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COLWALL PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER



The 4 year term for the Parish Council ended in May 2019 when elections for a new council were held. As only 11 members of the parish stood for election for the 15 places they were elected unopposed.

We are currently seeking 4 members of the Parish to fill the

vacancies, if you would like join the Parish Council please contact our Parish Clerk for more details or chat to Parish Councillors at our monthly surgery held at the Millennium Room or come along to one of our meetings and see how we work!

The Parish Council is the formal local authority for the Parish of Colwall and operates as the tier of local government closest to the ground. All our councillors work on a voluntary basis to serve the community. The Council discuss, debate and determine actions needing to be taken to represent the best interest of Colwall Parish. We employ a Parish Clerk to run our business efficiently.

Colwall Parish Council Members

Chairman
Councillor Gwyneth Rees

Vice Chairman of the Council and Chairman Finance & General Purpose Committee
Councillor John Stock

Chairman of Planning
Councillor Jim Beard

Chairman of Village Amenities Committee
Councillor Rod Lane

Councillor Edith Haynes

Councillor Wendy Cottam

Councillor John Daniels

Councillor James Wiseman

Councillor Paul Butler

Councillor Rita Evans

Councillor Steve Stratton

Herefordshire Councillor
Tony Johnson

We said Goodbye to Councillors –

Sam Burston: who provided expert advice on Planning Applications,
Ricky James: whose enthusiasm and support has been a vital link between Parishioners and the Council.

Elonka Soros: who was the lead in the newly set up Communications Working Party.
Roland Trafford -Roberts : who left us after 7 years on the Council, the last 4 years as our chairman, we thank him for his stewardship and wise council over the years.

And Hello and Welcome to Councillors –



Why I volunteered to be a Parish Councillor

As a relative newcomer to the Village, my first contact with the Parish Council was when I presented my and my neighbours' representations over a local planning application. I saw how dedicated, knowledgeable and hard working the Planning Committee was with this and other applications. From there I discovered the other responsibilities that the Council bears from footpaths and play areas to working with the County on highway issues. I could see that though a Parish Council has limited powers in some areas, if no-one spoke up for the Village, others would make the decisions for us. So I felt I should be prepared to add my time and effort to helping our voice to be heard.

Rod Lane



Why I volunteered to be a Parish Councillor

Having moved to the village over twenty years ago, my family has grown up here and my wife, Jane, has worked as a teaching assistant at Colwall School for many years. My work meant that I spent long periods abroad, and I missed the warmth of community life; coming back each time meant so much to me. As a consequence of the company I worked being taken over, I was made redundant, allowing me more time to be more active in the village.

So, when I saw the advertisement looking for volunteers, and having had favourable interactions with councillors in the past, I thought this is the opportunity and I volunteered.

Steve Stratton



Thank You To

Colwall Green residents who alerted the Council of the removal of an ancient Oak in the hedgerow, due to disease. The Parish Council were happy to provide a replacement young Oak which has been planted on the Green.

Reports

Neighbourhood Development Plan -

There has been a strong level of public engagement during the consultation process with more than 10% of the voting population contributing written feedback. The Public Meeting in January updated the parishioners on the outcomes of the Regulation 14 consultation so far.

Planning and Development

Committee - The Committee work in close collaboration with the Malvern Hills Trust and Malvern Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. There were 64 applications before the committee last year, from small housing developments to house extensions, garden sheds and garages. 18 applications related to trees. As a Committee we are concerned about the increasing number of requests to fell healthy trees within the Parish.

Village Amenities Committee - The work of this Committee is, in many ways, the more obvious face of the Parish Council. The Committee takes responsibility for the management

of all the recreation areas, The War Memorial garden at St James the Great, Charlie Ballard Nature Reserve and the Railway Gardens. Alongside this the Committee has responsibility for “Aunt Alice”, the Library Building, the Parish Council notice boards, benches and litter bins and arrange for the Christmas lights in the Walwyn Meadow. We also monitor, with our Footpath Officer Cllr Paul Butler and the support of a band of local residents, the condition of all our footpaths. For all of this we also draw on the work of our Lengthsman and Maintenance Operative plus much “behind the scenes” time and efforts by our Councillors.

Communications Working Party - This newly formed Working Party would welcome your comments on how you would like to receive news from the Parish Council and have produced the enclosed questionnaire which they hope Parishioners will complete and return to the drop boxes situated in the Village at the Library, Wallers the Butchers, and Café Morso. In our next newsletter we will share the results with you.



COLWALL PARISH COUNCIL SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS



JULY 3rd	Planning & Development Committee
JULY 24th	Full Parish Council
AUGUST 7th	Village Amenities Committee
AUGUST 14th	Planning and Development Committee
AUGUST 28th	Full Parish Council
SEPTEMBER 11th	Planning and Development Committee
SEPTEMBER 25th	Full Parish Council
OCTOBER 9th	Village Amenities Committee
OCTOBER 9th	Planning and Development
OCTOBER 23rd	Full Parish Council

Parish Council Surgeries

We are starting the Parish Council Surgeries again and they will be held in the Millennium Room at Colwall Library on a Saturdays from 10am until 11.30am each month.

They provide an opportunity for you to meet with Councillors and informally discuss concerns, raise issues and ask questions. We intend to invite our County Councillor, Community Conservation Officer from Malvern Hills Trust and a representative from the Police to attend one of surgeries and the dates for their attendance will be advertised throughout the village.

The dates for Parish Surgeries for 2019

13th July, 10th August, 14th September 12th October and 9th November

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