

COLWALL PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of the meeting of Colwall Parish Council held at The Jean Simon Room, Colwall Village Hall, Mill Lane, Colwall at 7.45 pm on Wednesday 1st May 2019.

Present: Chairman – Trafford-Roberts, Councillors Beard: Butler, Cottam, Daniels, Evans, Haynes, Rees, Stock, Stratton, Wiseman and the Clerk.

1. Welcome and Apologies:

The Chairman welcomed those present.

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors James and Lane.

2. Declarations of Interests:

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

None were declared.

3. Minutes:

i) The minutes of the last meeting of the Parish Council held on the 20th March 2019 were agreed as a true and correct record and were signed by the Chairman.

4. Progress Reports –

i) Communication and Public Engagement Working Party – Councillor Evans reported to the Council that a draft action log, refreshed rota, poster for the Parish Surgeries and draft Survey have been circulated to Councillor Rees for her input and thereafter will be circulated to the Councillors.

Councillor Rees is working on the next edition of the Parish Council newsletter and Councillor Cottam is producing the monthly articles for “The Clock”.

ii) Colwall Library- Councillor Cottam reports “I am continuing to chase Jon Chedzoy with regards to recruitment of new volunteers. I was hoping this would have happened by now.

The current Key holders of the Millennium Room “MR” from the MRT are Neil Bowring and Stephen Hart. The working party have been considering who should hold keys going forward once the MRTs involvement ceases. Neil Bowring is happy to remain a key holder and considering his close proximity to the library and good availability this seems a good idea. I am happy to be a second key holder and Rita has also volunteered. Karen has also contacted Sally Neville (who deals with the village hall bookings) to see if she would be interested in helping with administrative aspects of the booking process as although with its current limited use this is not particularly onerous, the working parties hope is to make the MR more appealing to the community to increase its use in future. Sally has already come up with some interesting ideas and I will take this discussion forward with her”.

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Library working party assume control on all matters relating to the Millennium Room and ensure adequate resources are applied to its management.

The Clerk reported that the Deed of Release has progressed and is awaiting the finalised version for execution. Thanks were extended to Councillor Daniels for his work on this.

iii) Brookmill Close Flooding

Councillor Stock report “Roland Trafford Roberts and I met Richard Houlbrooke, the owner, and Joel Hockenhull and Mark Hadley from Balfour Beatty on site on Thursday 18 April at 3pm.

Richard was very supportive of the proposals generally and understood the Parish Council’s approach to supplement the existing piped system with a ditch designed to limit the loss of land rather than satisfy specific criteria.

Balfour Beatty “BB” is still of the opinion they need additional funds from the Environment Agency and therefore must satisfy their design requirements that could take a considerable area of land.

John Stock reminded BB of the origins of the scheme and the need to consider regarding the field so that less land is required for the ditch.

BB agreed to consider further what might be a reasonable scheme in all the circumstances.

Roland Trafford Roberts agreed to ask local ‘metal detectorists’ to locate a manhole in the field that is believed to exist but unfortunately they were unable to locate the manhole”.

5. Financial Matters.

i) Colwall Parish Council considered the Income and Expenditure for April 2019, 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 20th March and the 10th April 2019 be received, approved and adopted.

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9. Representatives on Outside Bodies.

Councillor Evans has joined the Patient Participation Group “PPG” of Colwall Doctors surgery.

Councillor Stock and the Clerk had attended a meeting of the Glover Review of Designated Landscapes – relating to the MHAONB.

10. Date of next meeting:

To confirm the date of the next Full Council meeting, this will be held on Wednesday 29th May 2019 at the Millennium Room, Colwall Library.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 08.14 pm.

Signed: **Date:**