

## **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 7.30 pm on Wednesday 21st May 2014.**

Present: Councillors, Abbotts, Beard, Bowring, Carless, Haynes, Hughes, Mill, Milne, Morris, Rees, Stock, Turner.

- 1. Welcome and Apologies:** The Vice-Chairman welcomed those present and apologies for absence were received from Councillors Carless, Cottam and County Councillors Carl Attwood and Tony Johnson.
- 2. Declarations of Interests:** The Vice-Chairman reminded Councillors of the need to declare any Personal, Prejudicial or Pecuniary Interests in items on the agenda.

Councillors.

Councillors Mills and Rees declared a personal interest in item 4(ii).

### **3. Minutes:**

The minutes of the last meeting of the Parish Council held on the 30<sup>th</sup> April 2014 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

### **4. Progress Report –**

#### **i) Neighbourhood Development Plan**

Councillor Stock reported provided the following update:-

##### **1. Landscape and Capacity Assessment**

The landowner who previously requested his land is assessed has withdrawn his request. No outstanding areas need assessment

##### **2. SHLAA**

Following on from my report to you on 19 March, Herefordshire Council will be carrying out a Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment for the parish. I spoke to Sam Banks at some length on this matter; Herefordshire's view is that they must be consistent throughout the County and therefore cannot agree to our particular requirements. In other words they will not use our

Landscape Sensitivity and Capacity Assessment and instead will use their own less detailed one. As a result the exercise will be pointless and may be unhelpful to gaining approval top our Plan.

### **3. NP Responses**

A short report explaining the NDP is being prepared for general release which will include responses to all the comments received.

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### **4. NDP Drafting**

We met with a consultant on 16<sup>th</sup> April to consider an appointment to assist with drafting the Plan. The resulting offer was disappointing and is not being pursued.

Currently the view is to base ours on the Cerne Valley NDP which is quite remarkably similar to our situation.

#### **ii) Brookmill Close Flooding**

Councillor Stock reported provided the following report:-

The report produced from Full Council on the 30<sup>th</sup> April 2014 has been submitted to Martin Jackson at Herefordshire Council and the 2 County Councillors.

Unfortunately Martin Jackson is now leaving Herefordshire Council; the Clerk has made enquiries as to who his replacement will be so the matter can be referred to the appropriate personnel.

#### **iii) Colwall Library**

Councillor Bowring provided the following progress report:-

i) The changeover has been seamless and thanks to the ladies of the library for this.

ii) One or two concerns have been expressed about the hours of opening but I think questions have been answered. At the moment we are letting the library carry on as normal before we start any other activities.

iii) I had a meeting on May 1st with representatives from the library service about training. This will begin in early September with a small group of the volunteers who said they would be interested in using computers and thus help run the library.

iv) Thanks to the Parish Council for facilitating the progress we have made so far.

v) At the moment and for the foreseeable future we are not responsible for the premises, only the professional help we buy in. Various maintenance works have been carried out on the doors and fire systems.

vi) Statistics re visitor numbers are being collated for comparison purposes to the same period last year.

## **5. Financial Matters.**

- i) Colwall Parish Council considered the Income and Expenditure for May 2014, as per the list circulated at the meeting. IT WAS RESOLVED that the cheques be signed.

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ii) The Parish Council considered the request for a donation towards the costs of a defibrillator IT WAS RESOLVED that a donation of £200 be made to Colwall Village Hall for this cause. The Clerk was authorised to raise the chq.

iii) IT WAS RESOLVED that £120.00 be spent on 4 planters for the Poppies in the War Memorial Garden.

iv) IT WAS RESOLVED that the Clerk accept the quotation of £288.00 plus VAT for the web design work on the Parish Council website plus £120.00 plus VAT for hosting the website from Rotary Printers Limited.

## **6. Correspondence for Processing**

i) Herefordshire Council – Core Strategy – Pre Submission Publication 22 May – 3 July 2014 IT WAS AGREED Councillor John Stock would review and respond on behalf of the Parish Council.

ii) Herefordshire Council - Parish and Town Council Member Allowance. IT WAS AGREED Colwall Parish Council would not adopt an allowance scheme.

iii) It was requested and AGREED that the Clerk should report the poor condition of the footpaths along the Walwyn Road especially near Chevenham Close to Highways.

iv) Herefordshire Council notification of request to divert CW24A (Part). IT WAS AGREED the Footpath Officer would review and pass his comments back to the Clerk who would respond on behalf of Colwall Parish Council.

## **7. Correspondence for Information.**

See list attached.

## **8. Reports of Committees.**

i) IT WAS RESOLVED that the reports from the Planning & Development committee meeting held on the 30<sup>th</sup> April 2014 and the 14<sup>th</sup> May 2014 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 Mills had attended a meeting hosted by the leader of Herefordshire Council and the Chief Executive where key issues and challenges facing the Council were discussed majoring on the finances. During the question and answer session the audience focused on the poor conditions of the Roads in the County and the general dissatisfaction with Balfour Beatty the Highways contractors.

ii) Councillor Cottam had review the Malvern Hills Conservators Land Management Plan and collated the Councillors responses, this have been submitted to the Conservators for review and will be incorporated as appropriate into the Plan which will be available for the next stage of the Consultation process during the Summer of 2014.

iii) Councillor Turner regularly attends Ledbury Community Action Group meetings, there is nothing to report specific to the parish.

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**10. Date of next meeting:**

To confirm the date of the next Full Council meeting, this will be held on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2014 at the Jean Simon Room, Colwall Village Hall.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.15pm.

**Signed:** ..... **Date:** .....

**Table Correspondence**

**May 2014**

Document 1	Herefordshire Council – Water Industry sample results Evendine Spout
Document 2	Malvern Hills AONB Management Plan 2014-2019
Document 3	Malvern Hills AONB “State of the AONB”