

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 30th September 2015.

Present: Councillors, Beard, Butler, Carless, Fraser, James, Kendrick, Mills, Rees, Stock, Trafford-Roberts, the Clerk, County Councillor A Johnson and 8 members of the public.

1. Welcome and Apologies: The Chairman welcomed those present and apologies for absence were received from Councillors Cottam, Haynes and Hughes.

2. Co-option of Councillors.

Following receipt of an application for the current vacancy

IT WAS RESOLVED that Ian Cooper be co-opted on Colwall Parish Council.

Ian Cooper then joined the Councillors for the meeting.

The Chairman announced that Hazel Turner had tendered her resignation from the Parish Council. Thanks were extended to Hazel for all her time and commitment to the Parish Council whilst she had been a Councillor. The Clerk will advise Electoral Services accordingly.

The meeting was adjourned to allow County Councillor Johnson to speak. An update was provided on the Core Strategy – following the Inspectors report this will be put before Herefordshire Full Council for approval, mid October 2015.

Red Cross Warden Lea Abbotts was available to answer any questions relating to her role in the community. It was agreed a more user friendly report based on the Wardens activities in the village would be beneficial; highlighting the actual number of parishioners assisted under the scheme and the provision of additional case studies.

The meeting was reconvened.

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

None were declared.

4. Minutes: The minutes of the last meeting of the Parish Council held on the 26th August 2015 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

5. Progress Report –

i) Neighbourhood Development Plan

Councillor Stock reported the following:-

There have been two major meetings since I last reported to Council.

Firstly a briefing meeting was held on 9th September, essentially to update our new councillors. In the event there were 9 councillors and it became an extremely useful

discussion and enjoyable meeting, which generated a number of ideas that we hope to take forward. I have asked for assistance with some of the ideas that arose and thanks to Wendy for offering to assist, but we still need more help.

Secondly, Herefordshire Council made a presentation to 8 invited people about the choice of the site for the new school. This was also a very positive meeting and will greatly assist Herefordshire Council and the NDP Working Group to move forward with confidence.

The next major milestone is the public meeting arranged for 4 November 2015 and the presentation needs to be approved by councillors beforehand. The only date available is the 21 October 2015, so I shall present it after the Council meeting.

Last Friday, 25 September the AONB's advisory committee, which is composed of parish, district and county councillors, visited Colwall Orchard as part of their annual study tour looking at things in the AONB. At the AONB's request I gave a short talk about the preparation of our NDP and the AONB's involvement in the work.

We have just received an update from Herefordshire regarding the Core Strategy; that the Inspector's Report has now been published and that as all the changes have been either requested by Herefordshire or developed by the Inspector in consultation with Herefordshire it is expected to be adopted by cabinet on 15 October and by the Full Council meeting on 16 October 2015.

I would draw a few items to your attention; it means that Herefordshire has demonstrated 5.24 years' worth of land for development removing the risk of approvals just because they had not; that Ledbury now has a target of a minimum of 800 new homes 625 on the North of the Viaduct site at a density of 40 homes per Hectare – double what we are suggesting in Colwall. Finally there appears to be no change to our housing target.

6. Financial Matters.

- i) Colwall Parish Council considered the Income and Expenditure for September 2015, as per the list circulated at the meeting. IT WAS RESOLVED that the payments be made.
- ii) Consideration was given to the renewal of the Red Cross Warden scheme for a further 12 month period. IT WAS RESOLVED that the Red Cross Warden contract be renewed until 31 March 2016 (the end of the Parish Councils financial year), prior to which, a full review of the service provided would be undertaken based upon the provision of a more detailed "summary of activities report including detailed case studies". Upon which Councillors will then be better placed to make an informed decision regarding the further renewal of this contract.

7. Colwall Library

The working party presented a paper based on their review of the provision of this service.

IT WAS AGREED that the proposals put forward should be actioned by the working party who will refer back in due course with their findings.

The proposals are as follows:-

- That the Parish Council formally review the governance of the library

- That a specification for the delivery of library services be developed for discussion and negotiation with Herefordshire (or if necessary other library providers)
- That the future use of the Millennium room is reviewed
- That consideration be given for the development of a variety of local services that can be focused on or delivered from the library building
- That a volunteer strategy be considered

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Library Partnership Agreement (which expires on the 31st March 2016), which had been circulated prior to the meeting, be accepted, and that the Clerk sign the agreement on behalf of Colwall Parish Council.

8. Colwall Football Pitch

Following a request from Cradley Sports Club U-13 football team to use the Colwall Green football pitch on Saturday mornings, Councillors considered the paper prepared by Councillor John Mills on this matter.

The meeting was suspended to allow members of the public to speak on this matter.

The meeting was reconvened.

IT WAS RESOLVED that Colwall Parish Council recommend to the Malvern Hills Conservators (who manage the football pitch as well as own part of the football pitch) that Colwall Green Football Pitch is used by legitimate Colwall football teams only. The existing status quo regarding the usage of the pitch continues and any conflicts may be referred to Councillor Paul Butler

9. Correspondence for Processing

None

10. Correspondence for Information

None.

11. Reports of Committees.

i) IT WAS RESOLVED that the report from the Planning & Development committee meeting held on the 26th August 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 Beard had attended the Millennium Room Trustees meeting regarding the Library and consideration for a "Friends of Colwall Library Group" formation.
- ii) Councillor Rees had kindly organised 2 Parish footpath walks during September, thanks were extended from those attending.
- iii) Councillor Carless confirmed she had been re-elected as Chairman of HALC and HALC Eastern Area.

14. Date of next meeting:

To confirm the date of the next Full Council meeting, this will be held on Wednesday 21st October 2015 and would be held in the Jean Simon Room of Colwall Village Hall.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.20pm.

Signed: