



Colnbrook with Poyle Parish Council

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Chair of the Council
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Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held at Westfield Community Centre On Thursday 29th September 2022, commencing at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllr A Escott (in the chair), Cllrs P Bedi, J John, S Oakley, D Smith (arriving at 8.30pm)
1 member of the public

In attendance: The Locum Clerk, Mrs J Cadman

PC/22/125 Chair's welcome

The Chair welcomed all present, hoped they had enjoyed the summer and were ready for work again, and reminded them of the local elections next May.

PC/22/126 Receive and Approve Apologies for Absence: apologies were received from Cllrs Bennett, Rana, Ghafoor and Small.

PC/22/127 Declarations of Interest: none were made.

PC/22/128 Public Session

- a) *Website:* is not up to date. The Chair advised that she had experienced a problem with her technology but would be doing this shortly.
- b) *Noticeboards:* are not up to date. The Chair would be dealing with these shortly, but also agreed to give a key to any other councillor who could help.
- c) *Youth workers from SBC:* they had been out and about, engaging with the young people of the parish. They hold a regular Wednesday evening event in the recreation ground.
- d) *Footpaths:* it is unclear where the public footpaths are in the parish. Members advised on some of the more central ones.

Neighbourhood Policing update: the neighbourhood police force is very undermanned at present and no report was available.

PC/22/129 Minutes: - Members approved as a correct record the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held Tuesday 19th July 2022.

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

Matters Arising from the Minutes

- a) *Clock*: the Clerk will ask the contractors why it keeps breaking down, when it is under a maintenance contract. The Clerk will seek another contractor.
- b) *Police surgery*: very difficult to organise at the moment because of the shortage of officers. The Chair will investigate whether it is possible to organise one. Cllr John will investigate using the Methodist church as a venue.
- c) *Albany Park*: The Chair will discuss with Matties.
- d) *Noticeboards*: will be updated shortly.
- e) *Communications*: noted.
- f) *Vandalism at playground*: deferred.

PC/22/130 Planning

P/09881/010 Unit 3 Blackthorne Road, Slough

Submission of details pursuant to condition 4 (watching brief) and condition 11 (root barriers detail) of planning permission P/09881/008 dated 29/8/2019

No objection

X/00049/001 Bath Road, Colnbrook

Prior approval application for the installation of a 15.0m Phase 8 Monopole C/W/wrapround cabinet at base and associated ancillary works

Members to review plans and advise clerk of their views

P/11219/020 Valor Park Mathisen Way

Installation of a 'Envirocube' 20,000 litre fuel tank and 'armco' barriers

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P/12720/010 307-311 Colnbrook by-pass

Submission of details pursuant to condition 3 (materials) of planning permission P/12720/009 dated 22/4/22

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PC/22/131 Community Art Classes

Cllr John advised that art classes have re-started. She will arrange for a representative to attend the next meeting.

PC/22/132 Working with CCA/SBC

The Chair said that she was happy to support the *20 is plenty* campaign but would prefer to give financial support to SBC rather than CCA. Cllr Bedi was of the view that it would be better to work with CCA, as they have the trained volunteers.

The Chair undertook to talk to Vicki and discuss measures of success. It was noted that a grant request of £1000 had been made, for this stage and value for money should be challenged. Cllr Bedi said that the funds would be used for signs and roundels, with the purpose of stopping vans and trucks using Colnbrook as a rat run.

PC/22/133 CAST Motion

CAST is a vital part of Colnbrook's community, bringing entertainment and visitors to Colnbrook and our Village Hall. Being part of CAST is very much like being part of a family and what the society offers is an opportunity to experience something that is unique in Colnbrook.

CAST Academy engages our young people in the performing arts and musical theatre, giving them a means of expression, an opportunity to work with others and creating something

together. Managing the pressure and nervous energy of a performance and experiencing the instant gratification of an appreciative audience is something many of our talented young people may never have the opportunity to experience. At a cost of £300 annually, not every family in Colnbrook can afford to send their children along. The leaders and committee of CAST Academy are always looking for sponsors and scholarships so they can reach more young people.

This Parish Council recognises the value of engaging our young people and resolves to sponsor two children from Colnbrook each year for a minimum of the following four years. The children who win the scholarships will be selected by both CAST and the Parish Council. The total cost over four years being £2,400.

Proposed: Andrea Escott

Seconded: Sean Oakley

PC/22/134 Standing Committees

Members agreed that the standing committees should continue for the rest of this term, meeting in November, January and March. The meetings will be held in the office at Westfield, Services meeting on the first Tuesday and Finance on the second Tuesday. It was noted that 3 members are needed to attend in order for the meeting to be quorate.

PC/22/135 Finance and Policy

- a) *Payment Sheet 5*: this was agreed. Proposed by Cllr Escott, Seconded by Cllr Oakley, all in favour.
- b) *Income and payments year to date*: noted and agreed.
- c) Bank reconciliation to 31st August: noted and agreed

PC/22/136 Financial Risk Assessment

Noted and approved. Proposed by Cllr Escott, Seconded by Cllr Oakley, all in favour.

PC/22/137 Services Committee

- a) No update was available.
- b) There were no costs from the Services Committee
- c) Recreation ground: it was agreed to find the check list which the previous committee used.
- d) Christmas 2022: the contract has been agreed out of meeting, as the costs were considerably cheaper by about £4,000 by making an earlier decision. We have also agreed a 3 year contract with the company.
- e) TV in Pharmacy: it is in the pharmacy stock room for safe keeping at the moment.
- f) Keep Britain Tidy: originally planned for the 17th September, the event had been postponed due to the death of the Queen to the 15th October, from 10am to midday.
- g) Christmas party: Cllrs Bennett and John would like to do a Christmas party, following the great success of the Jubilee event. This had been agreed in principle, with detail to be presented to Council at the October meeting. It may be possible to arrange for children to sing carols in front of the tree and to organise mulled wine.
- h) Willow tree: the Chair had arranged for Matties to deal with this.

PC/22/138 Areas of Responsibility

- a. Colnbrook Village Hall Trust: *Cllr Bedi*: the Trust are reviewing their charges.
- b. Berkshire Association of Local Councils/ HALC : *Cllr Oakley*: nothing to report
- c. Local Focus Forum: *Cllr Bedi/Cllr Escott*: nothing to report
- d. SBC Audit & Corporate Governance Committee : *Cllr Rana*: no report had been received.
- e. Colnbrook Residents Association : *Cllr Babuta*: litter pick on the 15th October.
- f. Neighbourhood Action Group : *Cllr Escott*: no report
- g. Flood Action Group : *Cllr Smith*: nothing to report
- h. Westfield Residents Association : *Cllr Bennett* (when it restarts)
- i. Conservation Area Sub-Committee : *Cllr Ghafoor/Cllr Bennett*: no report had been received.

Cllr John reported that Brands Hill would to form a Residents Association.

CCTV: Cllr Dexter advised that it would cost £5,000 to move and reinstall it. Before doing that it would be sensible to assess what it would achieve in the new location. It was suggested that, as residents are concerned about the speed of traffic outside the CofE school, the CCTV would give support to the 20 mph campaign.

Cllr Smith commented that streets everywhere are in a very poor state of repair. The pelican crossing needs re-painting.

PC/22/139 **Chairmans Questions and Correspondence**

- a) 20 is Plenty: in discussions with CCA
- b) Grounds maintenance: discussing work schedule with Matties.
- c) Lakeside Road: discussing parking on pavement with the police.

PC/22/140 **Date of next meeting:** 18th October 2022, 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 21.10