

# Parish Council of Coleford

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## Newsletter February 2025

### Co-option of Councillors

Do you live or work in the village? Passionate about Coleford? Want to help make a long-lasting change? Do you have innovative ideas for the council? Do you have concerns about a specific issue & want to do something about it? We need people from all backgrounds and experiences who reflect their community to put themselves forward for co-option to the Parish Council.

If you would like to find out more about the role of the Councillor and the work that the Council does, then please contact the Parish Clerk on 07971 516916 or email [clerk@colefordpc.org.uk](mailto:clerk@colefordpc.org.uk)

### Planning



**2025/0185/TCA** - The Old Vicarage, Church Street, Coleford, Radstock.  
It was agreed by Somerset Council Felling of Elm trees T1.

**Reserved matters on the Gladman application** - Somerset highways have submitted a response to the planning office highlighting no less than 9 issues which they require to be addressed. It was agreed that the Council would submit a response to the Somerset planning office also highlighting that the highway matters have not been addressed by the applicant.

**Mendip Local Plan Part II, Limited update hearing** – The Parish Council will send a representative to the Hearing sessions on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> March and on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> for the afternoon session relating to the CL2 site at Coleford. A draft statement will be put together for submission by the 20<sup>th</sup> February.

### Highways

The following issues were reported as follows:

- Anchor Rd - pothole by crossing at Beacon View has been filled
- Kilmersdon Common - flooding at junction
- Charity Lane junction - flooding again – Apparently blocked by debris
- Vobster Cross - 3 potholes reported
- Tinkers Lane - flooding reported again
- Cherry Gardens Lane - clippings flooded onto road
- Charmborough Lane - overhanging trees have been cleared
- Kings Head bridge - date for repair requested
- Street Lights - Anchor Rd / Brewery Lane - programme for repair requested
- Street Lights – Goodeaves / Stockhill - 7 defective lights reported
- Brewery Lane / Dark Lane junction - pothole reported and repaired
- Pitcot Lane - flooding and blocked drain reported at Barlake Farm
- Stoke Bottom - two potholes reported
- Gurney Slade - major pothole reported on Tape Lane



### Footpath update

During the recent floods, the bridge on footpath FR 4/62 by the Mill became damaged. Somerset Rights of Way have inspected the bridge and due to the severity, the footpath has been closed.

### **Village Litter pick**

It's annual litter pick time again so pop the date in your diary - Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2025 @ 10am and join us at Highbury Playing Field to help give Coleford a spring clean. Equipment and bags will be provided, just bring gloves and wear bright clothes



### **Coleford Menshed Meeting**

An event has been created and shared on Facebook plus posters put up around the village to promote the open meeting which will take place Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2025 at The Hub starting at 10.30am. The meeting is open to men and women and everyone will be made welcome. Light refreshments will be available.

### **Coleford Allotments**

We have a couple of plots available so if you fancy growing your own produce for this year, please get in touch. If you would like to find out more about the allotments, then please contact the Parish Clerk on 07971 516916 or email [clerk@colefordpc.org.uk](mailto:clerk@colefordpc.org.uk)

### **Date of Next Meetings**



12<sup>th</sup> March 2025

Parish Council meeting

26<sup>th</sup> March 2025

Annual Meeting of the Parish & Planning meeting

If you have any issues that you would like to bring to the Parish Council's attention, please contact the Clerk on 07971 516916 or email [clerk@colefordpc.org.uk](mailto:clerk@colefordpc.org.uk) Check out the website [www.colefordpc.org.uk](http://www.colefordpc.org.uk)

**Philip Ham**

Chairman of Coleford Parish Council

## **Somerset Council Report**

### **Somerset Council has agreed to sell a 12-acre heritage site in Frome to Mayday Saxonvale Developments Ltd**

On 23<sup>rd</sup> January Somerset Councils Executive unanimously agreed that the council should proceed towards an unconditional sale of the site to Mayday Saxonvale Development Limited with a completion date prior to 31st March 2025. The Leader of Council Bill Revans commented that "The developers convinced us that they have a business plan that will deliver for the people of Frome. The decision comes after the withdrawal of a previous offer from Acorn Group in July 2024. Somerset Council has been in negotiations with Mayday Saxonvale Development Ltd since then.

### **Somerset gets a tree-mendous boost for urban tree planting**

Somerset Council has secured half a million pounds of Government funding to bring hundreds of trees to towns across the county. The £500,000 grant from the [Urban Tree Challenge Fund](#) will see nearly 700 mature trees planted and cover maintenance and care costs for the next three years.

This initiative will benefit parks managed by the Town Councils in Shepton Mallet, Crewkerne, Taunton, and Castle Cary and Ansford, as well as several council-owned parks in Yeovil. Somerton Sports Ground Trust will also receive new trees. Planting has already begun and should be complete by the end of the tree planting season at the end of March.

- Taunton Town Council receives 403 trees across Taunton Green, Greenway Recreation Ground (Leslie Avenue), Lyngford Park, Pennys Field, Galmington Recreation Ground, Victoria Park, Hamilton Gault Park and Hawthorn Park (Upper Holway).
- Castle Cary and Ansford Town Councils receive 74 trees which are proposed for the Cricket Ground and Fairfield.
- Crewkerne Town Council receives 15 trees at Barn Street Recreation Ground.
- Shepton Mallet Town Council has secured 33 trees for Collett Park.
- Somerton Recreation Ground Trust receives 46 trees to plant within the sports ground.
- Somerset Council owned parks in Yeovil are receiving 100 trees at Oak Tree Park, Yew Tree Park, Milford Park, and Lower Milford.

## DEFRA scrap England deadline to register thousands of miles rights of way.

The deadline for registering historic rights of way is to be scrapped. The last government set a deadline of 2031 for all rights of way in England to be added to an official map. The new government has now said it will repeal this new deadline when parliamentary time allows.

Once recorded as rights of way and added to the definitive map, paths are protected under the law for people to use. In an announcement timed to mark the traditional Boxing Day stroll by many people, the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra) announced it would remove the registration deadline.

## Guidance for reporting safety issues on Somerset Roads

A quick and simple online reporting service is available 24/7. It's the best way to report any problems spotted on our county's roads – including snow and ice issues. This can be used to report non-urgent incidents both during hours and out of hours at the weekend

<https://www.somerset.gov.uk/roads-travel-and-parking/report-a-problem-on-the-road/>

You can also report a hazard on the road using this online form, including items or obstructions such as rubbish, tyres or blown/displaced traffic cones.

<https://www.somerset.gov.uk/roads-travel-and-parking/hazards-on-the-road/>

How do I report an urgent incident that's a safety risk at the weekend, or outside normal working hours?

To report an **urgent out-of-hours** highways issue that's a risk to public safety, please call Somerset Lifeline 0300 123 2224.

There is a dedicated call centre resource to deal with out-of-hours highways matters. Operators will notify the highways duty officer if appropriate, and they will take any necessary action.

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** If the hazard is on the M5, A303 or A36 please contact National Highways 0300 123 5000.

Gritting/salt spreading – this is the link to the roads that are salted in Somerset.

<https://www.somerset.gov.uk/roads-travel-and-parking/gritting-map/>

## Useful phone numbers to use in an emergency

Service name	Phone number
Police, Fire, Ambulance and Coastguard	999
Police (Non-emergency)	101
Gas (Transco)	0800 111999
Western Power Distribution	0800 365 900
Scottish and Southern Energy	0845 7708090
Bristol Water	0800 801011
South West Water	0800 1691144
Wessex Water	0845 6004600
Environment Agency	0800 807060
Floodline	0845 9881188
Met Office	0870 9000100
NHS non-emergency number – Use this service if you urgently need medical help or advice but it's not a life-threatening situation. You can find more information about this service on NHS Choices	
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