

# Parish Council of Coleford

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## Newsletter for November 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)

### PCSO

PCSO Will Mortimer provided the following report for Coleford for October:

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| Arson and criminal damage   | 1 |
| Violence against the person | 1 |

### Small Grants Awards 2025/26

The total budget for the small grants was £2,500. The Parish Council considered the eight applications which had been received, three were refused with the following applications being approved:

|                                        |                |                        |
|----------------------------------------|----------------|------------------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Coleford Scouts        | New sink       | £ 192.00               |
| Tuesday afternoon trip                 | Coach trip     | £ 350.00               |
| Coleford & Holcombe Community Magazine | Printing costs | £ 287.00               |
| Coleford Theatre Group                 | Costume hire   | £ 500.00               |
| Knit and Natter                        | Wool           | £ 75.00                |
|                                        | <b>Total</b>   | <b><u>£1404.00</u></b> |

An award of £100 was made to Coleford group, Crocs in the summer which also came from the small grant fund.

The total value of this year's awards was £1,504 which meant that there was an underspend of £496.00.

## Highways

The following Highway report was given:

- Old Co-op - Depression and pothole by pavement was reported to Highways after resident was nearly bumped off mobility scooter. This was marked up and filled in within 48 hours.
- Charlton Lane - Stone in road from crumbling wall at junction. Reported to Highways and road cleared.
- Kings Head Bridge – The bridge located at Underhill remains damaged despite being outstanding for 18 months. The Clerk has sent chasing email to Somerset Highways and the contact for bridges.
- Lipyeate Street Lights - Group failure for many months reported, response from Volker Highways that they are waiting for National Grid to reinstate power, they have no date from them.



## Report of any new issues

The following issues were reported:

- Concern was raised over the cross roads located at Soho on the outskirts of Leigh on Mendip. It was asked if the signage and road markings could be improved to inform drivers of the pending junction, which is an accident hotspot.
- The village sign at Lipyeate needs to be reinstated.
- The signage on Mells Road warning of Tinkers Lane are buried in the depths of the hedges leaving those exiting the concealed junction vulnerable. The signage needs addressing.

## Update on Community Car Scheme

A meeting will be arranged with Mendip County Practice to discuss the need for a scheme in Coleford. Councillors agreed that a joint survey conducted by the Parish Council and MCP would be helpful to ascertain the appetite within the community which could be fed back to the Local Community Network who are taking the lead in helping to get groups established.

## Payments

The Parish Council made the decision to purchase the following items:

- New defibrillator cabinet for outside the Kings Head Pub.
- 2 x new waste bins(approved for the use of both litter and dog waste), one for the new location in Beacon View and the other to replace the dog waste bin behind 65 Mendip Vale.
- The Council agreed to pay for the 4 x bus shelters on Anchor Road and Highbury Street to be cleaned.

## Date of Next Meetings:

|                                |                        |
|--------------------------------|------------------------|
| 10 <sup>th</sup> December 2025 | Parish Council meeting |
| 14 <sup>th</sup> January 2025  | 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)

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