

Coleshill Town Council

Meeting of the **COLESHILL TOWN COUNCIL** held in the Community Centre, Coleshill on **WEDNESDAY, 8 NOVEMBER 2023** at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: - Cllr. Battle, Town Mayor, in the Chair.

Councillors: - Brett, Ford-Terry, Hayfield, Richardson, P. Symonds, Tomkinson and Wynn.

23/84 APOLOGIES

There were apologies from Cllrs. C. Symonds and Wallace.

23/85 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

No decs of interest were declared.

23/86 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 11 OCTOBER

The minutes of 11 October meeting were proposed by Cllr. Richardson, seconded by Cllr. Hayfield and **ACCEPTED** unanimously, without amendment.

23/87 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

None.

23/88 MAYOR'S UPDATE

The Bonfire Night had been enjoyable. While there were some issues with too many attending, he was pleased to see there were no incidents or injuries.

He was looking forward to taking part in the Remembrance Service events and also the Christmas Cracker late night shopping event on 30 November when 30 stalls were booked.

23/89 PARTICIPATION OF THE PUBLIC

Mr. Mark Jones referred to the parking restrictions at the Town Hall car park and whether they had been discussed at a Town Council meeting. The Town Clerk advised that this had been agreed with the Mayor. Mr. Jones also stated that his letter and email to the Mayor, two meetings ago, had not had a reply. The Mayor said he would be giving a reply within a week. One of the issues raised was the lease of the Memorial Park pavilion and its terms with the cricket club.

The subject of the Bonfire Night raised by Mr Tony Baker, who said it held the town and its organisers in a good light and thanked the organisers. When the discussion moved onto safety issues, Mr. Mark Jones said they would have to consider making the event ticket-only, in order to keep numbers down to 2,500.

There were comments about the speed bumps at Penns Lane being too high but other comments that they were now more effective than the previous, shallower ones.

23/90 UPDATE FROM BOROUGH AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS

Cllr. Peter Fowler reported on his Borough Councillor work, including looking at repair of the steps on Cole End Park and introducing air quality monitors in Coleshill. He agreed to pick up the lack of lighting on Church Hill, since Cllr. C. Symonds was not present.

23/91 PARISH CHURCH CLOCK - APPLICATION

It was generally supported by all that a late grant application, received from the Parish Church Council for St Peter and St Paul Church, for a first annual service of its clock since an overhaul, should be allowed.

Cllr. Hayfield proposed and Cllr. Michael Ford-Terry seconded that this should be an annual grant. Cllrs. P. Symonds and Brett preferred that this should not be paid annually. A vote was taken and it was **RESOLVED**, by majority vote to make a one-off payment.

23/92 PSPO on DOG FOULING

North Warwickshire Borough Council was proposing to introduce a Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO), to prevent anti-social behaviour arising from dog fouling within the borough, including all of Coleshill's parks and open spaces (County, borough and Town Council owned).

As the questionnaire was not helpful for a local authority to make a response, it was felt better for the Town Clerk to respond in more detail. This would include implications from a Town Council perspective, such as the use of the CCTV in the Memorial Park, the need for resources to implement these controls (e.g. spot checks and a presence created) and signage (e.g. showing penalties).

23/93 COLESHILL IN BLOOM PLANTERS

There had been two quotations received, via Cllr. Tomkinson, for different variations of 20 planters from Taylor Made Planters. Cllr. Ford-Terry had not been able to provide his previous supplier's details.

As the higher of the two costs from Taylor Made Planters was £7,992 (VAT included), there was a fund in the budget and this was a good deal less than first thought, Cllr. Hayfield proposed that the Mayor and Town Clerk should progress an order, subject to getting a second quotation. This was seconded by Cllr. Richardson, who asked that all members should see the items to be purchased beforehand. This was **AGREED** unanimously.

23/94 TRAINING SESSIONS

A report had been circulated, highlighting some potential areas for training and that WALC had a person who could deliver face to face training.

There was consensus that the Council should book the WALC trainer for one meeting. She could cover what WALC's training offer entailed, and then assist with some of the

higher priority training needs, such as Planning Application determinations and Declarations of Interest.

23/95 RURAL SERVICES NETWORK

The RSN was offering a period of free membership, with no continuing obligation when it went beyond the free period.

Cllr Hayfield felt that it was a campaign group and not able to be of benefit to the Town Council. He proposed declining the offer, was seconded by Cllr. Richardson and this was **AGREED** unanimously.

23/96 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

These were the agreed comments to forward to the Borough Council:

Appl. No.	Address	Applicant	Prop. Development	Comment
PAP/2023/0447	15 The Colesleys, Coleshill B46 3BU	Mr Mark Wagstaff	Erection of ground floor rear, first floor side and ground floor front extensions	No objections
PAP/2023/0456	Cole End Park, Lichfield Road, Coleshill	Warwickshire County Council	Application for works to tree in Conservation Area - Salix x sepulcralis (T1) - fell tree in poor condition	As this is in the Conservation Area, we request another suitable specimen is planted in its place.
PAP/2023/0428	22 Gerards Way Coleshill B46 3FG	Mr Alan Conningsby	Works to Silver Birch Tree in Conservation Area	No objections
PAP/2023/0469	Skyeways, Lichfield Road, Coleshill, B46 1LD	Joe - B46 Properties Ltd	Proposed double workshop to carry out repairs to vehicles indoors	No objections
PAP/2023/0459	Harvester Wheatsheaf Inn, Harvester Wheatsheaf Inn, Station Road, Coleshill, B46 1HP	Mr Andy Firth – Harvester Ltd	1x set of individual internally illuminated letters, 1x set of non-illuminated welcome letters, 1x lantern, 1x post mounted welcome sign, 1x set of internally illuminated letters and logo. One post mounted 'v' shaped corex sign.	No objections

23/97 UPDATE FROM OUTSIDE BODIES

The Coleshill Grammar School Trust had made some grants to schools.

23/98 TOWN CLERK REPORTS

The Remembrance events were relying on more staff and fewer volunteers than in previous years.

There had been a fault reported on the Memorial Park lights in that they were out completely on the driveway and on the skatepark. Hi-Lite, the Council's usual contractor, had been informed that day that there was an urgent need to fix them.

Before Cadent left after its High Street gas pipe works, they informed Severn Trent Water of a water pipe issue. STW was not able to rectify this at the time and came onto site on 6 November, to dig the High Street up again. Their work was programmed for 4 days, but as the Remembrance Parade was only 6 days away, the Town Clerk asked if a one-week delay was possible. STW agreed to this redating.

23/99 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Carried forward:

Cricket Club lease of the Pavilion building (to include grass cutting arrangements).
Memorial Park pathway (tennis courts to the mound).

Coleshill Calendar for 2025.

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 8.05 p.m.

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Town Mayor