

# Parish Council of Coleford

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## Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> July 2023

**Present** Cllr Ham (Chairman presiding) Cllrs Allen, Banks, Barrett, Evans, Douglas-Burke, Moulding, Pearce, Paterson and Townsend

**In attendance:** 1 members of the public present.  
The Clerk, Vickie Watts taking the minutes

### 1. Public Forum

1. A parishioner reported that the issue with the pavement outside of the new shop at the old Crossways Garage site had been passed by the planning department on the 11<sup>th</sup> July 2023 and was now with the solicitors and somerset highways to reach agreement in order to move things forward.
2. It was noted that a public consultation had been arranged in order for members of the local community to learn about the proposed Solar project at Ash Farm. The Clerk confirmed that they had arranged the event with Tyler Hill Renewables Ltd which will take place Weds 9<sup>th</sup> August. There will be a public drop in between 5 and 6.30pm and then a presentation to the Parish Council and other interested parties from 6.30 and 7pm. The Parish Council meeting will take place at 7pm.
3. A parishioner asked if the Parish Council knew what the exploratory work being undertaken in the field between Brewery Lane and Anchor Road was for. The Council confirmed that we did not know but would continue to monitor.
4. Concern was raised over an incident where a parishioner fell whilst walking in the village. They contacted Mendip Country Practice and to see if they would check them over but was told that they couldn't. The resident then had to catch a bus into Frome to visit the hospital as they have no other mode of transport. Councillors agreed that this was poor service from the surgery.

**Action:** *This will be an agenda item for the next meeting.*

5. Cllr Evans reported back that the wall which borders the footpath behind the Kings Head public house is much improved but the remains of the old cottage wall at the start of the footpath is still a risk.

**Action:** *The Clerk to establish the landowner and write highlighting the concern.*

### 2. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Bell, Drescher and West which were accepted by the Chair.

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

There were none

### 4. Planning Applications

[2023/1316/HSE](#) - Addition of electric vehicle charger and roof-mounted solar PVs to existing garage. Page House Farm, Tinkers Lane, Newbury

All Councillors had considered the plans prior to the meeting. After discussion it was proposed by Cllr Moulding and seconded by Cllr Paterson that the application should be recommended for approval.

It was agreed that a note should be submitted highlighting that on the application form it asked 'Does the proposed development require any materials to be used externally? To which the applicant answered No – which cannot be correct. Councillors also questioned whether this should have been a listed building application.

**Vote: 8 For, 0 Against, 2 Abstentions (1 as Somerset Councillor)**

**Action: Clerk to notify the planning officer**

**5. Finance**

1. Agree Bank Reconciliation

The Clerk had prepared the bank reconciliation which would be checked by Cllr Douglas-Burke after the meeting.

2. Consider 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter budget review 2023/24

The finance working party to consider at a meeting on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> July 2023 at 11am. This will then be reviewed by full council at the next meeting.

**Action: Agenda item for the August meeting**

**6. Planning updates including enforcement issues**

The Clerk circulated the updated spreadsheet showing the status of planning applications.

**7. Update on the supply of Fencing for the Hardcourts and select Contractor**

Cllr Pearce and Townsend visited Bath University to view samples of the fencing which could be provided by Sports Surfacing Solutions which were identified as the most competitively priced suppliers alongside 2 other suppliers. After discussion it was proposed by Cllr Allen and seconded by Cllr Ham that option 3 would be the best system and should be purchased. This was for 868 rebound rigid weldmesh panel fence system for the goal end sides only with the non-rebound fence on the other 2 sides. This would include 1 x 1.2m gate and 1 x 2.4m double gate at a total price of £29715 + VAT. The requirement for the double gate is that one leaf should have a separately lockable drop bolt mechanism. This is so under normal circumstances the double gate will be usable as a single 1.2m gate but able to be opened 2.4m for special wide loads. The project is funded from £20,000 from Shape Mendip Community Fund, £4,000 from Halecombe Quarry plus £7,500 earmarked as a reserve in the Parish Councils budget.

**Vote: 10 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstentions**

**Action: The Clerk to place the order with Sports Surfacing Solutions**

**8. Correspondence**

20/07/23 – Email confirming the public consultation event for Ash Solar Farm on 09/08/23 @ The Hub, Church Street from 5 – 6.30pm and presentation from 6.30 to 7pm.

31/07/23 at 7pm – Shepton Local Community Network meeting. Venue has changed from Pilton Village Hall to The Council Chambers at Shepton Mallet. Link to join virtually has been shared. Cllrs Pearce or Townsend to attend.

SALC training dates circulated. Cllr Moulding to attend the free event (Providing the person attends) on Carbon Literacy training which will run online on 3<sup>rd</sup> / 17<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup> October from 9:30 to 12:00 each day.

19/07/23 - Email from a resident received enquiring about the exploratory activity taking place in the field between Brewery Lane and Anchor Road. The Parish Council is not aware of the reason for the work but will continue to monitor.

**9. Date of Next Meetings:**

9<sup>th</sup> August 2023 @ 7pm Parish Council meeting

23<sup>rd</sup> August 2023 @ 7pm Planning meeting

The meeting finished at 20.20hrs  
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