



## **Colnbrook with Poyle Parish Council**

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### **Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held at Colnbrook Village Hall 1<sup>st</sup> June 2021 Commencing at 7.30pm.**

**Present:** Cllr A Escott (in the chair), Cllrs Babuta, Bedi, John, Oakley, Rana, Richardson, Smith  
23 members of the public

PM/21/001 **Cllr Rana as outgoing Chair welcomed those in attendance.**

PM/21/002 **Receive and Approve Apologies for Absence: No apologies were received.**

PM/21/003 **Declarations of Interest:** none were made.

PM/21/004 **To Approve Notes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 21st May 2019**  
Minutes of the previous meeting had been available on the Parish Council's website. Residents noted that they were not aware of this and therefore could not agree the minutes. This item was deferred.

PM/21/005 **Update from Outgoing Chair**  
Cllr Naveed Rana took residents through a presentation he had prepared. This included updates about the testing centre in the Village Hall and various events that he had attended in his capacity as Chair of the Parish Council.  
In addition, Cllr Rana updated residents on the Chair's awards he had presented to members of the community for their work during the CV19 pandemic.  
The full presentation would be available on the PC's website.

PM/21/006 **Colin Bolton – Swan Radio**  
Colin shared with residents that Swan Radio was continuing into its third year as our local, non-profit radio station, covering Colnbrook, Wraysbury, Datchet and Old Windsor. The station broadcasts 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and has played an important part in keeping communities connected during the pandemic.  
The station relies on volunteers and has struggled with fund raising during the pandemic. Anyone who would like to see the studio is welcome to come along once restrictions are lifted.  
A DAB licence will be applied for when available.

**PM/21/007 Public Session:**

Several members of the public made contributions to the Parish Meeting.

They expressed concerns relating to:

- The functioning of the Parish Council
- A member of the public had arranged boards in the hall in relation to what he stated the Parish Council should be doing and encouraged residents gathered to review them
- Visibility of Parish Cllrs during the pandemic
- How the Parish Council was communicating and keeping residents informed
- Residents would like to have more information about issues that were raised with follow up information provided
- Issues relating to fly tipping were raised as an ongoing problem in Colnbrook, particularly around the village hall and on Drift Way – but many other places
- Concerns were raised about the state of some listed buildings, specifically the Star & Garter and the Red Lion pub
- Speeding through the village and HGVs through the Village were noted as an ongoing concern including safety on the roads around our schools.
- Some residents were not happy with how Parish Cllrs were interacting with each other during the meeting and stated they were not interested in Cllrs arguing with each other and just wanted things sorted out
- A member of the public called for a vote of no confidence in the Parish Council. 19 residents / Cllrs were in agreement.

(It was explained to the residents gathered that this was noted and understood, but had no democratic authority to remove Parish Cllrs).

**PM/21/008 Cllr Dexter Smith provided residents with an update as Ward Cllr.**

This included comments about the precept, the Borough Council and how the Parish Council was operating.

The Chair, Cllr Escott thanked the residents for attending and providing their feedback, acknowledged the feelings of the residents and all of the passionate comments that were made.

The meeting closed at 9.38pm.