

Parish Council of Coleford

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Newsletter for July 2026

Planning

2026/1165/FUL - Erection of play equipment. Newbury Manor School, Tinkers Lane, Newbury, Frome

The Parish Council recommended approval subject to:

1. Installing suitable measures to reduce the noise to acceptable levels
2. The equipment is installed in such a way that it cannot be used to aid climbing on the walls or the buildings



Planning updates

The following highlights are:

- Appeal ref: 6003059 – 4 Rope Walk, Coleford was dismissed on the 22nd June by the Planning Inspectorate
- Gladman Reserved matters – there has been no updates since our last letter dated the 13th March 2026
- Rainier – the appeal was won a year ago but there have been no updates since
- There had been no updates from the consultants with respect to the Cherry Gardens Solar Farm or the Hackmead application

Highways

Monthly report - The following report was provided:



- Dark Lane - several potholes etc. reported, repaired by SCH 19/6
- Vobster/Stockhill - tree on edge of highway reported, cleared by SCH 15/6
- Dark Lane off Brewery Lane - several potholes reported, inspected by SCH 6/7
- Pitcote Lane - pothole at sharp bend reported, repaired by SCH 6/7
- Stock Hill - large surface erosion on steep hill reported, inspected by SCH 6/7
- Gurney Slade - major pothole at quarry exit reported, inspected by SCH 6/7
- Vobster Hill - damaged drain coming down from Vobster X, reported, inspected 6/7

Footpaths:

At rear of Kings Head - cleared

Colliers Way - significant overgrowth of nettles, especially near pipeworks.



Kilmersdon

Concern has been expressed at the disruption and costs incurred by the pavement improvement works.

New village name plate for Coleford, Lipyeate – The Council agreed to purchase a new village sign to replace the damaged sign at the entrance to the village at Lipyeate end of the village.



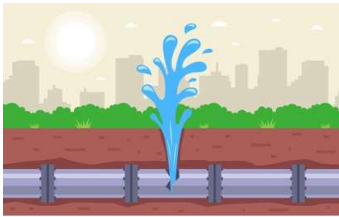
Speed indicator device - The Council had considered whether to purchase the Elan Evolis Mobility or the Elan Vision. It was noted that the Mobility unit had the same capability as the Vision but was marginally smaller, could be easily moved and was cheaper. It was agreed that 2 x Mobility units would be purchased rather than the Vision (as previously agreed). It was noted that posts could be added to Church Street as a further location next year.

Highbury Playing Fields

Drainage is currently being installed and top soil has started to be levelled on the main pitch but there are still more loads to come in for the junior pitch at the bottom end of the field.



Quotes are now being sought from Agronomists to provide the management and seeding plan which are required as part of the planning conditions. Quotes are also sought for the required seed.



It is disappointing to see that there is a further leak in the same location in Highbury playing field car park. A quote had been sought from the same company that previously repaired it. They agreed that if the leak was as a result of their previous repair there would be no charge. Otherwise, it was £800 to repair or £2,800 to replace the old pipe which has signs of wear in this area. After discussion it was agreed that the quote to replace the pipe should be accepted

Parish Council website

Check out the website www.colefordpc.org.uk for parish news, reports and the full minutes.

Date of Next Meetings

22 nd July 2026	Planning meeting
12 th August 2026	Parish Council meeting



If you have any issues that you would like to bring to the Parish Council's attention, please contact the Clerk on 07971 516916 or email clerk@colefordpc.org.uk

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