



True 'Grit' for Colwall's play areas



Parish Council to invest Section 106 monies in state-of-the-art climbing rock

Colwall Parish Council has voted to use Section 106 monies arising from the development of Covent Garden and land adjoining Brookmill Close to invest in play equipment for the village's younger generations.

A Play Equipment working party established by the Parish Council considered various options for the village's play areas before making the following recommendations:

- Replace the decommissioned swings at Orlin Road.
- Reinstall a see-saw at Colwall Green.
- Provide an age-appropriate climbing structure in Walwyn Meadow.

After quotations were received, the council voted to replace the swings and see-saw, and to install the most challenging climbing structure available within the budget. This is a 'Gritstone' climbing rock (pictured), which has a 33m² climbing surface and a height of 2.5 metres. We hope it will be enjoyed by youngsters in Colwall for many years.

Section 106 funds arise from contributions made by developers towards the costs of providing community and social infrastructure, the need for which has arisen as a result of a new development taking place. The total S106 fund from Covent Garden and Brookmill Close amounted to £50,782.54. Some funds were retained for future maintenance of the play areas.

Village NDP inches towards 'Regulation 14' formal consultation

The statutory 'Regulation 14' formal consultation process for Neighbourhood Development Plans requires the Parish Council to publicise details of the plan it intends to submit for formal approval to the community.

It also requires the plan to be sent to Herefordshire Council for consultation prior to formal submission.

A draft of the proposed submission was recently submitted to Herefordshire Council for observations, and the Council has responded with a number of observations

which need to be addressed by the Parish Council's NDP Working Party before the Regulation 14 consultation process is formally initiated.

Details of Herefordshire Council's observations are available on Colwall Parish Council's website (see minutes of recent Planning and Development Committee meetings) and on the Colwall NDP website.

A public meeting will likely be held in the late spring as part of the 'triggering' of Regulation 14.

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Hello...

We're delighted to welcome two members of the community—Andy Allen and John Daniels—who have stepped forward to join the Parish Council, bringing with them a wealth of expertise with which to support our work. Here they outline why they have volunteered their time and service.

John:

I am a solicitor by profession with over 35 years of experience and built the practice of DF Legal LLP with five offices in Gloucestershire and Herefordshire. I retired from the practice in April 2016 and now work as a business and commercial consultant for selected clients in the automotive and motorsport sector. I retired from active motorsport in the mid 1990's, having been a rally co-driver since 1977.

I am married to Louise with two children - Jack and Holly. Both children attended Colwall Primary and then John Masefield High School. We moved to Colwall in 1999. I was a parent governor at John Masefield for six years, and recently joined the parish council. I hope some of my experience will be useful.



John Daniels

Andy:

Having attended The Downs and Malvern College I knew the beauty of Colwall and the hills and hence my decision to move back to the area. I have a varied planning experience gained over the last seven years, and in my many meetings with Councillors and Committees I thought it was about time I joined one to see if I could add some value. I very much hope to be of use to the Parish Council and to Colwall.



Andy Allen

... and farewell

We are also very sad to announce that Councillor Ian Cooper has decided to step down after several years of dynamic service to the Parish Council. The Parish Council is very grateful for Ian's contribution to our work, and wish him well in his (very numerous!) future activities.

WANT TO JOIN THE COUNCIL?

Please speak to the Clerk or any of the current members of the Parish Council if you would like to join us and serve your community.

You can help out while you're strolling about



Colwall is blessed with many Public Right of Ways. Almost all are footpaths, affording views of our outstanding countryside, and are enjoyed by locals and visitors alike. In the main they are kept in good condition, mostly thanks to the landowners. However, problems can arise such as a broken stile, or an obstructed path; perhaps a fallen tree. Our footpaths officer, Paul Butler, tries to cover as much as he can but would appreciate additional pairs of legs and eyes to spot any issues. Ideally we'd like a few willing volunteers to 'adopt' a small number of footpaths and let Paul know whether they're okay, or if action may be required. If you regularly walk the footpaths, or need a reason to get out and about, why not step forward?

Paul can be contacted on 07751 637 606.

Even if it's not for you, don't forget you can always report problems via the Clerk using cpccclerk@colwall.org.uk

How can we help you?

Don't fence me in...

The Parish Council recently helped sort out a boundary fence height problem. Neighbours concerned about the height of a fence approached us for assistance. Following discussions with Herefordshire Council, who confirmed the fence exceeded height limits set out in planning regulations, the height of the fence was reduced.

Colwall Parish Council Planning and Development lead John Stock also points out that there is great guidance in the draft Neighbourhood Development Plan on appropriate styles of boundary fencing in the village.

...but do leave my fence alone

The parish council is also seeking to assist a parishioner who approached the council with details of a number of very serious complaints regarding antisocial behaviour of children and youths in Walwyn Meadow (including damage to a fence) and also illegal behaviours. The clerk has made contact with Dave Alexander, our local police Community Support Officer, who is investigating the matter alongside the parish council.

The Parish Council doesn't have many powers in instances such as these, but we will always try to help. Email the clerk in the first instance, or give one of us a call.

COLWALL PARISH COUNCIL

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS 2017

Annual Parish Council Meeting 3/5/17



APRIL	Wednesday 5th	Wednesday 5th	Out-turn Wednesday 19th	Wednesday 26th
MAY		Wednesday 10th		Annual 3/ 5/17 Wednesday 24th
JUNE	Wednesday 7th	Wednesday 14th		Wednesday 28th
JULY		Wednesday 12th		Millenium Room Wednesday 26th
AUGUST	Wednesday 2nd	Wednesday 16th		Wednesday 30th
SEPTEMBER		Wednesday 13th		Wednesday 27th
OCTOBER	Wednesday 4th	Wednesday 11th		Wednesday 18th
NOVEMBER		Wednesday 8th	Wednesday 15th	Wednesday 29th
DECEMBER	Wednesday 6th	Wednesday 13th		Wednesday 13th
JANUARY		Wednesday 10th		Wednesday 24th
FEBRUARY	Wednesday 7th	Wednesday 14th		Wednesday 28th
MARCH		Wednesday 7th		Wednesday 21st
APRIL	Wednesday 4th	Wednesday 11th	Out-turn Wednesday 18th	Wednesday 25th

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