

Parish Council of Coleford

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Newsletter for February 2026

Police report

During January there were 4 cases of violence against person, 2 of theft and 1 public order recorded. The written report is displayed on the Parish Council website for perusal:

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

Planning

Appeal reference 6003059 – 4 Rope Walk, Coleford, Radstock

Planning application number 2025/1770/PIP - Permission in Principle for 6 dwellings & garages



Parish Council representatives had a meeting with the Planning Officer to discuss the appeal. They advised that there was nothing to gain by raising the Rainer and Gladman appeals as they were historical and not helpful in this instance. A copy of the draft response had been shared with all Councillors and after discussion and some minor amendments it was agreed that the letter recommending that the appeal should be refused should be submitted to the planning inspectorate.

Careys Mead telephone

The Parish Council consulted with the residents which overlook the telephone box located at Careys Mead. After taking the votes into consideration with the Councillors, it was agreed that the phone box should be painted yellow.

Highways: Highways including:

The following issues were reported to Somerset Council:

- Holcombe Brewery Lane - pothole by village sign Tinkers Lane to Charity Lane - check for surface erosion Church St junction opposite Co-op - pothole in middle Kings head bridge - potholes Stoke Bottom - dropped drain between stream and Giddy Lane Ham Hill - Give Way lines eroded at junction with Common Lane Charmborough Lane - Give Way lines eroded at junction with Charlton Rd Shepton Mallet - badly dropped drain opposite Bowlsh School Anchor Rd - serious damage around pedestrian crossing by Anchor Close Charlton - stones on highway again at junction of Charlton Lane Vobster Hill - overhanging tree remains again Soho - damaged signpost Old Co-op - material from repair blocking drain Anchor Rd - missing COLEFORD sign at Lipyeate



- Street Lights - Lipyate residents very concerned at safety aspects of failure to repair the 6 lights which have been out for over a year now. Cllr Townsend requested that this be elevated up the chain at Somerset Council.
- Quality – It was noted that repairs appear to be carried out to minimalist standards, for example at Brewery Lane, Holcombe. Do we have other examples?

Report of new issues:

- The road from Kilmersdon to Haydon has deteriorated and needs repair
- The road that runs towards Vobster, parallel to the cycle track along from the Junction on the Kilmersdon road just up from Kilmersdon bridge.
- Hoares Lane surface has deteriorated and needs repair
- The road outside Halecombe Quarry
- Hedges at Vobster have branches falling into the road
- Potholes at Vobster
- Kerb is broken outside 98-97 Mendip Vale
- Coleford indicator sign is pointing in the wrong direction at Vobster



It's clear that the roads have deteriorated after all the rain that we have had recently. It's really easy to report an issue such as a pothole, via the Somerset Council website. Once reported, it will be inspected within 3 working days and a repair will be planned as set out in their Inspection manual. The website link is: <https://service.somerset.gov.uk/report-a-problem-on-the-road> It takes about 3 minutes to complete the online form. You drop a pin onto a map to show the location of the issue and will be asked for:

- Your name and phone number, in case they need to contact you
- Where the pothole or road defect is, including post code, road name and parish
- If the pothole or defect is outside a specific property. For example, outside Number 4, or near lamp column number 27

Provide as much information as possible so that the inspector will find the pothole or road defect. The more information you give, the easier it will be to find.

Annual Litter Pick



We're thrilled to hear that Wainwrights have again agreed to provide traffic management to allow Charmborough Lane to be closed for litter picking. The event will take place **Saturday 21st March 2026** meeting at **Highbury Playing Field Car Park at 10am**. We really hope that parishioners will volunteer for a couple of hours to help give Coleford a Spring Clean. Equipment & hi viz will be provided, just wear appropriate clothes, footwear and bring gloves. Any further information, please get in touch clerk@colefordpc.org.uk

Date of Next Meetings:

11th March 2026 Parish Council meeting
 25th March 2026 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 Check out the website www.colefordpc.org.uk

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