

# Parish Council of Coleford

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## Newsletter for February 2019

### Discuss Litter Champions

We have several residents that are regularly picking up litter around the village for which we are extremely grateful. 2 of the committed litter pickers attended our recent meeting and raised the potential for a Campaign to get more parishioners involved with keeping Coleford litter free.

They explained that they follow the 2 minute street clean and 2 minute beach clean campaigns on social media and would like Coleford to create their own hashtags for residents to get involved. They believe that the short litter picks can be completed, photographs taken and posted on social media so that there can be an interaction with like-minded people in the village. This could appeal to parishioners as it is not a big commitment, just as and when people can find the time to get involved. It is hoped that a Coleford campaign could try to engage with the Youth Club, Scout group and the School in an attempt to educate the youths and get them on board. The 2 minute Beach Clean promotes and integration of social media and A-Boards providing litter picking equipment and bags which could be adopted by the Coleford Campaign.

The Council thought this sounded like a great idea which they were keen to embrace, however there was some areas which needed investigation and consideration. This will be discussed again at future meetings.

The annual Parish Council litter pick will take place 30<sup>th</sup> March – look out for further information in the near future.

### PCSO Report

PCSO Michael Storey reported that 27 service calls had been received from Coleford during January. Figures for crimes reported were as follows:

- Burglaries – 0
- Non – Dwelling Burglaries – 0
- Criminal Damage – 1
- Theft of a motor vehicle - 0
- ASB – 2

### Planning Applications

2019/0114/VRC – Application to vary condition 2 of planning approval 2017/0600/FUL (Demolition of existing garage building and development of proposed convenience store and 1 dwelling house with associated external works)

Coleford Parish Council decided to leave the decision to the District Councillors Ham and Townsend after consultation with the Planning Officer in light that it was unclear what variations were being proposed.

2019/0175/HSE Extension to existing kitchen to front of house and creation of WC / Shower room  
1 Sunnyside, Church Street, Coleford

Coleford Parish Council recommended that the application should be approved

### Highways – Including an update regarding Crossways Junction.

The following report had been sent to Somerset Highways for action:

- Mendip Vale - highway sunk at entrance to No 26, marked up for repair. May be caused by water leak further up - to be pointed out to Highways by AT

- Stoke St Michael - Green Lane (the route many of us use to get to Shepton) - flooding opposite Fairy Cave junction and numerous potholes.
- Ham - flooding, made Ham Hill dangerously icy
- Charmborough Lane - edge erosion
- Charlton Rd - surface like glass, became very icy.
- HIPPYS Lane - sunken drain at apex of bend, marked up by Highways

Additional new items to be reported:

- Potholes developing around Lipyate Cross

### **CO-OP Junctions Safety Improvements**

CLlr Ham and CLlr Townsend had a site meeting with Somerset Highways where various options were discussed. It was agreed that we should draft a proposal of how Double Yellow Lines could be incorporated. Further discussion will had with local businesses.

The implementation of double yellow lines would impact greatly on the use of the Coleford Legion Car Park which is in desperate need of resurfacing. An increase in use is only going to add to the ongoing deterioration to the surface. A quote of £17K has been received to complete the resurfacing work and the Parish Council has been asked if it would consider contributing towards the cost. This will be considered in coming weeks.

### **A new dog waste bin for the Grove, Coleford**

A request has been received for the installation of a new dog waste bin at the Grove, Coleford, which is a particularly bad area for dog fouling. All Councillors agreed that this was a popular dog walking area and a new bin should be purchased and installed imminently.

### **Grit bins**

Holcombe Parish Council have agreed to purchase a grit to be located near to the junction at Charmborough Farm which is borders Coleford, Kilmersdon and Holcombe Parish Councils. It was agreed that Coleford would contribute towards the cost to help alleviate the ice at this particularly bad area.

The Council also agreed to purchase 2 additional bins to be installed around the village.

### **Goodeaves Allotment clearance date**

The original date had to be cancelled due to snow. The skip will now be delivered on Friday the 8<sup>th</sup> March for the allotment clearance to take place over that weekend.

### **Update on Community Payback team and plan future projects**

CLlr Evans reported that many jobs have been successfully completed over recent months. Projects for the future include:

- Clearance or the Careys Mead hedge
- Emptying the old grit bins
- Litter pick and brush the hard courts

At the next meeting some photographs of the team at work will be taken and a report written for publishing in the Mendip Times. The Community Payback team appreciate such articles which provide positive promotion of the group who are providing a super service to our Council.

### **Date of Next Meetings:**

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2019      Planning Meeting  
 Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2019    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 01749 880428 or email [clerkcolefordsomerset@gmail.com](mailto:clerkcolefordsomerset@gmail.com) Check out the website [www.colefordsomerset.info](http://www.colefordsomerset.info)**

*Philip Ham, Chairman*