

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 8.15 pm on Wednesday 19th October 2016.

Present: Councillors: Trafford-Roberts (Chairman), Allen, Beard, Butler, Cooper, Haynes, James Kendrick, Rees, Stock.
County Councillor Johnson and the Clerk.

1. Welcome and Apologies:

The Chairman welcomed those present and apologies for absence were received and accepted from Councillors Carless, Cottam and Taylor.

The Chairman welcomed new Councillor Andrew Allen.

The Chairman announced the resignation of Councillor Matt Fraser and the Clerk confirmed Herefordshire Council Electoral Services had been advised accordingly; she is awaiting for a Notice for Casual Vacancy for the 2 current vacancies.

2. Declarations of Interests:

The Chairman reminded Councillors of the need to declare any Personal, Prejudicial or Pecuniary Interests in items on the agenda.

None were declared.

The meeting was adjourned to allow County Councillor Johnson to speak.

Councillor Johnson provided a high level overview including a report that Herefordshire Council are applying to be a Non –Constitutional member of a combined West Midlands Authority.

They are also seeking Grant monies from central government for repairs to the roads in the County.

The meeting was reconvened.

3. Minutes:

The minutes of the last meeting of the Parish Council held on the 28th September 2016 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman with the following noted:-

Colwall library working party's action points had been omitted but would be noted in the minutes from this meeting.

4. Progress Report –

Working Party updates – from the various Working Parties. To include their remit, objective, outputs to date and target end date.

i) Play equipment working group

Councillor Rees reported that Wicksteed and Sovereign Play Equipment had attended site meetings and quotations are currently being prepared for consideration.

ii) Neighbourhood Development Plan

Councillor Stock reported the following:

The former objective of presenting revised proposals to take the Neighbourhood Development Plan forward to Regulation 14 has been delayed following substantial changes to the plots which are to be put forward for development.

iii) Library Working Group

Councillor Kendrick gave the following report:

“Since last Council, there have been some significant developments at a county level that need to be considered.

On 13/10/16 Herefordshire council cabinet considered a series of options for library services going forward. They decided on a model which consolidates the customer service function at Hereford city library, but removes that function from the market towns. It also seeks to increase the number of community libraries and to increase the use of volunteers working within the sector. However it is unclear from discussions amongst the action group and indications from Herefordshire Council staff as to the full extent & intent of these changes.

In Colwall it has not been possible to meet with the Herefordshire as requested, presumably because they have been so busy leading up to this cabinet discussion. The work on the draft specification has continued but in the light of the wider developments this has slowed down whilst we seek clarity on next steps from Herefordshire”.

Action Points - Progress on the review and amalgamation of the Walwyn Trust and Millennium Room Trust is continuing and the Draft Specification for the library remains “ongoing” pending a meeting with Herefordshire Council Library Services (see above).

5. Financial Matters.

i) Colwall Parish Council considered the Income and Expenditure for October 2016, as per the list circulated at the meeting.

IT WAS RESOLVED that the payments should be authorised.

6. Correspondence for processing.**i) Email request to consider a defibrillator in the Parish.**

Councillor Rees reported that

i) Colwall Village Hall has a defibrillator installed and

ii) Hereford & Worcester Community First Responder in conjunction with West Midlands Air Ambulance will also shortly be installing a defibrillator in the village centre (possible venue outside the Colwall Park Hotel).

Whilst this is not a Parish Council project it was considered appropriate for an article to be put in the Clock and also in the Parish Council newsletter when the installation has been completed.

ii) BT Payphones 90 day consultation on the removal of 132 public payphones under used payphones (kiosks) in the County.

3 Payphones in the Parish of Colwall were included in this consultation.

IT WAS RESOLVED that Colwall Parish Council strongly objects to the proposed removal of the 2 telephone boxes in Orlin Road and Jubilee Drive (no's 01684 540409 and 540447).

Orlin Road is remote from the main village, with a high population of elderly residents and the area has very poor mobile network coverage to remove these phone box would completely isolate these residents.

As regards the phone box along Jubilee Drive, this is located along the popular walking area of the Malvern Hills. There are many thousands of visitors and walkers to the hills and to remove these phone boxes could leave visitors without the ability to reach the emergency services should the need arise. The area has patchy mobile phone coverage and the public should be able to have the use of public phone boxes in this area.

Furthermore, one of these two telephone boxes which are current along Jubilee Drive is listed and BT has always said that they would maintain the telephone box as long as the parts for servicing it are available.

In conclusion it is believed that there should be an element of public service and safety in the provision of these 2 phone boxes.

Turning to the Evendine Lane phone box 016684 540211, Colwall WI have proposed the adoption thereof.

iii) Brookmill Flooding

Following a meeting about Colwall Parish Council's proposal Councillor Stock reported that Balfour Beatty had emailed with a response dated 14th October 2016. However, the proposal put forward by Councillor Stock on behalf of Colwall Parish Council had not been correctly understood by Balfour Beatty and he will respond accordingly.

7. Correspondence for Information.

The only item of note was that the Clerk advised that the Solicitors have confirmed that the Deed of Release relating to the Post Office has now been executed and all liability has ceased.

8. Reports of Committees.

i) **IT WAS RESOLVED** that the report from the Village Amenities Committee meeting held on the 5th October 2016 was received, approved and adopted.

ii) **IT WAS RESOLVED** that the report from the Planning & Development Committee meeting held on the 28th September 2016 was 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) Presentation relating to Green Lanes

Councillor Rees had attended this event and reported that it provided a general overview on the matter but did not cover anything specific relating to the Parish of Colwall.

10. Date of next meeting:

To confirm the date of the next Full Council meeting, this will be held on Wednesday 30th November 2016 at the Jean Simon Room, Colwall Village Hall.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.20pm.

Signed: **Date:**