

**COLTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING, WEDNESDAY 6th OCTOBER 2021
AT 7:30 PM AT COLTON VILLAGE HALL**

Please observe social distancing at all times. Whilst not obligatory, please also consider wearing a face mask whilst moving around the building (if not exempt).

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

(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 1st September
4. Chairman's Announcements
5. Payments
 - a) To ratify the following additional payment made in September, after approval by email:
 - i) 1860 Vision ICT Ltd – Website hosting for 1 October 2021 to 30 September 2022 £150.00
 - b) To approve the following payments:
 - i) 1861 Colton Village Hall – Hall hire for October, November and December meetings £36.00
 - ii) 1862 TGM – 2 invoices for grass cutting in August and September – Village Hall, 4 cuts (368.00); Stockwell Heath, 3 cuts (90.00), Closed BG, 4 cuts (180.00) plus VAT £765.60
 - iii) 1863 SPCA – Councillor Fundamentals course for Nigel Parry £25.00
 - iv) 1864 SLCC – Clerk's annual membership from 1st November £112.00
 - v) 1865 CPRE – Annual membership from 5th November £29.00
 - vi) 1866 Alison James – Clerk's salary, Oct (239.82); Home working expenses, 5 weeks, 4 Sep - 8 Oct (20.00); Re-imburement for set of 4 printer cartridges (34.54); BGC Clerk salary, 1 June - 30 Sept (137.50) less tax (27.50) £404.36

(Total payments above, for ratification or approval this month = £1,521.96)

6. HS2

To consider any developments and agree any action required including

- a) Availability and potential applications for Community and Business Funds
- b) Follow up to letters and questionnaire from HS2 about PC land off Heathway and common land at Stockwell Heath
- c) Request for 'No construction vehicles' signs for 2 routes into the village
- d) Seeking information about height of proposed HS2 bridge at Stockwell Heath and provisions for pedestrians

- e) One to one sessions on offer, virtually and face to face, and compiling questions from PC
- f) Empty properties and hedge cutting at Stockwell Heath

7. Planning Matters

- a) To note the following applications and any more recent applications and make observations to the Planning Authority:
 - i) 21/00359/FULM – Land at Colton Mill Farm and Cawarden Springs Farm, Blithbury Road, Colton – Installation of a 49.9MW ground-mounted photovoltaic solar panels (109,000) and associated infrastructure including sub station, transformers, fencing, CCTV, access track, landscape mitigation and ecological/ecosystem services enhancements – Submission of revised LVIA (Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment) Ecology and Glint and Glare information
 - ii) 21/00998/FUL – Newlands Cottage, Newlands Lane, Blithbury – Erection of a stable block and erection of a riding arena
 - iii) 21/01515/FUH – Greenways, Colton Road, Colton – Two storey extension to rear and side
 - iv) 21/01667/FUH – The Paddocks, Bellamour Way, Colton – Erection of single storey extension to front and side and alterations to dormer windows to front and rear
- 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 update on application relating to mobile home at Moor Lane

8. Highways, Footpaths and Open Spaces

- a) To report on progress and agree any action required:
 - i) Flooding including Blithbury Road and Colton Road by the Yorkshireman and further feedback to Environment Agency
 - ii) Drain and gully clearance around the parish, including response to Highways pinpointing drains of particular concern and recent flooding at Blithbury Road and on Hollow Lane
 - iii) Footpath alongside Colton Rd
 - iv) Any footpath/Rights of Way issues – Access on bridleway Colton 2
 - v) State of service road from Martlin Lane to sewage works
 - vi) Potentially diseased ash trees by B5013 towards Admaston
 - vii) Email of 23/8 from parishioner requesting improved accessibility on footpaths around Colton, including kissing gates to replace stiles where possible.
 - viii) Overgrown hedges on Bellamour Way and near Cregneebar on Hollow Lane
- b) To report on items arising at or since the last meeting:
 - i) Rats at Stockwell Heath pond and response from LDC Environmental Health
 - ii) Email of 21/9 from parishioner about weed cover on Stockwell Heath pond
 - iii) Email of 28/9 from parishioner about state of road at Bellamour End
 - iv) Suggestion from parishioner for responsive speed signs in village
 - v) Question from member of public about weedkilling policy on public highways and footpaths

9. To consider any further action required on proposed new village gating/signs

10. To receive update on enquiries into status of village defibrillator and consider if any further action needed

11. To discuss any arrangements for Remembrance Sunday including road closure notice received for Bellamour Way

12. Correspondence

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

- a) SCC – Road closures in period 11th – 15th October on Hollow Lane and Blithbury Road for mobile carriageway repairs (Email, circulated to cllrs and to be put on noticeboard but received too late for parish magazine)
- b) SCC – Road closure on or about 25th October, 8am – 5pm, on Blithbury Road from its junction with Hollow Lane towards Rugeley for pole works (Email, circulated to cllrs)
- c) SPCA – SPCA/SCC joint update webinar on 27th September, 6-8pm (Email, circulated to cllrs)
- d) Community Foundation for Staffs – New fund for grants to small community and voluntary groups, between £2,000 and £5,000, with focus on young people (Email)
- e) HS2 – Community engagement contact card, with useful contact details (Email, circulated for noticeboard and parish magazine)
- f) HS2 – 6th Community Engagement Public Progress report published (Email)
- g) HS2 – Jobs and Skills webinars, October to December (Email)
- h) LDC – Grants to help protect local homes from flooding (Email, forwarded to Blithbury Rd resident)
- i) LDC – Agreement for dual-stream recycling from 1st April 2022, seeing blue bins retained for glass, cans & plastics and new blue bags for paper and card (Email)
- j) LDC – Extension to the suspension of disabled parking bays to enable al-fresco dining in Lichfield City Centre for another year (Email)
- k) LDC - £1.13million investment to improve LDC's planning service (Email, circulated to cllrs)
- l) NHS – Councillors' briefing on Covid vaccination programme (Email with presentation slides, circulated to cllrs)
- m) SPCA – Weekly bulletins (Emails, circulated to cllrs)

13. Committees

To receive any update from Burial Ground Committee

14. Finance and audit

- a) 2021/22 accounts – To receive the report of income and expenditure compared to budget for the first 6 months of the financial year
- b) 2021/22 accounts – To note Interim Audit visit by Internal Auditor arranged for 12th November
- c) War Memorial - To consider progress on regular inspection and estimate of re-instatement value for insurance
- d) To receive update from Clerk and Chairman on their review of the Risk Assessment and following up on issues raised, including providing for

absence of Clerk, employment contract for Clerk (see also item 15 i)) and possible purchase of fireproof storage cabinet

15. Parish Council matters

- a) To consider producing an additional, shortened, version of minutes for parish magazine
- b) To update on informal meeting, initiated by Mavesyn Ridware PC, to discuss common matters and meet their new clerk
- c) To update on progress with renewal of Heathway grazing licence
- d) To decide when the next tree inspection report should be obtained
- e) To discuss improving village noticeboards and possible bench at top of High St – Consider quotes for noticeboard repairs
- f) To consider ideas/scope for working towards a carbon neutral parish
- g) To register any interest in SPCA and other training courses – any follow up on Nigel Parry's comments after Councillor Fundamentals course
- h) Date of next meeting – Wednesday 3rd November at 7.30pm
- i) To resolve to exclude the press and public, to consider employment contract for Clerk