

Parish Council of Coleford

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held Wednesday 25th February 2026

Present Cllr Ham (Chairman) Evans, Fisher, Moulding, Paterson, Pearce, Swords and Townsend

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

1. Public Forum

- 1.1 Gladman Development – A member of the public asked when the Council would be considering the latest Gladman application. It was noted that the application arrived the day after this agenda was published and would therefore be an agenda item for the March meeting.
- 1.2 White Lining at Ham – A resident reported that the white lining at Ham was now non-existent. Cllr Townsend confirmed this had already been reported to the Somerset Highways.
- 1.3 Road Closure – A member of the public asked the reason for the road closure at Vobster scheduled for Tuesday. It was confirmed that the work was being completed by Truespeed. Cllr Townsend said that a local business had asked for a parking restriction to be implemented on Highbury Street at the junction with Newbury Lane to allow the large articulated lorries to turn right onto Highbury Street (they normally turn left) as it is not possible to negotiate the turn if cars are on the main road. Somerset Highways have agreed to implement the suspension during the road closure.
- 1.4 Mendip Vale – A complaint had been received regarding a wall which is being built at 31 Mendip Vale. It is alleged that it will have a hedge on the top. The complainant stated that the conveyance documents for all houses in Mendip Vale should not have walls or fences installed on the land.

Action: *The Clerk had advised that the complaint needed to be submitted to the Council in writing for consideration.*

- 1.5 Hedge at the entrance to Preachers Vale – There have been queries raised over the ownership of the hedge next to the bungalow at the entrance to Preachers Vale. Cllr Ham explained that the owner of the bungalow has written evidence that the responsibility for the hedge lies with Somerset Council and not the homeowner.
- 1.6 Speeding – Concerns over the number of drivers speeding as they enter the village from Vobster were raised by residents at Stockhill. The Clerk has replied explaining that the Council is aware of the problem and is in communication with Somerset Highways to find a resolution.

2. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs Allen, Douglas- Burke, Bell and Banks which were accepted by the Chair.

3. Declarations of Interest and dispensations

There were none.

4. Planning Applications

4.1 2026/0214/FUL - 1 Anchor Road Coleford Frome Somerset BA3 5PB

Demolition of the existing annexe & erection of a new residential building comprising two self-contained maisonettes.

All Councillors had access to the plans prior to the meeting. After discussion the following concerns were raised:

- Pre-application advice has not been addressed, namely the poor layout/design, cramped living space, insufficient fire exits with limited amenity areas.
- Inadequate visibility splays when negotiating onto the main road.
- The proposal is and represents overdevelopment (see notes).
- Would cause harm to the street scene due to removal of roadside trees, resulting in a loss of local biodiversity.

It was proposed by Cllr Evans and seconded by Cllr Paterson that the application be recommended for refusal for the abovementioned reasons.

Vote: 6 For, 0 Against and 2 Abstentions.

4.2 2026//0191/HSE – Montrose, High Street, Coleford.

Demolition of conservatory, erection of single storey rear extension and new external door opening

All Councillors had access to the plans prior to the meeting. It was noted that this property is subject to listed building status. After discussion it was proposed by Cllr Evans and seconded by Cllr Moulding that the decision should be left to the Listed Building Officer.

Vote: 7 For, 0 Against and 1 Abstentions.

4.3 2026/0169/HSE – Westhayes, Springers Hill, Coleford.

Erection of single storey extension.

All Councillors had access to the plans prior to the meeting. After discussion it was proposed by Cllr Moulding and seconded by Cllr Paterson that the application should be approved.

Vote: 7 For, 0 Against and 1 Abstentions.

4.4 2026/0222/HSE - Church Farm, Church Street, Coleford

Erection of single storey extension (Part resubmission of (2022/0709/HSE)).

All Councillors had access to the plans prior to the meeting. After discussion it was proposed by Cllr Pearce and seconded by Cllr Swords that the application should be approved.

Vote: 7 For, 0 Against and 1 Abstentions.

Actions: Clerk to notify the planning office of the decisions made

5 Consider quotes for tree works resulting from recent tree survey

The Clerk explained that she had invited 4 companies to quote for the tree work with 2 companies responding. After discussion it was proposed by Cllr Ham and seconded by Cllr Paterson that the quote provided by Isaac Gregory Tree Surgery who quoted £1,000 + VAT for all areas less the allotments as agreed at the previous meeting.

Vote: 7 For, 0 Against and 1 Abstentions.

Action: Clerk to obtain a quotation for tree chipper for consideration at the next meeting.

6. Dates and Forthcoming Events

10th March 2026 from 3:00–5:00pm Community Cars Meeting, Shepton Mallet

4th March 2026 @ 7pm Parish Council Meeting

21st March 2026 @ 10am - Litter Pick: (Clerk to liaise with Wainwrights for road closure)

25th March 2026@ 7pm Annual Parish Meeting

The meeting ended at 20.05hrs