

COLESHILL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the MEETING of COLESHILL PARISH COUNCIL held on THURSDAY 21st July 2011 at 8.00pm in the VILLAGE HALL, COLESHILL

Present at the meeting were the Chairman Cllr Colin Lambert, Cllr Dick Ware, Cllr David Smith, Cllr Lynn Woodgate and the Clerk Susan Smith

There were 4 members of the public present.

1. Apologies for Absence

None.

2. Minutes of the Meeting Held in March 2011 to be agreed and signed.

The Chairman asked the members if they all agreed the March minutes to receive permission to sign them. All agreed.

The minutes of the meeting that was held on the 26th May 2011, previously circulated were agreed for signing by the Chairman.

3. Democratic ½ Hour

The meeting closed for democratic period.

4. The Meeting re-opened

The meeting re-opened at 8.05 pm.

5. Declarations of Interest

None received.

6. Interviews and Co-option onto Coleshill Parish Council

The Clerk had received two applications for consideration of co-option onto the CPC, these were from David McGhee and Terence Prideaux who both expressed interest in joining. After both candidates gave their reasons for wishing to become a Councillor, they were asked to leave the meeting whilst the present councillors made a decision on whether to co-opt the two applicants. Agreed.

Both were welcomed to the Parish Council.

7. Tennis Club

The Chairman had, after investigation found that the Land Registry had no registration referring to Jack Adams field (Cricket and Tennis Club land). The solicitor representing the Tennis Club had been informed. It is expected that the required legal papers for the extension of the lease can be produced.

The Tennis Club is having a committee meeting on 20th Sept 2011 unfortunately; the Chairman is unable to attend.

8. Planning

The recent Penn Festival which had been held outside Winchmoor Hill had caused annoyance for

a number of Coleshill residents. Prior to this meeting, the Clerk had been in contact with CDC and BCC to be informed that all relevant permits and permissions had been sought and granted to the organisers of the festival. It has come to light that the organisers may be planning to hold up to 2 festivals a year at the site. With the feedback it has received, CDC have decided that the consultation area for notice of planning permission for any future events will be extended. The CDC was unaware at the granting of this year's permission, that the noise from the live bands and revellers would be heard in Coleshill, thus causing nuisance. It was agreed that a letter should be sent to CDC stating our concerns.

Action: Cllr D Ware

CPC are seeking clarification from CDC that it granted permission for a drive-in drive-out at Solon contrary to the application submitted.

Action: Cllr D Ware

Villagers are concerned that it appears that some houses in Coleshill are making manicured gardens, erecting fences and blocking footpaths on land that is for agricultural use only. The CPC will seek clarification from CDC and discuss at next meeting.

9. Finance

The RFO Cllr D Smith requested that the purchase of new Christmas lights for the elm tree in the churchyard be discussed at the next meeting. He will research some estimated costs for that meeting.

Action: Cllr D Smith

The RFO stated that the Coleshill Cricket Club as of the meetings date, had not paid their 2010 rent to the CPC (this had been due in December). This was despite a number of emails and phone calls to Henry Amar (Chairman) and Rob Amar (Finance) with the CPC bank details. The meeting agreed that a Councillor would look into the lease of the Cricket Club to see if action can be taken against them for not paying rent.

Action: Cllr C Lambert

Payments made May / July

BCTV Common Insurance 228.01

Paul Evans Playarea 40.00

Derek Higgins website 5.60

Coleshill Cricket Club waste removal 72.00

James Dean village tidy up 180.00

Susan Smith Clerks salary broadband stationary

Course fees for David Smith 500.84

Paul Evans play area 40.00

Viking Stationary supplies 98.35

CDC printing newsletter 122.10

Paul Evans play area 40.00

Colin Lambert course fees 31.40

10. Localism in Coleshill

The Chairman had asked for the Councillors to consider whether they would like discuss this issue at a meeting in the future. It was agreed to put it on the agenda for the next meeting.

11. Correspondence

The Clerk reported that Coleshill had failed to win the Best Kept Village competition this year. BCC had written to the Clerk saying that though she had asked for the re-instatement of three

grass triangles in the village they would re-instate only the triangle at the corner of Windmill Hill and Magpie Lane. They will be contacting the Clerk shortly to discuss when and how.

12. Councillors Reports

Chairman Cllr C Lambert

The Chairman asked Cllr D Ware for a copy of the by-laws of the common.

A litter-picking exercise was carried out prior to the judging of the Best Kept Village competition, along with the cleaning of the road signs and telephone box. Unfortunately the litter was soon replaced with new.

The Clerk and Chairman had travelled around the village seeking the best places where new grit bins could be placed.

Action: Cllr C Lambert

The memorial bench for Sarah Jane will be placed by the pond, the fixing of this and its upkeep will be the sole responsibility of Sarah Jane's family.

The Chairman had received no reply from the Cricket Club re the inquiry of the dates of their committee meetings so he could attend.

Cllr L Woodgate

The village school had received its 10 year Quality Mark Award.

In the new school year there will be 56 pupils at the school, unfortunately only 4 will be from the village.

The play-area at Hill Meadow is neat and tidy. The Clerk will give Cllr Woodgate the ROSPA report and she will inform the meeting of its content at the next meeting.

13. Clerks Report

The Clerk welcomed the two new co-opted members and hoped that they will enjoy their term on the Parish Council.

14. Time and Date of the Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held at 8.00pm on 15th September 2011 in the Village Hall, Coleshill.