

Coleshill Town Council

Meeting of the **COLESHILL TOWN COUNCIL** held in the Old Courtroom, Town Hall, High Street, Coleshill on **TUESDAY, 29 JUNE 2021** at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: - Cllr. C. Symonds, Town Mayor, in the Chair.

Councillors: -, Axe, Battle, Clayton, Hayfield, Richardson, P. Symonds, Wallace and Wynn.

22/19 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr. Sparkes.

22/20 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

There were no interests declared.

22/21 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 25 MAY 2022

These were proposed to be adopted without amendment by Cllr. Hayfield, seconded by Cllr. Clayton and **ACCEPTED** unanimously.

22/22 MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor had supported Warwick District Council's event at Warwick Castle.

The main focus recently were the 4 days of Platinum Jubilee events. The voluntary organisations and elected members were thanked for their support but particularly Cllr. Battle, who had acted as Town Crier at the weekend. The Mayor hoped to provide an email of pictures and a Coleshill Post feature.

Mr. Peter Farrugia had not been able to attend the Mayor's Awards evening and so the Mayor took the opportunity to present his award for efforts, in a voluntary capacity, to organise life-saving classes. She also presented him with a cheque for £375 to go to the Colour Party's offices, after it had assisted with the Platinum Jubilee beacon bonfire.

22/23 POLICE UPDATE

PCSOs Craig Marshall and Mohsin Yaqub were in attendance to summarise latest issues and answer questions.

Anti-social behaviour had been experienced in the town centre, near Morrisons and at the Memorial Park but some behaviour orders had been issued. One of the issues was the use of electric bikes to disturb the peace, but the police were aware of from where some of these vehicles were coming. There was discussion of retailers giving verbal banning of troublemakers by retailers. These were not enforceable, as business owners needed to issue letters in such cases.

It was recommended that the police representatives should attend the Allotments AGM to speak to as many holders as possible at the same time, in relation to security issues.

Parking controls were a contentious matter as the police were operating on a zero-tolerance basis on ticketing, where illegal parking was observed. The Mayor highlighted issues of limited visibility on Packington Lane due to parked cars. Cllr. Wynn referred to the instances with her mobility scooter and the need to liaise with the Coleshill School.

22/24 HS2 SPECIAL MANAGEMENT ZONE COMMITTEE UPDATE

Messrs. Barry Moore and Peter Rafferty were the Town Council's representative on the HS2 Special Management Zone and updated on their latest discussions with HS2 and BBV Ltd. They were both to meet with Cllr. Axe and HS2 Ltd on 30 June, regarding the coordination of Neighbourhood Plan efforts.

BBV Ltd were due to have a presentation in the Town Hall from 4-7 pm on 30 June and this would include discussion about viaduct design, a subject on which the SMZ had given input. More planting had been requested at a number of locations. The SMZ group had fed back views on the Green Lane embankment and challenged the lack of information on BBV drawings regarding height levels and dimensions.

The representatives were thanked for their attendance and the Mayor suggested that they attend meetings at roughly 12-week intervals to update the councillors.

22/25 PARTICIPATION OF THE PUBLIC

Mr. Steven Graham asked if the wall at Chamberlain Walk could be used for a mural, alongside the footprints. It would depend on owner agreement (the Borough Council had accepted responsibility for that side of the walkway) and funding (the County Council had previously allocated money to Coleshill for the aborted Art Challenge project and might have money left for art).

There were three issues raised by Mrs. Heather Goss: nettles and weeds in front of the Cole Bridge pedestrian walkway when approaching from Lichfield Road, the dangerous Cole End Park steps near the bypass and the uneven ground near the trees behind Chestnut Grove, close to Servite House. None of these issues were Town Council matters but the Mayor and Cllr. Dave Humphreys agreed to look at them from Borough and County Council perspectives.

A tree had been felled near Montford Road, but it was unknown on whose authority. Cllr. Richardson agreed to investigate the details with the Borough Council.

22/26 UPDATE FROM OUTSIDE BODIES

The Simon Lord Digby Trust had appointed Ms. Charlie Painter, formerly the Coleshill Hub Coordinator, as its secretary.

22/27 INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT 2021/22

There had been a report circulated which showed the findings of Ms. Diane Malley, who had raised no issues of concern. As from 1 July, there was a requirement for more information to be displayed for public viewing and the **Town Clerk** was asked to circulate details to members of the additional reporting needed.

22/28 EXTERNAL AUDIT SUBMISSION 2021/22

The Mayor was authorised to sign the Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) for 2021/22, on behalf of the Council. She asked that the other reporting that was due to be submitted to PKF Littlejohn should be made available to members by the **Town Clerk** at the next Finance Update meeting.

22/29 FORMER LEISURE CENTRE SITE

Churchill Retirement Living was considering the purchase of the former Leisure Centre site and had proposed to put a 15m high net on the cricket square side of the drive, rather than on the side where it was planning to build the retirement homes. It sought the agreement of the Town Council and the Cricket Club to do so.

The request had been deferred to this meeting to allow for a members' site visit, which had taken place. It was **RESOLVED** that the Council was not agreeable to the positioning of a net on its land. This resolution was proposed by Cllr. Axe, seconded by Cllr. Wallace and a unanimous vote was taken.

22/30 COLESHILL IN BLOOM ASSISTANCE

Members had requested this item be on the agenda to consider any further Council assistance. However, in view of the absence of any recent Coleshill in Bloom meetings or a request from the group for more help, Cllrs. Axe and Richardson proposed and seconded that no action be taken. To change the current arrangements, an approach by the group was necessary and members **ENDORSED** that approach.

22/31 COLESHILL TOWN BAND GRANT

A request has been made by the committee of the Coleshill Town Band for financial support, as has been given before the pandemic. It had been £1,500 per annum before lockdown.

Cllr. Richardson proposed and Cllr. Battle seconded that the granting be recommenced with immediate effect and that the amount paid should be taken out from the £10,000 Annual Community Grants scheme.

An amended amount of a £2,000 grant was proposed by Cllr. Wallace. This was seconded by Cllr. Axe and members were happy to **ACCEPT** the substantive motion.

22/32 OLD MARKET HALL ROOM CHARGES

Difficulties with renting of the Old Market Hall had been recently experienced, partly because of the water and fat leaking issues and some poor-quality flooring, but also the inconsistencies of some hirer charging, with some on old hire rates and some new. The old rates honoured the sessional charge principle operated by the Civic Society and the new ones were based on the Town Council approach of hourly charges.

One frequent hirer on the new rates had complained about the regular-hire discounted £9.60 per hour charges he was paying, on several weekly sessions. The Mayor proposed that a further 25% discount (to £7.20 per hour) be offered to all such new

hirers but that this should be reviewable after 3 months. This was seconded by Cllr. Clayton and **AGREED** unanimously.

22/33 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

These were the agreed comments to forward to the Borough Council:

Appl. No.	Address	Applicant	Prop. Development	Comment
PAP/2022/0208	108 Coventry Road, Coleshill B46 3EE	Mr Arnold	Works to tree in Conservation Area	No objections.
PAP/2022/0249	10 Birmingham Road, Coleshill B46 1AA	Mr & Mrs Harrison West Midland Tradings Ltd	Proposed entrance porch	No objections.
PAP/2022/0272	Coleshill Methodist Church Coventry Road Coleshill B46 3EE	Mr Toon Coleshill Tree Services Ltd	Works to fell tree in Conservation Area	The Council objected, based on no identified need to fell the tree, rather than pollarding it.
PAP/2022/0300	7, Wheatley Grange, Coleshill, B46 3LZ	Mr Sajid Rahim	Description of Development: Proposed remodelling of property to include double and single storey extensions and new dormer loft conversion and new porch.	There were objections on three grounds: 45-degree rule in relation to no. 8, massing (over 30% increased floor space) and not in keeping with the surrounding area.

Cllr. P. Symonds declared a personal interest in PAP/2022/0300.

22/34 **ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING POINTS**

Members had requested this item be on the agenda. However, it was felt that more information was required on where they were located, the rules in place, current usage and the suitability of siting them on Town Council land.

County Councillor Dave Humphreys advised that the Traffic Regulation Orders were due to be reviewed in November 2022. The matter was deferred.

22/35 **TREE PLANTING ON THE A446 CORRIDOR**

Members had requested this item be on the agenda although there had been no identified owners of the land featured in the Neighbourhood Plan for potential tree

planting. The Mayor agreed to contact the Chief Executive at the Borough Council, Mr. Steve Maxey, with regards to a search for ownership details.

22/36 TOWN CLERK REPORTS

The Ukrainian guests were now being accommodated at the Coleshill Manor the Community and Partnership Manager had helped them extensively with form filling and registering with agencies to help get them settled in the area.

While the water leak problems had continued at the Old Market Hall, the lease transfer was still being resolved between the two sets of solicitors.

Think Active had grant money to allocate to the Town Council and it was proposed that the Old Courtroom could be provided with a TV screen and mounting, to encourage physical activity from exercise groups. Members were content with accepting this provision.

The first Coleshill Business Meeting was due to take place at 5:30pm on 6 July and Cllr. Richardson was to attend as the Town Council's representative.

22/37 ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

Cllr. Wallace raised these items:

- Wall at the back of the Town Hall, adjoining a Sumner Road property.
- Reinstatement of the golden tarmac at the Memorial Park (rear of small play area).
- Stone wall near the Dell becoming unstable.
- Fifield Hall floor repair.
- Repositioning the Chassieu Walk horse to accommodate a tree planting.

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 10:00 p.m.



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Town Mayor