

COLWALL PARISH COUNCIL**The minutes of the meeting of Colwall Parish Council held in the Jean Simon Room Colwall Village Hall, Mill Lane, Colwall at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 26th July 2017.**

Present: Councillors: Trafford-Roberts (Chairman), Allen, Burston, Butler, Carless, Haynes, James, Rees, Stock, Taylor and the Clerk.

1. Welcome and Apologies:

The Chairman welcomed those present and apologies for absence were received and accepted from Councillors Beard, Cottam, Daniels and Kendrick.

2. Declarations of Interests:

The Chairman reminded Councillors of the need to declare any Interests in items on the agenda.

None were declared

3. Minutes:

The minutes of the last meeting of the Parish Council held on the 28th June 2017 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

4. Progress Report –

Neighbourhood Development Plan

Councillor Stock reported that at the working party meeting on the 12th July 2017 it was unanimously agreed we should continue to develop a Neighbourhood Development Plan “NDP”.

We also discussed the Grovesend Farm area, which subject to including a clause requiring suitable pedestrian access would then be supported by Herefordshire Council Highways for the development of 37 homes. We agreed it should be added to the NDP with the clause as suggested by Herefordshire Council.

Philip Deeley, a planning consultant, has queried how we arrived at our target and was surprised to learn that Herefordshire Council had used the Gazetteer data for the number of existing properties rather than the Office of National Statistics “ONS” for 2011, for which he provided justification for its use. The ONS data for Colwall quotes 1050 homes in 2011, 14% growth gives 147, this would reduce our previous target by 9.

Since 2011, planning permission has been granted for 77 new homes (this includes 9 behind the Thai) leaving a requirement of 70.

Assuming windfalls of 28 in the remaining 14 years of the Plan period that leaves 42 properties to include in the NDP.

Assuming 14 are developed on the existing school site and 37 on Grovesend Farm, the number of planned homes would total 51, exceeding the target by 9.

If a further 7 are agreed behind the Thai, then that would result in 16 over and above the target.

We are awaiting confirmation from Herefordshire Council regarding the usage of the ONS figures for the NDP.

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Draft NDP is amended to provide two development sites; the existing school for 14 homes and the Grovesend Farm site for 37 homes, with a suitable clause concerning provision for pedestrians.

5. Financial Matters.

i) Colwall Parish Council considered the Income and Expenditure for July 2017, as per the list circulated at the meeting.

IT WAS RESOLVED that the payments should be authorised.

6. Correspondence for processing.

None.

7. Correspondence for Information.

None

8. Reports of Committees.

i) IT WAS RESOLVED that the reports from the Planning & Development Committee meetings held on the 28th June 2017 and the 12th July 2017 were received, approved and adopted.

9. Representatives on Outside Bodies.

To receive reports from Councillors who have represented Council at meetings since the last Full Council meeting

i) Councillors Rees reported that at a recent meeting of the Malvern Hills Trust concerns were raised at the proposed reduction in the Fire Service at Malvern, and the potential impact this could have on fires on the Hills during the evenings, night time and weekends.

ii) Councillor Rees also drew Councillor attention to the fact that the Malvern Hills Trust Director will be addressing the Parish Council at the August Full Council meeting about the proposed changes to the Governance of the Malvern Hills trust; Councillors are urged to attend and make strong representation for Colwall and Herefordshire.

iii) Councillor Carless had attended a meeting of the HALC Eastern Area in which a presentation was undertaken by Balfour Beatty.

10. Date of next meeting:

To confirm the date of the next Full Council meeting, this will be held on Wednesday 31st August 2017 at the Jean Simon Room of Colwall Village Hall
The Chairman closed the meeting at 7.55pm.

Signed: **Date:**