



Colnbrook with Poyle Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council 12 March 2024.

Meeting Commenced at 19.30pm

Minutes for the meeting of the Parish Council

Present: Councillors (Cllr) Evans (In the Chair), Alfred, Gipps, Johns, Raju, Smith and Whitrod.

Officer Present: None-the meeting was recorded for the minutes.

Members of the Public: Five

- 1 **Welcome**-Cllr Evans thanked everyone for attending.
- 2 **To receive apologies for absence.**
Apologies had been received from Cllr Geoff Bartlett, Cllr Naveed Rana, Cllr Puja Bedi, Cllr Vicki Brenner.
RESOLVED to note the apologies.
- 3 **MINUTES: To approve the minutes of the meeting held on the 13 February 2024.**
It was proposed that by Cllr Smith and seconded by Cllr Whitrod
RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 13th February 2024 were approved as a true record.
- 4 **Public Question Time**
Members of the public raised serious concerns with the condition of the Star and Garter Pub.

Problems with the building include:

- The building is not secure, and has fallen into serious disrepair.
- The floor is rotten.
- There are holes in the ceiling.
- This is affecting other neighbouring properties.
- Contractors have put a hole through a connecting repair (now repaired)
- The Chimney is at an angle and looks dangerous (above the roof line)

Residents are frustrated and angry that the owner has not taken steps to look after the building or implement the planning permission which he has been approved.

Cllr Smith noted that as a listed building the Star and Garter did have protection. He advised that he would speak to the enforcement officers at Slough Borough Council about what could be done.

Cllr Evans noted that the owners of the Crooked House Pub in Staffordshire had been forced to rebuild the pub and she hoped that the same protection would be given to the Star and Garter.

A resident raised an issue with the general condition of the village, including

potholes and traffic coming through the village. Cllr Smith confirmed that a bus gate was being installed which would eliminate some unauthorised through traffic.

5 L&Q Housing Group –

A representative from L and Q Housing Group has been invited to the meeting to discuss fly-tipping issues in Drift Way. But no response had been received. A resident said that the estate manager for Colnbrook was very approachable and helpful and would possibly be able to attend a future meeting.

6 Local Policing Team –

The policing team were unable to attend that evenings meeting, but had committed to attending future meetings on regular basis.

7 Highways Issues:

Savio De Cruz- Assistant Director for Place and Operations at Slough Borough

Mr De Cruz had sent apologies to the meeting but had advised that he would attend in April.

Cllr Smith advised that a meeting between the police and Slough Highways had recently taken place to try and address issues with “drifting” on Poyle Road, Colnbrook. Hundreds of people gather with high performance cars, and race in the streets. Measures are being considered to alter the layout of the road to make it less attractive for drifting.

Cllr Evans wanted to speak to Highways about the area where the young man had tragically lost their life. Cllr Evans advised that she felt it would be appropriate to extend the 30mph zone and to move the bus stop.

A resident advised that a car in the car park at village hall has been there for several weeks with flat tyres and the back window is broken. The car is taxed and insured. (Cllr Smith will follow this up with SBC who own the car park.)

NOTED

- 8 To consider participating in the Big Lunch 2024 –she can lead on this.
DEFERRED as Cllr Brenner had been unable to attend the meeting.

- 9 **To receive the 2023 Heathrow Sustainability Report. (For information only nothing to agree.)**

Cllr Smith advised that Heathrow Airport are looking at noise mitigation measures, these measures may include supporting residents with additional glazing.

- 10 **To appoint a representative to the Datchet Horton and Wraysbury Neighbourhood Action Group.**
DEFER to Services Committee

- 11 **Colnbrook Easter Clean Up 10am-12pm -Saturday 16th March 2024 (meet at St Thomas’ Church) (For information only nothing to agree.)**
Everyone present was invited to attend.

12 Planning: Planning Application P/09960/018 Ye older George Inn, 146 High Street, Colnbrook, Slough, SL3 0LX

Construction of 1 detached dwelling with car on land to the rear of Ye Old George Public House.

DEFERRED Cllr Smith said he would clarify the access with Slough Borough Council and it was agreed to defer to the services committee.

13 To receive an update from the Services Committee –

- Cllr Whitrod advised that quotes were being sought for new equipment at the play park.
- Cllr Evans and Whitrod advised that they had met various contractors to review the grounds maintenance contract.
- Cllr Evans advised that the committee would like to improve the look of the village and they were trying to invest across the whole area and community.

14 To receive an update from the Finance and Policy Committee

- The VAT return for 2022-2023 had been completed £11,990 is being repaid to the council.
- HMRC were refunding approx. £2,500 of overpaid tax and NI)
- The Rilatus finance system had been restored from a back-up provided by the software company and is fit for purpose. The Clerk would now bring the system up to date.

a. **To approve the Financial Risk Register**
DEFERRED

b. **To approve the Internal Controls Policy**
DEFERRED

15 To approve the payment list

RESOLVED to approve the following payments

Matties – February £1083.33

Colnbrook Village Hall – 13 Feb 2024 £45.00

16 Correspondence to the Chair

NONE

17 Date of next meeting-9 April 2024