

# Parish Council of Coleford

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## Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2024

**Present** Cllr Ham, (Chairman presiding), Allen, Barrett, Evans, Moulding, Pearce, Paterson and Townsend.

**In attendance** 1 member of the public present  
The Clerk, Vickie Watts taking the minutes

### 1. Public Forum

1.1 Cllr Barry Clarke asked the councilors to have their say on possible changes to Council Tax Reduction scheme which offers financial support to working-age adults on low incomes. The deadline to respond is 1 October.

1.2 A resident raised concern over a kerb which has become a trip hazard between Mendip Vale and Farley Dell at the Mendip Vale end. It needs to be addressed before there is a serious accident.

*Action: Clerk to investigate and try to find a resolution.*

1.3 A member of the public said that Somerset Highways have highlighted a concern with the road narrowing proposal, which forms part of the Rainier planning application. The width of the road narrowing is not in line with the national standards. They are currently waiting for the Rainiers planning team to respond.

1.4 It was mentioned that 6 weeks and again now, there are works taken place at the Gladman site. It was questioned whether the work was exploratory for the conditions or part of the development? It was asked if the planning department would give assurance that the reserved matters would be referred to the Parish Council for consideration.

*Action: Agenda item for the October meeting*

1.5 It was reported that the exit and entrance signs at the Royal British Legion car park has been removed.

*Action: Cllr Barrett to investigate*

1.6 It was noted that a garage had been constructed next to the recently built house located next to the new shop. It was asked whether it should have been subject to planning permission or whether it would fall into the category of permitted development.

*Action: Cllr Townsend to investigate*

### 2. Apologies for Absence (acceptance of any reasons offered)

Cllr Banks, Bell, Douglas-Burke, and PCSO Mortimer had sent apologies which were accepted by the Chair.

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

Cllr Evans declared an interest in Agenda item 6 – Payments.

#### 4. Planning Applications

##### 4.1 2024/1339/HSE - Proposed first floor extension, Shalamar Harris Vale Coleford.

All Councillors had considered the plans prior to the meeting. After discussion it was proposed by Cllr Allen and seconded by Cllr Barrett that the application should be approved.

**Vote: 7 For, 0 Against and 1 Abstention (Somerset Councillor)**

*Action: Clerk to notify the planning officer*

##### 4.2 2024/1601/HSE - Demolition of existing conservatory and erection of new single storey rear extension. 45 Mendip Vale Coleford Frome Somerset BA3 5PP

All Councillors had considered the plans prior to the meeting. After discussion it was proposed by Cllr Allen and seconded by Cllr Barrett that the application should be approved providing it is within the acceptable levels of percentage increase to the existing footprint.

**Vote: 7 For, 0 Against and 1 Abstention (Somerset Councillor)**

#### 5. Planning updates

The Clerk to update for the October meeting.

*Action: Agenda item for the next meeting*

Members of Somerset Council were not consulted as part of the NPPF consultation. The decision was made at a higher level for Somerset. It was agreed that Cllr Ham would raise this as a concern at the next Somerset Council meeting as it challenges the democratic process.

*Action: Cllr Ham raise with Somerset Council*

#### 6. Payments:

The following invoices were presented for payment:

Clerk expenses	£118.28
HMRC	£102.87
PATA Payroll	£ 40.45
Keith Evans – Payback expenses	£ 24.28
Cam Valley Wildlife – Annual membership	£ 5.00
PKF Littlejohn – Audit fee	£504.00
Tony Withey – Cement	£ 12.84

Cllr Evans declared an interest and did not vote. It was proposed that all payments should be paid.

**Vote: 7 For, 0 Against and 1 Abstention**

#### 7. Review whether a barrier is required at the vehicle access to Beacon View

After discussion it was agreed that the gate would be relocated from the current location to replace the existing bollards. Clerk to seek 3 quotes.

*Action: Clerk to seek 3 x quotes. Agenda item for the October meeting.*

#### 8. Consider whether to host a warm space this winter

It was agreed that the Clerk would contact village groups to consult / assess whether there is a need for a warm space.

*Action: Clerk to contact village groups. Agenda item for the October meeting.*

#### 9. Meetings to attend

Shepton Mallet LCN – 30/09/24 @ 7pm. Cllr Townsend and Ham to attend.

#### 10. Date of Next Meetings:

9 <sup>th</sup> October 2024	Parish Council meeting
23 <sup>rd</sup> October 2024	Planning meeting

The meeting ended at 20.15hrs