

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 2015.

Present: Councillors, Cottam, Haynes, Hughes, Mills, Milne, Morris, Rees, Stock, Turner and the Clerk.

1. **Welcome and Apologies:** The Vice-Chairman welcomed those present and apologies for absence were received from Councillors Abbotts, Ashton, Carless and Beard.
2. **Declarations of Interests:** The Chairman reminded Councillors of the need to declare any Personal, Prejudicial or Pecuniary Interests in items on the agenda. Councillors.
None were declared.
3. **Minutes:** The minutes of the last meeting of the Parish Council held on the 17th December 2014 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Vice-Chairman. The minutes of the Parish Meeting held on the 14th January 2015 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Vice-Chairman.

4. **Progress Report –**

i) Highways

The Clerk reported that Parish Councils had been requested to submit a scheduled of roads for resurfacing works in November 2014. Those requested for the Parish were :-

- B4218 Walwyn Road from Chances Pitch to the 30 mile an hour speeding sign into the Village of Colwall.
- Oak Drive, Colwall
- Stone Drive, Colwall
- Link road outside Colwall Primary Road to Evendine Lane. C1181
- Old Church Road C1165 from junction with B4218

The Locality representative Neil James has processed orders for materials under the P3 scheme and has emailed to confirm that the list of drains for clearing with the gully sucker requested by the Lengthsman has been scheduled for action.

IT WAS AGREED any Highways matters were to be emailed to the Clerk to enable requests to be actioned and expediated

In addition, the section of the B4218 Walwyn Road from Shelsley Drive to the Village Shop are to be added to the request for resurfacing.

5. **Financial Matters.**

- i) Colwall Parish Council considered the Income and Expenditure for January 2015, as per the list circulated at the meeting. IT WAS RESOLVED that the payments be made.

6. Colwall Railway Station

Councillor Mills presented a suggestion for increasing the carparking at the station by a further 5 spaces, bringing the total to 15, but that parking is to remain Free of Charge in the carpark.

IT WAS RESOLVED that Councillor Mills would progress this request through his contacts within the rail network; the Village Maintenance contractors services would be offered by way of contribution from the Parish Council to assist in clearing the suggest space should the rail operator London Midland agree with the proposed.

IT WAS RESOLVED that Councillor Mills would lobby through his membership of the Cotswold Line Promotion Group for the repainting of the footbridge over the line at Colwall Station to be in keeping with that of Malvern Link station and others on the Cotswold Line.

7. Post Box Relocation

Councillor Stock BSc(Eng) CEng MICE (Technical Director of WSP). gave an overview on Road Safety. The centre of Colwall is considered to be a “low speed road” (30 miles an hour zone) where under current practices if road signage and layout were reconsidered “Existing controls would be removed to provide uncertainty for the driver” thereby improving road safety for pedestrians.

It was felt that when CIL monies become available to the Parish this could be further considered at this juncture.

In the meantime, IT WAS AGREED the post box outside the Pharmacy (which was the former Post Office), would remain in its current location.

It was also noted that changes to the collection of post from the post boxes within the village are unwelcome and there had been no consultation with the Parish. No further action is required regarding this matter.

8. Ledbury Foodbank

The Clerk had provided the following fact sheet for the Councillors:-

Ledbury foodbank is run by Ledbury Parish Church

- Open Wednesdays and Fridays 10.30am- 12.30pm
- Anyone eligible for state pension or disability allowance can apply for a Free Bus Pass which would enable them to travel to Ledbury from Colwall for no cost.
- Anyone aged over the age of 50 is eligible for a Free “Benefits Assessment” at Ledbury Age UK where they may find that they are eligible for benefits over and above their current income.
- Anyone of benefits, should seek the help and advice of their benefits officer to ensure that they receive all benefits and help in family budgeting, that they are eligible for.
- A return bus fare from Colwall to Ledbury is £2.70 for an adult.
- Regarding alternative transport the Parish Council could ask Hazel to ascertain if Ledbury CVA would be interested in providing a subsidised bus from the outlining villages to the bi-weekly foodbank, John (Mills) could explore if the outlining villages may be interested in subsidising any such service this at the next Cluster Group Meeting and liaise with Hazel (re the CVA) thereafter.

IT WAS RESOLVED that Councillor Turner would progress transport opportunities through Ledbury CVA and also to ascertain if a regular collection point for the Foodbank can be located within the Village Centre as well as at St James Church. Councillor Mills to ascertain if there is a need in the other outlining villages at the forthcoming Cluster Group Meeting, and to liaise with Councillor Turner as appropriate.

9. Correspondence for Processing

i) Road adoption application for Brookmill Close

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Parish Councils lighting requirements for this proposed road will be the same as Walwyn Garden.

ii) Email advise re Post Office licence application.

Having been advised that the applicant had been unsuccessful and following a meeting between The Clerk and the current sub Post Master which clarified that Post Office Counters are reducing the subsidises they pay the Post Offices with the objective that Post Offices need to be located within the premises of an existing retailer (which is financially sustainable without any subsidy from Post Office Counters Ltd) e.g. The One Stop Shop in Ledbury and W H Smiths in Worcester.

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Parish Council give notice on the landlord to determine the lease, this will enable to Sub Post Master to enter into negotiations with the landlord regarding a potential lease that would meet the business requirements taking into account significant changes at Post Office Counters.

10. Correspondence for Information

None

11. Reports of Committees.

i) IT WAS RESOLVED that the reports from the Planning & Development committee meetings held on the 17th December 2014 and the 7th January 2015 were 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 meeting between the Red Cross Warden, Age UK and Hereford Carers Support which will enhance the signposting undertaken by the Red Cross Warden.

Clerk to arrange for Hereford Carers Support to attend a future meeting of the Parish Council.

ii) Councillor Rees advised that the Malvern Hills Conservators have confirmed that the wooden railings on Colwall Railway Overbridge will be repaired and repainted within the next 3 weeks.

10. Date of next meeting:

To confirm the date of the next Full Council meeting, this will be held on Wednesday 25th February 2015 at the Jean Simon Room, Colwall Village Hall.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.35pm.

Signed: