

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 7.30pm on Wednesday 28th January 2016.

Present: Councillors: Beard, Butler, Cooper, Fraser, Haynes, Hughes, James, Kendrick, Mills, Rees, Stock, Taylor and the Clerk.

1. **Welcome and Apologies:** The Vice-Chairman welcomed those present and apologies for absence were received and accepted from Councillors Carless, Cottam and Trafford-Roberts.
2. **Declarations of Interests:** The Vice-Chairman reminded Councillors of the need to declare any Interests in items on the agenda.
None were declared.
3. **Minutes:** The minutes of the last meeting of the Parish Council held on the 13th January 2016 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Vice-Chairman.

4. i) Neighbourhood Development Plan

Councillor Stock reported there is little report after the meeting on the 13th January 2016. Work on the non-school related feedback is still being considered, to summarise and aggregate the comments in order to better understand them.

A check of completeness of the database re the responses has identified possibly 6 which need to be added.

Once all the comments have been captured they will be added to the website in groups, one for each question.

Finally, out planning consultants have advised that it is normal procedure and the examiner expects all responses to include the names of the originator, whereas in the early days names were redacted.

ii) S106 monies – Brookmill Close flood alleviation.

The Clerk reported that the matter has been escalated to Bruce Evans the Engineer Manager at Balfour Beatty following a lack of response from Joel Hockenhull. Peter Clasby the Planning Obligations Manager at Herefordshire Council has contacted the Clerk and will oversee Balfour Beatty's administration of this matter and has expressly state to Balfour Beatty that these monies are not to be utilised for on a desk top review which produces no affordable solution to the problems.

5. Financial Matters.

i) Colwall Parish Council considered the Income and Expenditure for January 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 would be automatically enrolled in the "Sector Led Body" "SLB" audit scheme, for the annual audit as recommended by NALC.

6. Correspondence for Processing

i) Ledbury Town Plan – draft review.

IT WAS RESOLVED that Colwall Parish Council thank them for asking for our comments, we have nothing further to add and wish them well in delivering this ambitious plan.

IT WAS AGREED the School Transport Working Group would independently review the Transport element of the Draft Town Plan and provide a suitable response, to tie in with their working progress, if necessary, and copying in the Clerk.

ii) Malvern Hills Conservators Land Management Final Consultation –

Councillor Beard provided a comprehensive summary of this consultation which had been prepared in conjunction with Councillor Cottam.

IT WAS RESOLVED that Colwall Parish Council would respond to the Conservators to acknowledge that we have duly considered it. We applaud the detail in the plan, and the fact that is very comprehensive, with great emphasis on the Conservation of Flora and Fauna.

There are a few observations/queries which have arisen:-

i) The Plan acknowledges that parking on verges is a problem both at Stowe Lane and the School, however there is nothing in the works schedule in relation to combating this. The Parish Council wishes to query why there is no firm commitment to tackle roadside/verge erosion.

ii) Land at Upper Colwall (pg 128) – This has not been marked as a Water Source Protection Zone, although there is a spring here which the public has access to. Should be marked as a Water Source Protection Zone?

iii) Considering the problems that have arisen at the Planning Committee with regard to the Old Forge Cottage Development. Can the Conservators please clarify why “the Old Salt Track”, which appears to be within the management of the Conservators, does not appear within the report.

iv) As this is a 5 year plan - should the Primary School be relocated, details relating to remedial works for the reinstatement of Colwall Green would need to be considered and agreed with the Parish Council.

iii) Draft Herefordshire Local Transport Plan 2016-31 – Consultation.

Councillor Stock provided a detailed overview of the document.

IT WAS AGREED Councillor Stock would respond as per his report with a copy for the Clerk.

Specific feedback would be given to

- a) The lack of recognition, yet again, of the Malvern Hills AONB
- b) And the need to state that an adequate bus service should be provide from Colwall Railway Station, to the surrounding communities. It is futile having such an important transport link, Colwall Railway Station, if there is no connecting public transport service.

7. Correspondence for Information

None.

8. Reports of Committees.

i) IT WAS RESOLVED that the report from the Planning & Development committee meeting held on the 13th January 2016 was received, approved and adopted.

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

i) Councillor Rees had attended a Land Management Committee meeting of the Malvern Hills Conservators; there was nothing to report regarding the Parish.

ii) Councillor Mills had attended a School Governors meeting, and reported that an update on the potential relocation of the Primary School, following negotiations with the land owner of the field adjoining the Village Hall in Mill Lane, would be held at the Primary School at 6.30pm on Wednesday the 3rd February 2016, all are welcome to attend.

10. Date of next meeting:

To confirm the date of the next Full Council meeting, this will be held on Wednesday 24th February 2016 and would be held in the Jean Simon Room of Colwall Village Hall.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.40m.

Signed: