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Newsletter for November 2026

Parish Councilor Vacancy

Passionate about Coleford? Want to help make a long-lasting change? Do you have innovative ideas for the council? Do you have concerns about a specific issue & want to do something about it? We need people from all backgrounds and experiences who reflect their community to put themselves forward for co-option to the Parish Council.



If you would like to find out more about the role of the Councillor and the work that the Council does, then please contact the Parish Clerk on 07971 516916 or email clerk@colefordpc.org.uk

Police report

Crime statistics for October were:

Theft	4
Violence against the person	3

Small Grants

We received a good number of applications this year, all of which were considered on their merits and how they would benefit the Coleford Community. After discussion a vote was taken which was in favour of supporting the working party's decision. It was noted that the Football Clubs application was refused as the Parish Council had agreed a large grant to support the changing rooms renovation at the last Council meeting. It was also felt that the application from Bishop Henderson School was outside the scope of the grants scheme. Table of awards shown below:



Group / Club	Project	Amount agreed
Friday Afternoon Club	5 x Comfy chairs	£220.00
Coleford Theatre Group	Hall hire and costume	£400.00
Knit & Natter	Wool	£150.00
Tuesday Afternoon Club	Coach travel	£380.00
CHCM	Printing costs	£300.00
Coleford Food Store	Food parcels	£600.00
Amount requested:	**Total**	**£2,050.00**

Renovation of the Notice Board at Underhill

After consideration it was agreed that Coleford Shedders would be asked to provide a quote to renovate the notice board at Underhill rather than remove it and find a new site.

Planning

2026/1979/FUL at Land At 367854 150191 Brewery Lane, Holcombe. Change of use of agricultural land for canine exercise & training field. Install 1.2m post-and-mesh boundary fence, parking and turning area with access gates and placement of timber shelter.

Coleford Parish Council proposed that the application be approved subject to the visibility splays meeting the required standards set by Somerset Highways.

2026/2104/FUL - Cherry Gardens Farm Lipyeate Cross To Luckington Cross, Newbury. Demolition of existing dwelling & part of adjacent barn to erect replacement dwelling & garage building with associated landscaping works



Coleford Parish Council was proposed that the application be approved. It would like to recommend that there should be an improvement to the visibility splays where the entrance track meets the highway.

2026/2103/FUL - Cherry Gardens Farm Lipyeate Cross To Luckington Cross, Newbury. Installation of horse walker and covered lunge pen with associated access track

Coleford Parish Council proposed that the application be approved.

Highways including:

Councillor update – The following issues had been reported and actioned since 14th October meeting:-

- Kings Head Bridge - several potholes/erosions reported
- Halecombe - undulations and potholes reported, Highways responded "Not urgent - planned work"
- Soho cross roads - lack of warning signage from Leigh direction and overgrown hedges reported
- Anchor Rd/Beacon View junction - small but deep pothole reported and repaired
- B3139/Charlton Lane junction - stones from collapsing wall reported and removed
- Road closures at Stockhill and Mells Rd - objected to dangerous diversions through Charity and Cherry Gardens Lanes, review promised, response awaited
- Kilmersdon Ames Lane - potholes and edge erosions reported, inspected, and work issued to contractor.

The Chairman had issued a robust follow up to Somerset Chief Exec following no action from his meeting with Somerset Highways in May covering 6 critical areas around the parish. A response had been received explaining why many of the issues raised would not be addressed. Cllr Ham said that he would respond and consider sharing the letter received with the public so they could see first hand how Somerset Highways view the issues which are regularly raised within the parish.

Somerset Highway Engineer has been in touch to ask if the Parish Council wanted to apply for any single or double yellow lines in the village. After discussion it was agreed that double yellow lines would be sought at the following locations:

1 At the junction of Careys Mead
2 Opposite the Coleford Playing Field entrance at Underhill
3 Opposite Newbury Hill to help lorries when pulling on to Highbury Street
4 At the junction of Beacon View
5 Opposite Church Street outside of the Co-op on both roads

The requests will be sent to Somerset Highways who will consider and if agreeable will advertise in the next amendment order for consultation.

Update on installation of Speed Indicator Devices (SID's) at Stockhill and Lipyeate



Following further consultation with residents regarding the proposed new SID location near Rope Walk, which received positive feedback, the Memorandum of Understanding has now been submitted to Somerset Highways Engineer, Sara Davies. A formal request has therefore been made for the installation of SID posts at both Stockhill and Rope Walk.



Review of the Footpath Warden Reports

The Clerk confirmed that the reports for the footpaths in both North and South of the village have been received and would be shared with both the Councillors and Somerset Rights of Way with a request that action be taken where required.

Date of Next Meetings:

25th November 2026 Planning meeting
9th December 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

Philip Ham
Chairman of Coleford Parish Council