

COLTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING, WEDNESDAY 5th APRIL 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 the public may address the meeting hereafter)

BUSINESS AGENDA

1. To note attendance and receive apologies for absence
2. To receive declarations of interest
3. To approve minutes of the meeting held on 1st March
4. To note resignation of Cllr David Grewer
5. Chairman's Announcements
6. Payments

a) To approve the following payments:

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| i) | 1943 | SPCA – Annual membership 23/24 including NALC affiliation | £231.03 |
| ii) | 1944 | Alison James – Clerk's salary, April (336.13); Home working expenses, 5 weeks, 4 Mar – 7 Apr (20.00); Reimbursement for bank payment on 29 Mar to magazine delivery girl for April (20.00); BGC Clerk salary, 1 Jan – 31 Mar (137.50) less tax (27.50) | £486.13 |
| iii) | 1945 | TGM – Gritting of various roads on 8 and 14 March (150.00) plus VAT | £180.00 |

(Total of new payments above is £897.16)

7. HS2

To consider any developments and agree any action required including

- a) Feedback from quarterly update meeting between HS2 and local parish councils on 8th March
- b) Letter from Kier about schedule of non-intrusive surveys on PC land at Heathway and common land by Stockwell Heath pond
- c) Flooding issues including land ownership/tree planting and flooding at top of High Street/Newlands Lane
- d) Initiative to progress projects and applications for funding from Community and Environment Fund

8. Planning Matters

- a) To note any applications received and make observations to the Planning Authority:
 - i) 23/00315/FUL – 6 Williscroft Place, Bellamour Way, Colton – Extension of neighbouring dropped kerb
 - ii) 23/00190/COU – 8 Old Wood Farm, Blithbury Road, Colton – Conversion and alteration of agricultural buildings to form 1 dwelling and ancillary annex
- b) To report on any recent decisions of 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 - Approved

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) Litter picking event on Saturday 8th April
 - v) Mud at side of Bellamour Lane near Bellamour Corner
 - vi) Additional road gritting
 - vii) Parking issues in the village
 - viii) Parishioner's reports about potholes on Newlands Lane and Blithbury road sign

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 including proposed banners

13. Correspondence

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

- a) HS2 – Overnight road closures on Jonghams Lane 9pm-5am and occasional daytime temporary traffic lights on B5013 between 20th March and 22nd April (Email, circulated to cllrs)
- b) SCC – Notice of blanket order for preventative pre-patching works requiring one way traffic and 10mph speed restriction on various roads between 1st May 2023 and 30th April 2024 including A51 at Brereton Hill and B5013 Colton Road and Uttoxeter Road (Email, circulated to cllrs)
- c) VHMC – Notification of price rise for Village Hall hire from 1st April (Email, circulated to cllrs)
- d) HS2 – Presentations, including early environmental works and land possessions, from quarterly update meeting with local parish councils (Email, circulated to cllrs)
- e) The Community Foundation for Staffs – Information about 'The Big Help Out' to promote volunteering as part of the celebrations of the Coronation (Email, circulated to cllrs)
- f) The Community Foundation for Staffs – Grants of up to £1,000 available from the We Love Lichfield Fund (closing date 30th April) for local organisations providing services to, or improving the lives of, local people (Email)
- g) SPCA – Weekly bulletins including updated JPAG practitioner's guide (Emails, circulated to cllrs)

14. Committees

To discuss future arrangements for managing the burial grounds and the Burial Ground Committee including response to approach suggested by Cllr Noel Talbot

15. Finance and audit

- a) To note receipt of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) for 2022/23 from the external auditors Mazars
- b) To confirm terms of instruction of contractors for grounds maintenance for 2023 season

- c) To hear report on actions from PC's risk assessment
- d) To consider installation of an additional defibrillator at the top end of the village

16. Parish Council matters

- a) To hear update on arrangements for the May 2023 parish elections
- b) To hear response from PLT about receiving feedback from PC nominees
- c) To further discuss arrangements for village Coronation celebrations
- d) To discuss arrangements for Parish Assembly social evening on Thursday 25th May
- e) To agree preferred option for Clerk's PC laptop upgrade or replacement
- f) Date of next meeting – Thursday 11th May (time to be agreed) including Annual Council Meeting.

N.B. Different day to usual due to requirements post elections