

# COLESHILL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the ANNUAL PARISH MEETING for the Parish of Coleshill held on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2024 at the Village Hall, Barrack Hill, Coleshill at 6.45 p.m.

## Present

Parish Councillors: Tony Treacy Chair (AT) Ben Morgan (BM)  
Jonathan Herbert (JH) Louise Templeton (LT)

Parish Clerk: Lynda Jackson (LJ)

Members of Public: 1

### 1. Minutes of the last Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> May 2023 were **approved** and signed as a true record.

### 2. Matters Arising: None

### 3. Report of the Chair covering the activities of the Parish Council

The Meeting was pleased to receive the Chair's report on the work of the Council for the year 2023/24. AT particularly wanted to thank Jon Herbert in his persistence to get all the gulley's listed onto Buckinghamshire Highways asset register which will ensure they cleared annually, and any repairs completed. The Council has been successful in getting a commitment from Highways that the collapsed drain at the Pond will be replaced but will need to be done once the water level has dropped. On the matter of heavy rainfall AT reported that the Council were heavily involved in the recent works outside the school which beforehand was causing flooding up to the entrance with a possibility that the school might need to close. Working closely with Bucks members they ensured the work was done to prevent further problems in the future. AT was pleased to report that funding had been secured to reduce the speed limit on Magpie Lane to 30 mph and would like to thank all those who donated monies. At also included in his report the time-consuming work being carried out to ensure Chalk Hill/ Windmill Hill corner is reinstated to a satisfactory standard by UK Power Networks. AT would like to thank John Conway for his work on this and for helping the Council have a clear understanding of the utility company's responsibilities to conduct remedial work. AT wished to thank LT for her work on progressing plans for a possible refurbishment of Hill Meadow play area. AT confirmed that there had been no changes in councillor but that a vacancy remained unfilled. AT wished to thank all the councillors for offering their time and energy in maintaining beautiful Coleshill village. BM is leading a project on emergency resilience which will be rolled out later this year. Finally, AT expressed his thanks to LJ who after nearly 10yrs as Clerk is stepping down. AT voiced his appreciation for her work and support to himself and every councillor. *A copy of the full report is available on the Coleshill website [www.coleshill.org](http://www.coleshill.org)*

The Meeting was also pleased to receive the Chair of the Common Management Committee's report on the work of the volunteers through 2023/24. The CMC were now holding 2 formal meetings per year which the public can attend and raise concerns. The CMC had installed wayfinder posts for emergency services. The report included habitat surveys that had taken place. Also included the various tree works carried out on the Common and at the Pond along with the grassland annual cut. *A copy of the full report is available on the Coleshill website [www.coleshill.org](http://www.coleshill.org)*

### 4. Parish Council Accounts 2023-24

A summary of the Parish Council Receipts and Payments Accounts for 2023/24, copies of which had been circulated, were **noted**.

### 5. Parish Affairs- Open Public Forum

Mr Len Tridgell advised the meeting that storage lockers in the form of filing cabinets will be available for use by Village Hall users.

Mr Len Tridgell offered his help in advising Council and the owner of Park End Cottage with the ongoing alleged issue of tree roots from the Willows at the Pond affecting the property. Mr Tridgell advised

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the meeting he had a lot of expertise and experience in dealing with such problems. JH advised he had spoken to an expert on root restriction who had informed him that willows have very shallow roots and so a quote given to Park End Cottage that was in the region of £20-£30k was excessive.

Meeting Closed at 7.00 pm.