

COLESHILL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of meeting held on Monday 15th April 2013, in the Village Hall

Present – DW, SP, CH, DMcG, LW and the Clerk

In attendance – three members of the public

Chairman indicated emergency exit

Apologies for absence – TPx, Cllr Graham Harris (CDC)

1. **To approve Minutes of Meeting held on 18th March 2013**

Minutes were approved as a true record, and signed

2. **County Councillor**

Not present

3. **District Councillor**

Not present, brief report sent

Penn Festival

The festival will be held 19th- 21st July under the same licensing conditions as last year. Ian Snudden, the Environmental Health Manager of CDC is holding a Safety Advisory Group Meeting on Wednesday. Councillor McGhee has been invited together with representatives of Penn PC

Windmill Farm

Development rights have been withdrawn and this will be reviewed by CDC planning committee after 6 months

Waste Collection

Householder packs explaining the new service are to be dispatched next week. If there are any problems with bin storage or collection, Councillor Harris asked that they be referred either to the waste collection team or to him.

Consultation to changes of designation in Green Belt

CDC launched a consultation on minor changes to areas in villages within the green belt. This consultation was requested by the planning inspector when he considered the Core Strategy. Nick Rose the leader of CDC is making himself available to meet Parishes if required.

4. **Planning**

DW said there was nothing significant to report since last month. Wellside had been passed; Planning took the view that the slope of the ground would not make it intrusive into the landscape. Bowers Farm had also been approved.

5. **Finance**

Report was approved, cheques signed.

Budget 2013/14 – in progress. Will be completed for next meeting

Summary of receipts and payments – in progress

6. **Casual Vacancy**

Matt had resigned from the Parish Council due both to family commitments and also departure from the village. The vacancy has been advertised and cut-off date for applicants is 29th April, after which co-option can occur.

7. **Tree Felling in the village – concerns**

It had been noted that a large number of trees had been felled at Cherry Tree Farm. Concerns have been expressed about the remaining oaks along the front driveway. DMcG had been to CDC to inspect village TPOs and it was apparent that there was no order on the oaks. As a longer-term project, DMcG suggested that he and TPx survey the village to establish which trees would be worthy of a preservation order.

In the short-term, Clerk to obtain a list of all the TPOs in Coleshill and also, as an urgent matter, ask for the imposition of an immediate TPO on the oaks in question.

8. **Village Day proposal**

CH thought that funding was still being sought, although it is hoped that enough will be raised at the quiz evening in June. Nothing else to report at this time.

9. **Bench on the Common**

DMcG had drawn attention to the bench which was in a poor state of repair and Councillors agreed that restoration work should be carried out. Clerk knew of a local craftsman who had previously done work of this nature: his estimate for the work was some £300. DW said he would approach Jim Truett for a cost comparison.

10. **Broadband**

DW said that Infinity broadband was now available from BT. He thought that the PC's efforts since November undoubtedly played some part in this achievement.

11. **Dog Mess problem**

DMcG drew attention to the fact that dog walkers seemed to have a habit of disposing of their dog poo by throwing it into the pond. The culprits had bothered to bag it, but obviously couldn't be bothered to take it home. Clerk to make enquiries about dog bins. Councillors agreed that, in the light of this behaviour, bins were needed – perhaps one each at separate entrances to the Common and also one at the Cricket Club.

12. **Penn Festival**

DMcG had received a communication from CDC regarding the meeting referred to by Cllr Harris above and will be attending.

13. **Triangle**

Having heard back from Transport for Bucks that the triangle would not qualify under the delegated budget scheme, Councillors suggested that Clerk contact Si Khan at TfB to find out alternative sources of funding, emphasising the safety issue and the potential danger. Also to see if it would be possible to arrange for it to be done ourselves.

14. **Parish Community Response Team**

Clerk explained that she had received a request from BCC (to all Parish Councils) for details of our community response team. After a short discussion, Councillors agreed that no action was needed at present.

15. **Pond Management Plan**

DW said he had written to Chris Wege supporting the idea of incorporating a management plan for the pond into the general Commons Management Plan, which was currently being updated. It would be a shame to let the pond revert to the poor state it had been in previously, especially after the Parish Council had spent so much money on its remedial work. Chris Wege said he would be willing to undertake this, but it would take some time.

16. **Meetings –**

To report on – Town & Parish Chairmen, April 24th. Main subject was to be a draft of the DDPD, going out to consultation for 7th June [meeting subsequently postponed].

To attend – none at this time

17. **Councillors' Reports**

- Open spaces - nothing to report
- Website - nothing to report
- Cricket Club - nothing to report
- Tennis Club - nothing to report
- Village Hall - nothing to report
- School - nothing to report
- Play area - all fine, new net for goal ordered
- Newsletter - nothing to report

18. **Date of next meeting – Monday May 20th, 2013**

Meeting closed at 9.00 pm.

Democratic period

Commenting on renewing the triangle, it was suggested that perhaps a smaller island be more appropriate with maybe a walled planter. DW felt that a walled anything could well lead to damage to vehicles attempting to circumnavigate it but said all ideas would be considered once we had decided how the work might be undertaken.