



Colnbrook with Poyle Parish Council

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Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held at Colnbrook Village Hall On Tuesday 22nd March 2022, commencing at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllr A Escott (in the chair), Cllrs Bedi, Bennet, John, Oakley, Small and Smith

In attendance: The Locum Clerk, Mrs J Cadman

1 member of the public

PC/22/034 **Chair's Welcome:** the Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for attending this re-arranged meeting.

PC/22/035 **Receive and Approve Apologies for Absence:** apologies were received from Cllrs Babuta and Rana

PC/22/036 **Declarations of Interest:** Cllr Smith declared an interest in the 20 is Plenty item on the agenda as he had been involved in the campaign for some time.

PC/22/037 **Public Session**
No questions from the member of the public present.
Cllr Bedi asked the member of the public where he lived and tried to ascertain if he was a resident of Colnbrook.

PC/22/038 **Minutes:** - Members approved as a correct record the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held Tuesday 15th February.

Proposed by Cllr Escott, Seconded by Cllr Oakley, all in favour.

Matters Arising from the Minutes

None were raised.

PC/22/039 **Planning**

P/10193/001 5 Sherborne Close, Colnbrook

Conversion of existing garage into habitable room (lounge and diner)

P/19881/000 26 Cottesbrooke Close, Colnbrook

Construction of a single storey side and rear extension

Members had no objections to these applications.

PC/22/040

Casual Vacancy

Applications are still awaited. This item will remain on the agenda until the vacancy is filled.

PC/22/041

Model Standing Orders

Nine councillors are required to be present in order for the Standing Orders to be adopted. This item will remain on the agenda.

Cllr Smith reminded Members that it had also been intended to update the Council's Code of Conduct.

PC/22/042

Youth Engagement

The Chair reminded Members that Tony Rawlings had attended a meeting to talk about youth engagement. A motion had been passed to fund an intensive youth engagement programme over 15 weeks, at 10 hours a week, aimed particularly at the travelling community and disengaged young people. This programme will start at the beginning of April.

Tony had asked what the Parish Council would like to see, and it was agreed that the goals would be: graduation to the Green Team run by Groundwork South, and a more regular attendance at school, potential participation at community events such as the litter pick.

PC/22/043

Finance and Policy Committee

- a) *Update from the Chair of Finance:* none was received.
- b) *Payment Sheet 11:* members ratified the payments stated, after the addition of a payment of £54.55 to Cllr Bennet for carol singing expenses. Proposed by Cllr Escott, seconded by Cllr Oakley, all in favour.
- c) *Income and payments:* the Clerk tabled the cost centre report to the end of September. It was agreed that it was a much clearer format.
- d) *Bank reconciliation to 31st January:* **deferred**

- a) There was no report to be tabled, as it had not been possible to hold a meeting in February.
- b) Cllr Bennett updated the meeting as follows:
 - i. Recreation ground: A meeting had been held with our contractor. There were still some items missing, such as the seat for the zip wire. The contractor has given some ideas for some changes, and these will be discussed at the Services committee meeting in April.
 - ii. Christmas lights: the contractor has recommended that these are considered now.
 - iii. Green flag judging: this will take place in July. It is important to move forward with refurbishments now in order to pass this inspection. It was noted that the dog faeces bins let the area down last year.
 - iv. Painting: Cllr Smith suggested that, if this is to be done in phases, that the first phase should be seats and benches.
 - v. Flag: the flag in the Memorial Garden is hanging by one corner, probably as a result of storm damage.

PC/22/045 **Newsletter**

The Chair had discussed the options with the printer, as the last newsletter had used the majority of the annual budget.

The proposal is to produce 3 newsletters a year, with a total budget of £9,000, £3,000 a newsletter. The alternatives are:

- a) Some quality and size newsletter as before, but with 12 pages
- b) An A5 newsletter with 24 pages, slightly lesser quality paper.

In order to bring design costs down and keep within the budget, it will be necessary to do some of the layout work in-house, and the Chair was happy to do this and to share the file for comments.

Cllr Bedi recorded her disappointment that the Chair had held these discussions with the printer without including her. She pointed out that she had always collated the newsletter on behalf of the Parish Council and stated she had been discriminated against on that basis. She noted that she had also been left out of the recreation ground discussions. The Chair replied the quotes circulated by Cllr Bedi had not included the design costs, which could be c£1300 in addition to the quotes.

The Chair confirmed that 2900 is sufficient, and the printers usually produce more, which are given to the shops.

Members **agreed** on Option b, an A5 newsletter with 24 pages.

Cllr John will write a tribute to Cllr Richardson, first seeking permission from his family.

PC/ 22/046 **20 is Plenty Campaign**

The Parish Council resolved to support the CCA's 20's Plenty Campaign, with an initial financial sum of £529.00 for the production of banners for the campaign and to reward Colnbrook's children for their brilliant artwork, incorporated into the banner design. This initial sum is now ratified by the Parish Council following agreement in principle at the February full Council meeting.

Introducing the motion, originally planned to be moved by the Chair, Cllr Escott asked Cllr Smith if he would like to move the motion due to his involvement. Cllr Smith accepted

The Parish Council recognised that residents are deeply concerned about speeding traffic through areas of the Ward, including the High Street, Park Street, and the Bath Road. As such, the Parish Council resolved to actively support the ongoing 20's Plenty Campaign and to lobby Slough Borough Council in collaboration with the CCA, in addition to exploring other opportunities to calm speeding traffic, including engaging with our neighbourhood police and the feasibility of purchasing and using speed indicator devices.

The Parish Council formally noted our thanks to Vicki Brenner and the CCA for the incredible work that has been done to bring the 20's Plenty Campaign to life, and all the children who created drawings for the banners. The Parish council appreciated being given the opportunity to support, and collaborate with an important community group for the benefit of Colnbrook's residents.

Moved: Dexter Smith. Seconded: Kashan Bennett All in favour.

PC/22/047 **Jubilee Celebrations:**

It was noted that the community groups had plans for the weekend, and that the Parish Council wishes to support them.

Members discussed the following:

- i. A beacon is not feasible as there is no ground high enough
- ii. It would be a good idea to purchase more bunting
- iii. Possibly plant a tree to mark the occasion, and add a plaque. However, the tree planting would have to be done in the autumn, although it was noted that it would still be Jubilee year. The Mayor could be invited. It was agreed that a flowering specimen would be a good choice. Cllr Oakley undertook to circulate the link to the Woodland Trust website.
- iv. Heathrow Rangers have planted daffodils and they look lovely. Perhaps consider planting something that flowers on the Coronation anniversary each year.
- v. Perhaps consider sponsoring toilets for events

It was agreed to leave activities to the community groups but to do something more permanent, such as a bench, to be placed at Westfields or Brands Hill. It was also agreed to support the community groups and get involved in their activities.

It was noted that most of the events are in Colnbrook, and other areas need to be encouraged.

Bunting through the village and also at Brands Hill was discussed, together with a proposal to use hanging baskets of flowers instead. The current contract will be considered.

The Chair asked all members to bring ideas to the next meeting.

PC/22/048 **Neighbourhood Action Plan**

Members agreed to adopt the Draft Plan. It was further agreed that any item requiring expenditure should be discussed at full Council and that the Plan will remain a permanent agenda item for update and discussion.

PC/22/049 **Areas of Responsibility**

- a. Colnbrook Village Hall Trust – Cllr Bedi: the website has been updated and a bookings calendar has been added.
- b. Berkshire Association of Local Councils/ HALC – Cllr Escott: Nothing to report
- c. Local Focus Forum: - Cllr Bennett/Cllr Bedi: this has returned to a form of normality. Flights are increasing, but queues continue to be a problem because of C19 checks.
- d. SBC Audit & Corporate Governance Committee – Cllr Escott: no meetings had been held.
- e. Colnbrook Residents Association – Cllr Babuta: a Son et Lumiere event was to be held on Friday 25th March at Colnbrook Museum.

- f. Neighbourhood Action Group – Cllr Escott:
 - i. at the recent meeting, which the police attended, there was a lot of discussion about speeding through the village and how the police could help. Their resources are severely depleted.
 - ii. There is a lot of concern about the crossing at the school and residents talked about enforcement cameras and how speed could be controlled at this point. The police can issue a warning, and speed indicator signs can be erected.
 - iii. There was discussion regarding the ‘Clean Up Colnbrook’ event on Saturday, run in collaboration with all community groups and Slough Borough Council.
 - iv. Residents were concerned about the airport parking around this area and around Poyle. Enforcement measures were discussed and an investigation is ongoing into whether this is a trading standards issue.
 - v. Street furniture: Highways will be asked to deal with this, but if they cannot then NAG will take it on
 - vi. There has been a spate of thefts of catalytic converters. It is clearly organised crime and the perpetrators are very violent. They should not be approached or tackled by residents because this can be very dangerous
- g. Flood Action Group – Cllr Rana: nothing to report
- h. Westfield Residents Association – Cllr Kahlon/Cllr Bennett/Cllr Viridi: nothing to report.
- i. Conservation Area Sub-Committee – Cllr Babuta/Cllr Bennett/Cllr Bedi: this group had not yet met.

PC/22/050 **Chairman’s Questions and Correspondence**

- a) CAST: plan a group sing-along and will charge a nominal amount for tickets. The Chairman’s allowance will support this event but may not be needed and any profits will return to CAST. It will take place at 2pm on the 24th April. Cllr Joyce suggested using Art Council funding.
- b) Police Surgeries: It had been planned to hold one a month in Colnbrook and one in Westfield. So far, the police had managed only two, as they are very understaffed.
- c) Health and Wellbeing Slough: Becs is working on this, and is aiming for an event on the 30th April, together with a Council surgery and a police surgery. The cost of hiring the Centre will be met from the Chairman’s allowance.

PC/22/051 **Date of next meeting:** Tuesday 19th April 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 9.05pm.