

# Parish Council of Coleford

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## Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 22nd March 2023

### Present

Cllr Pearce (Acting Chairman presiding) Cllrs Allen, Banks, Bell, Drescher Evans, Moulding and Paterson.

3 members of the public were present. The Clerk, Vickie Watts taking the minutes

### 1. Public Forum

1. A member of the public said that the hedge outside 13 Fairfield, Coleford, was overhanging the pavement and needed to be cut back.

*Action: Clerk to write to the occupier and ask for the hedge to be cut*

2. It was asked if the Cllrs Ham and Townsend had been able to put any pressure on Somerset Highways or the Planning department to expedite the work on the new entrance to the new co-op. The Clerks understanding that this had been done but would speak with the Councillors.

*Action: Clerk to liaise with Cllrs Ham & Townsend*

### 2. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Barrett, Ham, Townsend and West which were accepted by the Chair.

### 3. Declaration of Interest and Dispensations granted since last meeting

There were none.

### 4. Discuss and agree terms of lease for the allotments and allotment license

Cllr Pearce explained that there had been discussion with the land owner's lawyers and there were still a few issues relating to the license. Correspondence had been received from the solicitor prior to the meeting but there had been no time to consider the latest proposal. All Councillors agreed that Cllr Pearce and Cllr Ham would review the latest proposal and if they felt that it addressed the Councils needs without further amendment, would then circulate to all Councillors for consideration.

The Land Agent had confirmed that access to the site would be allowed to enable the Parish Council to cut the grass and start work on the layout etc. to ensure that there was minimal delay to the timeframe set.

The Clerk had circulated a plan of the agreed site which had been prepared by the National Allotment Society. It was agreed that the allotments should be promoted.

*Action: Cllr Ham & Pearce to review the license & circulate to all Councillors.  
Clerk to advertise the allotments on social media and the noticeboards*

**5. Update on the levelling of the playing field including decision on whether to proceed with planning permission**

Cllr Pearce explained that Pennys and the Parish Council had been working on the basis that the required pitch dimensions were the same as the current pitch size. It is now understood that the Coleford Athletic Football Club need a larger pitch ( 100m x 64m plus min 1.8m from the touch line to the rope barrier plus an additional 1.2m for spectators ) to enable the club to play as part of the Somerset County Senior League.

Pennys have provided an updated plan showing the required pitch dimensions which includes the junior pitch.

It was proposed by Cllr Drescher and seconded by Cllr Bell that Pennys should mark out the pitches to show the size and proposed levels so that members of the public can attend a public meeting to see the implications of the new plan.

***Vote: 8 For, 0 Against and 0 Abstentions***

Once a date for the site visit has been agreed the Clerk will arrange for leaflets to be printed and a maildrop to be completed to all neighboring properties in the same way that it was previously conducted. A further discussion can then take place at the next Parish Council meeting.

***Action: Clerk to liaise with Pennys and the football club to ensure that leaflets are prepared and delivered. Advertise the event. Agenda item for April***

**6. Date of Next Meetings:**

12<sup>th</sup> April 2023 for Parish Council meeting

26<sup>th</sup> April 2023 for Planning meeting