

Parish Council of Coleford

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Parish Council Newsletter for June

Mendip District Council report

District Cllr Townsend and Ham reported that the Annual Full Council Meeting took place on the 23rd May 2022. Appointments to Committees were agreed as follows:

Cllr Ham: Scrutiny Board - Substitute member;
Audit Committee – Substitute member

Cllr Townsend: Scrutiny - Full member
Planning Board – Substitute
Audit Committee – Full member.



Council passed a resolution to Declare a Cost of Living Emergency. 2 days later the Chancellor announced his support package.

It was resolved that Great Elm Parish Council should close as they had not fielded sufficient candidates at the election to form a quorum. This will mean that decisions on village planning and other issues will now be made at Mendip without the input from the Parish Council.

Audit Committee meeting took place on the 1st June 2022 - It was confirmed that the much delayed accounts for the year ending 31-3-21 will finally be signed off by the external auditors this month. The external audit of the 21/22 account will not start until October and will therefore miss the November target date.

Speed watch and Speed Indicator Devices

The Parish Council has asked for a meeting with the Somerset Highways engineer to agree locations for speed indicator devices (SID) on Anchor Road, Highbury Street and Church Street, which will need to be agreed before the Parish Council can install the devices.



The Speed watch coordinator has confirmed that the sites at Rope Walk and Stockhill have been approved. The Parish Council is grateful to the volunteers which have come forward to complete the required training. It is hoped that Speed watch will be able to start in July.

Both Speed watch and the speed indicator devices will act as a reminder to drivers to drive carefully through the village but will also record data such as the number of vehicles and the speed they are travelling at. This crucial information can then be used to support future requests for traffic calming.

If you are able to help with Speed watch then please contact the Clerk on 07971 516916 or email clerkcolefordsomerset@gmail.com

Community payback

The team will be active in the village each Monday between 6th June until 26th July. The team will be asked to complete the following jobs:

- Creosote roadside fence at Highbury playing field
- Creosote shed @ the Hub
- Treat rust and paint play equipment at Roman Way and Goodeaves and Highbury.
- Treat rust and paint the Memorial gate at Coleford playing field
- Strim the cinder path
- Clear the excessive grass which has grown on the edge of the path at Farley Dell



Items of interest within the village relating to Coleford's Industrial Heritage

The Parish Council has been asked by a member of the parish to seek protect the following items which are of significant interest within the parish:

- In the road at the junction of the chemist and co-op the road grating (chemist side) with Kilmersdon Sewers in the casting and a similar one to the side of Kings Head public house.
- At the Barway, Highbury Street to the rear of 4 Highwin and the entrance to The Old Orchard, stands an original Cockey's Frome cast iron sewer vent pipe. Cockey's Iron works and foundry was at Palmer Street and then Garston, Frome. It produced gas lamp standards (later embellished by Singers of Frome) – those now have all been listed by English Heritage.
- The sites of public water taps, located in the school wall in Church Street, opposite Mill Lane in High Street and at Underhill opposite Victoria Cottage /Kings Head.

The Parish Council will be seeking to get these items recognized and protected.

Date of Next Meetings:



It has been agreed that the meeting scheduled for the 13th July would be cancelled due to the Clerk taking annual leave. The Parish Council will however meet on the 22nd June 2022 and 27th July 2022. If required, an extraordinary meeting can be called to address any planning applications which are time sensitive.

If you have any issues that you would like to bring to the Parish Council's attention please contact the Clerk on 01749 880428 or email clerkcolefordsomerset@gmail.com Check out the website www.colefordsomerset.info

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