposals”.

That J Stock continues to act on behalf of the Parish Council on this matter.

The Chairman assumed the Chair.

(iii) Herefordshire School Transport Policy

IT WAS RESOLVED that The Clerk write to Herefordshire Council to express our concern at the decision and its impact and copy in County Councillor Tony Johnson. Councillor Matt Fraser was nominated to join to local action group and report back to the Parish Council as appropriate.

(iv) Future Structure of the Parish Council

Councillor Carless reported that the meeting had been successful with some good ideas which will be explored further.

An agreed action point was that the end of the table be left open at meetings making it more inviting for Members of the Public to speak at the meetings.

A review of the voting procedures for electing the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Parish Council, and its sub committees is being considered, subject to the Clerk clarifying process. The Chair and Vice-Chair of the Parish Council will be appointed at the Annual Meeting on the 4th May 2016, along with the sub-committee members.

A further meeting is to be arranged in May 2016.

5. Financial Matters.

i) Colwall Parish Council considered the Income and Expenditure for April 2016, as per the list circulated at the meeting. IT WAS RESOLVED that the payments be made.

ii) IT WAS RESOLVED that Colwall Parish Council accepts the Herefordshire Councils Lengtsman and P3 contract for 2016/17.

6. Correspondence for Processing

i) Community Infrastructure Levy Consultation -

IT WAS RESOLVED that Councillor Stock complete the consultation, objecting to the Proposed Residential Rates question, and making the following comments:-

In order not to distort the size of developments or make some developments uneconomic the following changes should be made.

- Subject to the qualifying area, single developments should pay CIL. Reason; these developments increase need for infrastructure as any other.
- The 100sqm divide should be graded. Reason, to avoid a disproportionate cost to properties of 101 to say 130sqm caused by it would mean no houses would be built with GIA of 100sqm to (say) 130sqm. It would polarise developments to be either less than 100sqm or probably greater than 150sqm except for single builds.
- Developments of 10 or less must be charged the lower rate if they provide the % affordable homes required by the Core Strategy, or pro-rata. Reason; to encourage building of 10 or less, that include affordable homes.

ii) Highways requests for the resurfacing of Walwyn Road

The Clerk advised that County Councillor A Johnson, and the Clerk, have both requested the resurfacing of Walwyn Road. A Johnson has followed this up with a request (on the 19th April 2016) for the Cabinet member for roads and the Locality Steward to undertake a site visit of the Walwyn Road and to assess its' terrible condition.

iii) Application for Premises Licence – The Stores, Walwyn Road, Colwall.

IT WAS RESOLVED that Colwall Parish Council objects to the sale of alcohol off the Premises and a Licence for Recorded Music Outside the premises Primarily in the interest of the Prevention of Public Nuisance.

7. Correspondence for Information

See table attached.

8. Reports of Committees.

i) IT WAS RESOLVED that the reports from the Planning & Development committee meeting held on the 23rd March 2016 and the 13th April 2016 were received, approved and adopted.

ii) IT WAS RESOLVED that the report from the Village Amenities committee meeting held on the 13th April 2016 were received, approved and adopted.

iii) IT WAS RESOLVED that the report from the Finance & General Purpose committee meeting held on the 20th April 2016 were received, approved and adopted.

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

i) Councillor Kendrick had attended a meeting of the Walwyn Education Trust, and advised that the provision for grants has been agreed for 2016. Electronic advertisements for applications have been posted on the Trusts website, the Colwall Parish Councils website as well as the Public Notice Boards.

ii) Councillor Carless had an informal meeting of the Millennium Room Trustees and the Save Herefordshire Libraries Action Group. There was nothing of note to report.

11. Date of next meeting:

To confirm the date of the next Full Council meeting, this will be held on Wednesday 25th May 2016 and would be held in the Jean Simon Room of Colwall Village Hall.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.55pm.

Signed:

Dated

Table Correspondence
April 2016

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| Document 1 | CLPG Spring 2016 Newsletter |
| Document 2 | Advice re changes to bank tariff Unity Bank |
| Document 3 | CPRE Countryside Voice Newsletter Spring 2016 |
| Document 4 | Email Herefordshire Council confirming Water Supply at Evendine Spout is compliant with the required standards. |