

# Parish Council of Coleford

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## Newsletter for August 2025

### Parish Councilor Vacancy

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 updates

2025/0199/HSE & 2025/0200/LBC The Old Mill, Hippys Farm Lane, Coleford Demolition of modern extension & construction of single extension and internal alterations

Coleford Parish Council recommended that the application should be refused on the basis that the extension is clad with timber and not stone like the original building, and therefore detracts from the listed building.



2024/1898/REM Land South Of Suncroft, Coleford, Somerset

It was noted that no divisional members or neighbours had been consulted on the application and no site notice had been displayed. It was agreed that the council would demand that the application be referred to the planning board. There are extensive reasons why the application should not be approved and a detailed response should be submitted. The results of the meeting planned with Wessex Water on the 15<sup>th</sup> August will also need to be added. It was agreed that a holding letter would be sent with a detailed response being submitted after the next Parish Council planning meeting.

2025/1288/HSE - 2 Goodeaves Cottages Highbury Street Coleford. Erection of two storey rear extension & loft conversion to the rear.

Coleford Parish Council recommended that the application should be approved providing the planning officer takes into consideration whether the extension would be overbearing or reduce light into the neighbouring property.

Tree Preservation Order. East Coleford No.13 (2025) The Cottage, Stock Hill, Coleford, Radstock, BA3 5RR. Oak Tree (M1406). Consider supporting the temporary TPO in place for 6 months

The temporary application was issued on the 19<sup>th</sup> June. It was agreed that Coleford Parish Council would support the current 6-month application and ask to be reconsulted at the end of that period with a view to making it permanent.

Consider whether to continue to contest the Rainier appeal APP/E3335/W/25///3358746

Coleford Parish Council is unable to pursue a judicial review as it would cost a minimum of £20K. It was agreed that the matter would not be closed.

### Highways

The following items were reported:



- Road names – Contact to be made with Somerset Highways to ask them to record the proper names for Charmborough Lane, Cherry Gardens Lane, and any other errors.
- Parking - the PCSO has confirmed that they will be looking to address the dangerous parking at the junctions of Preachers Vale and Careys Mead as well as other junctions around the village.
- 20 mph Church St - residents have expressed concern. Agreed that this should be raised with Somerset Highways, again.

- Highways have repaired the Pedestrian Crossing by the old post office and the dropped drains by the old Co-op.
- Mendip Vale - the footpath between the two south wings is heavily weeded. Agreed further investigation required to see how this can be resolved.
- Charmborough Lane - fallen tree reported and removed by member of the public.

It was noted that Charmborough Lane needs to be litter picked. Cllr Ham said that he was sure that Wainwrights had committed to doing this earlier in the year.

### **Coleford Sheddars**

The Parish Council is pleased to be able to utilize the skills of the Coleford Sheddars who have agreed to consider several projects in the village. These include renovating the Memorial Gates at the entrance to Coleford Playing Field, restoring the multi person rocking horse and the making of planters for the 4 entrances to the village. The next step will be to work together to agree a way to manage the budget / cost of materials to ensure there is no delay or expense incurred by the group.

### **Somerset Council report**

The full monthly report can be found on the parish website

<https://www.colefordpc.org.uk/meetings.php>

Somerset Cllr Barry Clarke also gave the following report

- Emergency action has been implemented into the planning process, with all new applications being processed first and the older ones having to wait.
- Changes have been implemented to the planning process with a view to speeding up the process. No Somerset Councillors will be consulted. Committees to be bypassed. The process will give the parish Councillors more power.
- An urgent meeting has been called for 15<sup>th</sup> August with Wessex Water to discuss the sewerage issues in the local area.
- The Local Community Network will be meeting with Somerset Highways representatives on 21<sup>st</sup> August at Shape Mendip at 2pm. Anyone is welcome to attend.



### **PCSO report**

Reports of dangerous parking at the junction of Preachers Vale and Carey's Mead. PCSO has confirmed that he will be educating drivers but if they persistently offend, they will be issued with a notice. During the last month there were 2 x Arson and criminal damage recorded.



### **Renovation of the Coleford Village sign**

An experienced restorer provided a quote to complete the restoration at a cost of between £150 and £200. This would involve the removal of varnish, careful cleaning of the image and repainting of the border and wording. All Councillors agreed that the quote should be accepted so that the work can start.

### **Coleford Allotment Open day**

The first allotment ever Coleford Allotment open day took place on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> August from 12noon til 3pm. Allan Cavill previously from the National Allotment Society and instrumental in the setting up of the new allotments, attended the event and said a few words. He also took part in a question and answer session with those present, which was well received. It was a fabulous event with plot holders enjoying the chance to socialize with other allotment holders and several people came to look around and find out more about taking a plot on. The arrival of the ice cream van was a definite highlight! Everyone agreed it was a success and should become an annual event.

### **Date of Next Meetings**

27 <sup>th</sup> August 2025	Planning meeting
10 <sup>th</sup> September 2025	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 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)

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