

COLWALL PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of the meeting of Colwall Parish Council held in the Jean Simon Room Colwall Village Hall, Mill Lane, Colwall at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 28th June 2017.

Present: Councillors: Rees (Acting - Chairman), Beard, Burston, Butler, Daniels, Haynes, James, Taylor and the Clerk.

1. Welcome and Apologies:

Councillors voted Councillor Rees to be the acting Chairman for this meeting, in the absence of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman.

The Chairman welcomed those present and apologies for absence were received and accepted from Councillors Allen, Carless, Cottam, Kendrick, Stock and Trafford-Roberts. New Councillor Sam Burston was welcomed.

2. Declarations of Interests:

The 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 24th May 2017 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

4. Progress Report –

There were no reports.

5. Financial Matters.

i) Colwall Parish Council considered the Income and Expenditure for June 2017, as per the list circulated at the meeting.

IT WAS RESOLVED that the payments should be authorised.

6. Correspondence for processing.

i) To consider to Adoption of Herefordshire Councils Code of Conduct.

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Code of Conduct be adopted unamended.

7. Correspondence for Information.

As per the list attached.

8. Reports of Committees.

i) **IT WAS RESOLVED** that the reports from the Planning & Development Committee meetings held on the 24th May 2017 and the 14th June 2017 were received, approved and adopted.

i) **IT WAS RESOLVED** that the report from the Village Amenities Committee meeting held on the 7th June 2017 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) Councillors James reported on the recent Colwall Village Hall Management Committee.

Current issues are:-

- a) The resurfacing of the car park,
- b) Proposed changes to the governance of the Trustees
- c) and as to whether the Colwall Pre School, which are a major tenant and financial contributor to the Village Hall, will be successful in their tender for the new Pre School at the new Primary School, with the resultant loss of income to the Village Hall.

ii) The Clerk reported on her meeting at Fortis Living, regarding their plans for the redevelopment of Chevenham.

The Clerk had attended a meeting on the 1st June with Simon Vicks Assistant Director of Growth and Development and Mike Baggett Development Manager both of Fortis Living.

Early draft for the site involve a mixed development “retirement village” for the over 55’s.

Fortis are arranging pre planning consultation with Herefordshire Council based on 23 new units comprising of apartments/cottages and houses, with the provision of 39 parking spaces.

This would give a density of 65 units per hectare (or the equivalent thereof), which would maximise the use of the site.

Whilst this is more than the guideline of 30-50 units per hectare (as pre the Core Strategy), they are aware that the Parish Council are keen to ensure maximum density on the site as well as the provision of affordable housing in the Parish.

Currently there are 34 units on the site (predominately bedsits) of which at least 10 have been permanently vacant for many years due to their lack of desirability; by providing a mix of accommodation types in a “retirement village style” this would enhance the site and provide affordable housing for those older people in the Parish who wish to remain in the Parish but for which there is no suitable affordable housing.

We await further details following their pre planning discussions.

10. Date of next meeting:

To confirm the date of the next Full Council meeting, this will be held on Wednesday 26th July 2017 at the Millennium Room, Colwall Library, Walwyn Road.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.00pm.

Signed: **Date:**

Table Correspondence
June 2017

Document 1	Confirmation from Electoral Services that the vacancy created by the resignation of Ian Cooper may be filled by co-option,
Document 2	Thank you from the MH AONB for the donation of £750.00
Document 3	Unity Bank change of tariff notification