

Minutes of the Colebrooke Parish Council Meeting held on 19th March 2019 at Colebrooke Parish Hall

Present: Cllrs G Shepherd (Chairman), N Enderson, S Graham, P Niklaus, D Clarke, I Butt, J Squire (MDDC), N Way (DCC) and R Hodder

In Attendance: Mrs D Shepherd (Clerk) and 1 member of the public

18/19 - 117 To receive and accept apologies

There were no apologies

18/19 – 118 To receive Declarations of Interest: To receive declarations of personal interest and disclosable pecuniary interest in respect of items on this agenda

Cllr Shepherd declared a personal and pecuniary interest in 18/19 - 123

18/19 - 119 Public Participation: To receive public comment on items on the agenda. A maximum of ten minutes is allowed for this item

There was no comment from the member of the public

18/19 – 120 Minutes of the Colebrooke Parish Council Meeting held on January 15th 2019: To approve and sign the minutes as a correct record

It was **resolved** to approve and sign the minutes as a correct record (Proposed Cllr Shepherd)

18/19 – 121 Minutes of the Asset Management Committee held on 12th February 2019: To receive and ratify

It was **resolved** to receive and ratify the minutes (Proposed Cllr Shepherd)

It was noted that the grit bin at Ford Hill still needed to be sited; Cllr Enderson to take forward. The cemetery seat was reported to have fallen down

18/19 – 122 Minutes of the Planning Committee held on the 26th February 2019: To receive and ratify

It was **resolved** to receive and ratify the minutes (Proposed Cllr Shepherd)

It was noted that a response from the Planning Department had been received which was not satisfactory. The Clerk reported that the Enforcement Officer said that the Slurry Lagoon that should have been closed in November was now to be closed by the end of March. The Clerk confirmed that she had found out that the new mast in the village was erected by Air Band and may have been allowed under permitted development. The Clerk confirmed that MDDC had still to confirm the amount of S. 106 monies available for the Coleford Playground.

18/19 – 123 Devon County Council

Cllr Way briefed Cllrs on the increase in the DCC budget (3.99%); the move to make St Boniface the Patron Saint of Devon; the new Crediton Health Hub and the Okehampton Railway link

18/19 – 124 Minutes of the Human Resources Committee held on 5th March 2019: To receive and ratify.

Discussion of the minutes took place in Part 11 of the meeting

It was **resolved** to receive and ratify the minutes (Proposed Cllr Hodder)

18/19 – 125 MDDC Budget and Accounts:

It was **resolved** to approve the following for payment:

Clerk's monthly salary (April/May)	£168.85
HMRC PAYE (April/May)	£112.40
Phone Rental (February/March)	£6.53 x 2
Vision ICT (website)	£150
SLCC (part membership)	£53.75
Grit Bin	£129.99
Millennium Garden	£30

It was **noted** that National Savings Income for the year ending December 19 was £8.97

18/19 – 126 Coleford Play Area Task and Finish Group: To receive an update from Cllr Graham

Cllr Graham reported that one parishioner had so far indicated that they would wish to join the Group. He reported on a useful Council local authority briefing he had received to assist him to take this matter forward

18/19 – 127 Cemetery Charges: To review current rules and charges

Cllrs considered the current charges and noted that the income only covers one third of the cost of maintaining the Cemetery. Cllrs noted that the charges were the lowest in the area. Cllrs also debated whether to continue with purchased graves and double width graves. The latter discussion was deferred for more information.

It was **resolved** to raise the Cemetery Charges (For Cllrs Shepherd, Graham, Clarke, Butt; Against: Cllr Hodder; Abstain: Cllrs Enderson and Niklaus)

18/19 – 128 MDDC Elections: To consider action required

Cllrs discussed the nomination forms and what action was required

18/19 – 129 Colebrooke Parish Hall: To consider a report from the Cllrs on the Parish Hall Committee

Cllr Graham reported on the excellent Colebrooke Concert

18/19 – 130 Roads and Hedges in the Parish: To receive reports from the Clerk and Councillors re the roads and hedges in the parish

Cllrs noted the concerns expressed about a car parked on the Coleford junction which blocks the visibility splay. It was noted that another car also does this.

It was **resolved** to write a letter to the owners of the two cars (Proposed Cllr Butt)

18/19 – 131 Correspondence: To note a report from the Clerk re Council correspondence

The correspondence report was noted

18/19 – 132 Mid Devo District Council

Cllr Squire reported on the MDDC budget increase (2.996%); the move in MDDC re single use plastics; doubling the council tax on empty houses and the move to build more Council houses. The Cllrs raised concern that MDDC Planning continued to oppose the Barnstaple Cross Garden Centre development for reasons that did not appear to be material planning considerations. Cllr Squire explained his reasons for opposing the scheme.

18/19 – 133 Date of Next Meeting: May 14th at 7.30 to include the Annual Meeting

Part 11

In accordance with section 1 (2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act of 1960 the Press and the Public will be excluded from the meeting when the Council progresses a confidential staffing matter

The Chairman and the Clerk left the meeting. Cllr Hodder took the Chair

18/19 – 134 Minutes of the Human Resources Committee held on 5th March 2019

Cllrs discussed the minutes, noted the satisfactory appraisal of the Clerk and ratified the resolution re the Clerk's salary (Proposed Cllr Hodder)