

Minutes of a meeting of the **COMMUNITY & PARTNERSHIPS COMMITTEE** of Coleshill Town Council held in the Town Hall, High Street, Coleshill on Wednesday 9 October 2019.

PRESENT: Councillor Reilly in the Chair
Councillors: Clayton, Hammond and Richardson
Also present: Cllrs. C. Symonds and Cllr. Wallace.

16 APOLOGIES

There were apologies given by Cllr. Hayfield.

17 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr. Richardson declared a personal interest in Item 20 as he was a director of the Coleshill Heritage Rescue Group.

18 PREVIOUS MINUTES

The minutes of 17 July were proposed by Cllr. Clayton seconded by Cllr. Richardson and **ACCEPTED** as a true record, without amendment.

19 COLESHILL ALZHEIMERS CAFE

At the Full Council meeting on 18th September, Mrs. Diane Davis asked the Council and Hub for support to set up and develop an Alzheimer's Café specifically in Coleshill. This was briefly resolved by asking this committee to discuss taking this forward.

Since then there had been an offer by St. Joseph's Church to host a group free of charge and Mrs. Davis was pleased with that arrangement. Members were content to leave those parties to take the project onwards with the Community and Partnership Manager as relevant. It was also noted that the current Coleshill and Water Orton Memory Café organiser was keen to ensure the new group was seen as complementary rather than competition to that group.

20 HS2 HERITAGE PARTNERSHIP GROUP

The Chairman had provided a paper and its appendices to set out the current position regarding local agreements made by HS2 to recover building materials from the demolition of Coleshill Hall Farm and its outbuildings. It also proposed a way forward to facilitate community engagement and learning arising from HS2's archaeological and heritage works in our North Warwickshire community.

It was understood that the Coleshill Heritage Rescue Group had declined to take the restoration project further, having agreed a number of commitments from HS2 Ltd. That body needed another partner organisation to work with on the next stages. This entailed dismantling the remains of the farm house and barn, removing it to store and then allowing the historic materials to be used on a new construction.

The Chairman had formed the HS2 Heritage Partnership Group, with the assistance and commitment of the Coleshill Civic Society and Warwickshire County Council officers in the heritage and planning functions. It was proposed by Cllr. Clayton seconded by Cllr. Hammond that Coleshill Town Council should join the partnership and this was **RESOLVED** unanimously.

Furthermore, it was unanimously **AGREED** that Cllr. Richardson could be the Town Council's representative. This was on the understanding that he would cease to have any representation on the partnership as a member of CHRG.

21 VE DAY 75 PLANNING

The working group had agreed:

Friday 8th May 2020

Street Party - a 75-yard long street party.

The Croft - to be a focus for entertainment for children (Cllr. Wallace assisting).

The Church - open for refreshments, toilets and shelter.

Green & Yellow Tours - around the church and cemetery focusing on the WWII.

Old Market Hall - The Civic Society to open a WWII collection.

Town Hall Tea Dance -1940's trio the Daisy Belles to perform a concert.

Saturday 9th May 2020

Street parties and celebrations in the pubs to be encouraged (not run by the Council).

Pubs are to be encouraged to run WWII themed entertainment.

Sunday 10th May 2020

10.30am – Church Services of Celebration and Commemoration, including the band.

The Chairman was concerned about the High Street closure from the respect of disruption to bus services /other road users and potential abuse to volunteers or Council staff who might be involved in the control of it. Cllrs. Hammond and Richardson thought a traffic restriction was important for authenticity of a street being closed. There was no consensus on this detail and members decided to give this more consideration.

Cllr. Hammond was congratulated on the programme to date. It was noted that the £1,000 Council budget had already been spent on the Daisy Belles and a piper. Cllr. Clayton proposed and Cllr. Richardson seconded that a further £1,000 of Council reserves be committed to the VE Day 75 project and this was **AGREED** unanimously.

22 HIGH STREET FUND

The projects under progress were:

Community Bus Services

Research has taken place into the Ilfracombe Community Transport Association scheme for a registered local bus service (Ring and Ride) which is carried out in return for a contract payment from the County Council to operate a specified service.

The Chairman was going to progress this idea with Warwickshire County Council Transport and Localities engagement as well as that of Water Orton, Curdworth, Nether Whitacre and Lea Marston parishes, and utilising County Councillor delegated budget and a contact at National Express.

Cycling Forum

Initial enthusiasm has been sought and found to form a group that might link with others in the surrounding villages. A recognised group such as this might, more easily, be able to work together in the Coleshill and district locations. By doing so, it could then inform and lobby the County and Borough Councils on which improvements might be most welcomed.

Initial interest included a handful of residents and Andy Simms, the new owner at Gasgoigne's Cycles is very keen to help.

The **Town Clerk** was authorised to progress this project.

Additional Car Parking

The prospect of a local authority acquiring additional land was investigated at the Bell Inn but it transpired that the owner, Greene King, intended relicensing the outlet. The **Town Clerk** was authorised to progress contact with the owners about the use of part of the car park for public use.

A contact has been made with the Coleshill Social Club to see if any opportunity existed to develop public use of the car park. This was not felt possible as the income from its current charging was quite healthy. It was noted, however, that Coleshill Social Club operated some day time "season ticket" parking arrangements with some town centre employers. If more could be made of this, it would alleviate spaces for the casual visitor to the town centre.

Members felt that a significant movement on car parking would be for the Borough Council to enhance the Church Hill car park in some way and that the Town Council's £30,000 fund might be partly used by way of a contribution if this was possible.

Tourism Strategy

Contacts have been made again with the Warwickshire County Council's Town Centre Network's team to see if there were other towns with support schemes that were proving worthwhile that could be replicated. No reply had been received from that group to date.

The Community Hub was due to open within the next few weeks and would offer some tourism opportunities. The CASPER Delivery Group had started contacting tourism and leisure websites with a view to publicising the town through Green & Yellow Tours and held a small stock of souvenir items.

The Coleshill Local Arts Week (CLAW) had been launched in 2019 and was to be repeated in March 2020 and was designed to encourage footfall to the town for that week.

23 COMMUNITY & PARTNERSHIP MANAGER - UPDATES

The Hub Coordinator vacancy had received over 70 expressions of interest. So far, there were 6 completed applications. The interviews were due to be undertaken on 22 and 23 October.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.40 p.m.

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Chairman