

## COLTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING, WEDNESDAY 6<sup>th</sup> JULY 2022

AT 7:30 PM AT COLTON VILLAGE HALL

**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 1<sup>st</sup> June 2022

4. Chairman's Announcements

5. Payments

a) To ratify details of payment approved at previous meeting:

- i) 1906 Birmingham Drain Services Ltd – Hire of tanker & operatives for 1 day for drain clearing and disposal of arisings (865.00) plus VAT (173.00) £1,038.00

b) To approve the following payments:

- i) 1907 TGM – Grass cutting, late April and May – Village Hall areas, 1 or 2 cuts (109.00); Stockwell Heath, 1 cut (30.00); Area by brook bridge, 1 cut (60.00); Closed BG, 2 cuts (90.00) plus VAT (57.80) £346.80
- ii) 1908 Alison James – Clerk's salary, July (315.33); Home working expenses, 5 weeks, 4 Jun – 8 Jul (20.00); BGC Clerk salary, 1 Apr - 30 Jun (137.50) less tax (27.50) £445.33

(Total of all payments above is £1,830.13)

c) To note the following payments which will be required in August and authorise them to be approved by email when received and then ratified at September meeting:

- i) TGM for grass cutting in June and possibly July
- ii) Clerk's PC salary and reimbursements for August
- iii) Any other payments falling due, provided in line with approved budget

6. HS2

To consider any developments and agree any action required including

- a) Various outstanding queries raised with Liz Davis
- b) Re-arrangement of meeting with HS2 and Environment Agency to discuss flooding issues
- c) Enforcing correct routes for construction vehicles
- d) Ideas for environmental action to link with Carbon Neutral Colton

7. Planning Matters

a) To note any applications received and make observations to the Planning Authority:

- i) 22/00806/HST – Land in the vicinity of Hamley Heath, Jonghams Lane, Hamley Heath, Rugeley – Earthworks (Schedule 17, paragraph 3): The

creation of 3 ecological mitigation ponds, an associated area of raised ground levels, 2 associated bunds, 6 permanent gates and permanent fencing (Area 4, application 7) – On last agenda as a pre-application with reference 22/00639/PREHST but now an application.

- ii) 22/00868/HST2A – Land in the vicinity of Stockwell Heath, Newlands Lane, Blithbury, Rugeley – Schedule 17 Phase 2a application Area 3 (application 6): Earthworks required for the creation of 6 ecological mitigation ponds and associated area of raised ground levels, the location of permanent fencing and 3 permanent gates
- b) To note additional comments submitted re application 21/00817/FUL for Redevelopment of site and additional industrial units etc. at Heavy Plant Services, Colton Road
- c) To report on any recent decisions of the Planning Authority
- d) To consider any further action required on application 18/01303/FULM – Proposed gas fired power station on Land North of Bellamour Lane
- e) 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 Environment Agency's modelling of brook flow
  - ii) Drain and gully clearance around the parish
  - iii) Any footpath/Rights of Way issues
  - iv) Rats at Stockwell Heath pond and any response from LDC Environmental Health
  - v) Erosion of path alongside Moreton Brook - Enquiries about land ownership
  - vi) Safety issues at junction of B5013 and Bellamour Lane
  - vii) Action on weeds on pavements around village, particularly High St
  - viii) Condition of road surface on Newlands Lane

#### 9. To consider progress on installation of new village signs including quote from SCC's own contractor

#### 10. To discuss action on Climate Change and working towards Carbon Neutral Colton

#### 11. To consider outcome and expenditure on the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations in the parish

#### 12. To consider request of 13 June from parishioner for PC to fund supply and ongoing emptying of dog waste bins around village

#### 13. Correspondence

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

- a) SPCA – Draft welcome pack of Powerpoint slides for new clerks and councillors (Email, circulated to councillors)
- b) Staffs Police – Launch of its new local policing model for the county, bringing 'significant investment in the number of officers responding locally' (Email, circulated to cllrs)
- c) HS2 – Update on local works activity engagement, Festival of Archaeology 16<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup> July, and Forestry Commission update including funding opportunities for woodland planting; also general Project Update newsletter
- d) HS2 – Closure of A38 southbound slip road at Streethay for 15 months from 1 August (Email, circulated to cllrs)

- e) HS2 – Phase 2a Local Area Engagement Plan, 2022 (Email, circ. to cllrs)
- f) NALC – Update newsletter on Civility and Respect Project (Email)
- g) SCC – Details about registration for Summer Holiday Activities and Food programme, for children receiving free school meals (Email)
- h) SPCA – Weekly bulletins (Emails, circulated to cllrs)

#### 14. Committees

To receive any update from Burial Ground Committee

#### 15. Finance and audit

- a) 2021/22 – To receive update on progress with Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) including submission of Certificate of Exemption to external auditors

#### 16. Parish Council matters

- a) To update on progress with advertising and filling councillor vacancy
- b) To update on arrangements for functioning without elected chairman and who could carry out various tasks including holding keys and payment for magazine delivery
- c) Farmers' spraying pesticides and impact on bees (item raised by councillor)
- d) Date of next meeting – Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm (No meeting in August)