

COLTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING, WEDNESDAY 3rd JANUARY 2024

AT 7:30 PM (APPROXIMATELY) AT COLTON VILLAGE HALL

(to follow Burial Ground Committee meeting starting at 7:00 PM)

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 6th December
4. Chairman's Announcements
5. Payments

- a) To confirm details of following payment agreed at December meeting:
 - i) 1985 St Mary's Church – Contribution to 2023 costs of mowing Pedley's Croft £200.00

- b) To approve the following payments:
 - i) 1986 TGM – Grounds maintenance in November – Closed BG – Hedge cut (92.70) and strimming of wildlife area (61.80) plus VAT (30.90) £185.40
 - ii) 1987 M.B. Contracts – Strimming of footpath from Colton to Rugeley (50.00) plus VAT (10.00) £60.00
 - iii) 1988 Alison James – Clerk's salary, January (356.93) Home working expenses, 3 weeks, 9 Dec – 5 Jan excl. 1 week of leave (12.00); Reimbursement for bank payment to magazine delivery girl for January, set up for 28 Dec (20.00); BGC Clerk salary for 1 Oct – 31 Dec (137.50) less tax (27.50) £498.93

(Total of new payments for approval is £744.33)

6. HS2

To consider any developments and agree any action required, including update on annual Phase 2a Highways Subgroup meeting

7. Planning Matters

- a) To note any applications received and make observations to the Planning Authority: None received before issue of agenda before Christmas
- b) To report on any recent decisions of the Planning Authority:
 - i) 23/00263/FUL – 1 Lea Croft, Colton – Demolition of existing dwelling and garage and erection of replacement dwelling and garage block – Approved (based on amended plans of October and November 2023 and with certain conditions)

8. Highways, Footpaths and Open Spaces

- a) To report on new issues or progress and agree any action required:
 - i) Flooding – any further issues
 - ii) Parking issues in the village

- iii) Potential joint hire of road sweeper with PCC and Burial Ground Committee
- iv) State of Narrow Lane (at end of Heathway)
- v) Issue of speeding in the village raised by parishioners, suggested set up of Community Speed Watch and other potential measures to reduce speeding
- vi) Action to clear and maintain local rights of way
- vii) Condition of benches near the phone box and the Closed Burial Ground
- viii) Improving the appearance of the parish and jobs for parish handyperson
- ix) Parking arrangements in the vicinity of the school at start and finish times

9. To discuss progress on arrangements for a parish event in June 2024 including potential meeting of those involved

10. To consider progress on reducing dog fouling around village

11. To discuss ideas to raise profile of PC on social media and with younger generation

12. Correspondence

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

- a) Staffs Commissioner for Police, Fire & Rescue and Crime - Have your say on the amount you pay towards Police and Fire & Rescue services in Staffordshire – consultation with closing date of 4th January (Email, circulated to cllrs)
- b) Community Foundation for Staffs – Winter update newsletter (Email)
- c) Keep Britain Tidy – January is 'Buy nothing new' month (Email)
- d) SPCA – Weekly bulletins including training programme for 2024 (Emails, circulated to cllrs)

13. Committees

To note any update from Burial Ground Committee following prior meeting

14. Finance and audit

- a) To hear report from Clerk on progress with interim audit by internal auditor
- b) To sign proposed 2024/25 precept request to LDC for submission by deadline of 19th January
- c) To hear update on latest grazing licence from October
- d) To hear any update on banking – Required revisions to PC's bank mandate; internet banking

15. Date of next meeting – Wednesday 7th February at 7.00pm