

**COLTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING, WEDNESDAY 3rd FEBRUARY 2021
AT 7:00 PM BY ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCE**

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (Maximum of 20 mins at the beginning of the meeting to hear public questions and comments)

Presentation from company called Spring on proposals for a solar farm project at Colton Mill Farm and Cawarden Springs Farm

(No member of public may address meeting hereafter).

BUSINESS AGENDA

1. To note attendance and receive apologies for absence
2. To receive declarations of interest
3. To approve minutes of meeting held on 13th January by video conference
4. To co-opt new councillor(s)
5. To receive Declaration(s) of Acceptance of Office
6. Chairman's Announcements
7. Payments
 - a) To ratify the following payment (approved in principle at last meeting subject to confirmation from Internal Auditor):
 - i) 1837 St Mary's School PTA (*payee name t.b.c.*) – £600.00
Donation in support of various projects, due to Covid lockdown
 - b) To approve the following payment:
 - i) 1838 Alison James – Clerk's salary, February (239.82); Home working expenses, 3 weeks, 16 Jan – 5 Feb (12.00); Re-imbursment for Zoom licence 26 Jan – 25 Feb (14.39); Re-imbursment for 2nd class stamps (3.96); BGC Clerk salary, 3 mths, 1 Oct – 31 Dec (137.50) less tax (27.50) £380.17

(Total new payments above, for approval this month = £ 380.17)

8. HS2

To consider any developments and agree any action required

9. Planning Matters

- a) To note the following application and any more recent applications and make observations to the Planning Authority:
 - i) 21/00037/FUH – Bellamour Hall, Colton Road, Colton – Single storey extension to side and rear to form ancillary accommodation/granny annexe.
- b) To report on any recent decisions of the Planning Authority
- c) To consider any further action required on application 18/01303/FULM – Proposed gas fired power station on Land North of Bellamour Lane
- d) To consider any action required concerning proposed solar farm project at Colton Mill Farm & Cawarden Springs Farm
- e) To consider any other current planning/enforcement issues

10.Highways & Footpaths

- a) To report on progress and agree any action required:
 - i) Flooding including Blithbury Road and Colton Road by the Yorkshireman and discussions with Environment Agency
 - ii) Enquiries into possible dredging of Moreton Brook below weir
 - iii) Footpath alongside Colton Rd
 - iv) Any other footpath issues
 - v) Further concerns about safety of Blue Wall
 - vi) Safety on corner at junction of Blithbury Rd and Hollow Lane
 - vii) Update on clearing of drains on Bellamour Way
 - viii) Blocked drains under Bellamour Lane bridge
 - ix) Offer from parishioners to litter pick along Colton Rd if PC provides appropriate equipment

11.To consider progress and further action required on proposed new village gating/signs

12.Correspondence

To note items of correspondence received and agree any actions required:

- a) SCC - Regular updates on community testing for Coronavirus (Emails)
- b) Community Foundation of Staffs – Covid-19 lockdown appeal for donations to help community organisations supporting those affected by Covid-19 (Email)
- c) LDC – Council proposing tighter regulations for dog owners (Email)
- d) Staffs Police – ‘Your police. Your voice.’ survey, to give feedback on crime and policing in Staffordshire by Monday 8th February (Email)
- e) Staffs Fire & Rescue – Various community safety flashes about fires in the home and risk factors to avoid (Email)
- f) CPRE – Invitation for anyone to take part in Star Count 2021 between 6-14 February (Email)

13.Committees

To receive any update from Burial Ground Committee

14.Finance and audit

- a) 2020/21 – To receive any update from Clerk on arrangements for interim audit
- b) 2021/22 - To note request submitted to LDC for precept of £11,739
- c) To receive update on amendment to bank mandate.

15.Parish Council matters

- a) To discuss progress on filling vacancies on the parish council
- b) To update on progress with renewal of Heathway grazing licence
- c) To consider suggestion of possible duck race in village in 2021
- d) To update on request from parishioner as to whether there is any land in the parish that could be made available for allotments
- e) To register any interest in SPCA training courses, including Risk Assessment and any suitable for new councillors
- f) To note date of next PC meeting – Wednesday 3rd March at 7.30pm