

COLTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING, WEDNESDAY 1st FEBRUARY 2023
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 4th January
4. Chairman's Announcements
5. To co-opt David Grewer as a councillor and receive Declaration of Acceptance of Office
6. Payments

- a) To approve the following payments:
 - i) 1923 Cancelled
 - ii) 1936 Cllr R Birkin – Reimbursement for replacement defibrillator batteries £29.99
 - iii) 1937 Alison James – Clerk's salary, February (336.13); Home working expenses, 4 weeks, 7 Jan – 3 Feb (16.00); Reimbursement for bank payment on 26 Jan to magazine delivery girl for February (20.00) £372.13

(Total of new payments above is £402.12)

7. HS2

To consider any developments and agree any action required including

- a) Annual meeting of Phase 2a Highways subgroup between HS2, DfT, Highways authorities and parish councils - Rerun on 1st February
- b) Flooding issues including land ownership/tree planting and flooding at top of High Street/Newlands Lane – Recent correspondence with Balfour Beatty
- c) Initiative to progress projects and applications for funding from Community and Environment Fund – Feedback from meeting on 10 January

8. Planning Matters

- a) To note any applications received and make observations to the Planning Authority:
 - i) 22/01660/FUL – Lea Hall Farm, Lea Lane, Rugeley – Creation of a new access track from the main access to original farmhouse (LDC deadline has passed – response of 'no comments' submitted by PC)
- b) To report on any recent decisions of the Planning Authority

9. Highways, Footpaths and Open Spaces

- a) To report on progress and agree any action required:
 - i) Any flooding or drain issues – Blocked drain near brook bridge
 - ii) Rats at Stockwell Heath pond - Any update from LDC Environmental Health
 - iii) Erosion of path alongside Moreton Brook - Enquiries about land ownership and possible landscaping options

- iv) Action on improving appearance of village
- v) Litter alongside Colton Road and date for a litter picking event
- vi) Website message of 20 October from parishioner about various highways issues
- vii) Report to LDC of unstable wall on Bellamour Way
- viii) Mud at side of Bellamour Lane near Bellamour Corner
- ix) Arrangements for additional road gritting
- x) Parking issues in the village
- xi) Enquiry from landowner about fencing off public footpath

10. To consider progress on installation of new village signs

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

12. To consider progress on reducing dog fouling around village

13. Correspondence

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

- a) SCC – Temporary road closure on Blithbury Road, by Old Wood Farm, on Tuesday 21st March for pole testing (Email, sent to parish magazine)
- b) HS2/Balfour Beatty – Phase 2a Early Environmental Works update (Email, circulated to cllrs)
- c) Rural Services Network – Encouragement to complete Rural Cost of Living Survey as research shows rural costs are higher than urban (Email, circulated to cllrs)
- d) CPRE Staffs – News for parish councils (Email, circulated to cllrs)
- e) LDC – Local Design Code workshops in March for anyone interested in contributing to criteria for design for housing development in the district (Email)
- f) Local Govt Boundary Commission – Details of a consultation on council divisions and division boundaries for Staffordshire County Council (Email)
- g) SPCA – Weekly bulletins (Emails, circulated to cllrs)

14. Committees

To discuss future arrangements for managing the burial grounds and the Burial Ground Committee – Information from follow up enquiries

15. Finance and audit

- a) To confirm submission of VAT claim for 2020/21 financial year (£766.56) and imminent submission of 2021/22 claim (£1258.54)
- b) To confirm submission of precept request for 2023/24 to LDC
- c) To hear progress on updating bank mandate with additional signatories and discuss setting up internet banking
- d) To review the PC's risk assessment
- e) To note completion of renewal of grazing licence for land at Heathway

16. Parish Council matters

- a) To discuss how to fill councillor vacancies and prepare for May 2023 parish elections – Clerk booked on SPCA course
- b) To discuss any further arrangements needed for maintenance and registration of the defibrillator
- c) To discuss arrangements for a village event this year

- d) To discuss best dates and time for future PC meetings
- e) Date of next meeting – Wednesday 1st March at 7.30pm