



COLWALL PARISH COUNCIL SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS



JANUARY 22ND	NDP Meeting
JANUARY 29TH	Full Parish Council
FEBRUARY 5TH	Village Amenities Committee
FEBRUARY 12TH	Planning and Development Committee
FEBRUARY 26TH	Full Parish Council
MARCH 11TH	Planning and Development Committee
MARCH 18TH	Full Parish Council
APRIL 1ST	Village Amenities Committee
APRIL 8TH	Planning and Development
APRIL 29TH	Full Parish Council

Parish Council Surgeries

The Parish Council Surgeries will continue to be held once a month in the Millennium Room at Colwall Library on a Saturdays from 10am until 11.30am each month.

Parish Surgeries Dates for Spring 2020

8th February
14th March
11th April

Contact the Clerk

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COLWALL PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER



Wild Flowers and Highway Verges within the Parish

Many of you will be aware that biodiversity – the variety of life on earth – is in decline. Earlier this year a United Nations report described the rate of this decline as unprecedented in human history. In England there have been huge losses of wildlife-rich areas in the last 100 years, including the disappearance of some 7 million acres (97%) of wildflower meadows – a habitat which is rich in colour and life and supports many pollinating insects which are vital to the agricultural economy. In the face of such losses there is a growing awareness of the importance of roadside grassland as a wildlife habit and of the potential to manage these areas better for nature. Here in Colwall a group of residents are currently exploring what can be done within the parish. Areas of verge which could be left to grow in the summer without compromising

the safety of road users have been identified. A botanical survey of our road verges is planned for next Spring/Summer to inform discussion about whether there areas could be actively managed, for example by adding native wildflower seeds. All options will be discussed with the Parish Council and with those responsible for managing the local verges and it is hoped that there will be opportunities for enhanced areas of grassland so that residents can enjoy more native flowers in the future.

Please come along to one of our Parish Council Surgeries and let us know what you think.

For more information on the project please contact the Malvern Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) Partnership at: aonb@worcestershireshire.gov.uk

Colwall Parish Council Members:

Chairman of Council
Councillor Gwyneth Rees

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

Chairman of Planning
Councillor Jim Beard

Chairman of Village Amenities
Councillor Rod Lane
Councillor Edith Haynes
Councillor Wendy Cottam
Councillor John Daniels
Councillor James Wiseman
Councillor Paul Butler
Councillor Rita Evans
Councillor Steve Stratton
Councillor Shelia Wren
Councillor Paul; Morrissey

Herefordshire Councillor
Tony Johnson

Hello and Welcome to Councillors -



Why I volunteered to be a Parish Councillor

I moved to Colwall with my wife Debbie in May 2019. We previously lived in Eckington near Pershore for twenty years. Having experienced the true values that are associated with village life; we both fully understand the importance of becoming an integral part of the community.

When I saw the advert for vacancies on the Parish Council I realised it would be an excellent opportunity to support other Councillors in managing and protecting both infrastructure and amenities of Colwall village. I am delighted to have been accepted onto the Parish Council and I will endeavour to support the community in whatever way I can. I look forward to meeting some of you personally in due course.

Paul Morrissey



Why I volunteered to be a Parish Councillor

Having grown up in the area and been a Colwall resident for nearly ten years I am delighted to now have the opportunity to serve and support Colwall Parish Council.

I look forward to working with the parish team doing my best for everyone who lives and works in this lovely place.

Shelia Wren

Thank You to

Colwall Orchard Group who sourced fruit trees for the Parish Council which will be planted in Walwyn Meadow, Colwall Green and the Memorial Garden at St. James Church.

Reports

Communications Working Party

The Communications Survey was completed by approximately 10% of the Parishioners and overall the Parish Council Newsletter was considered the best way to communicate with Parishioners, closely followed by the Parish Clock Magazine. Thank you to all who completed the survey. We will also continue to keep you informed of Parish Council News via the Parish Council Web Site: <https://www.colwall.net/>

Amenities Committee

The Village Amenities Committee continue to work for the maintenance and improvement

of our local environment. Recently, amongst other projects, we have arranged for the bench around the tree on Colwall Green to be refurbished, all footpaths to be kept open and way signs clear. After representations from the Parish Council to Balfour Beatty we are pleased to say that all dead wood and mistletoe is due to be removed from the lime trees on Walwyn Road.

Neighbourhood Development Plan

There will be a Public meeting on 22nd January at Colwall Village Hall at 7.30pm to present the Neighbourhood Development Plan to be submitted to Herefordshire Council for Regulation 16 consultation.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING?

Are you a library member and looking for volunteering opportunities? If you enjoy helping others, have a love of books and libraries and are confident using IT the Herefordshire Libraries have volunteer positions available here at Colwall Library.

For more information please email libraries@herefordshire.gov.uk