



**Coleshill Town Council**



Mad Dom the Stilt Walker and Magician



Bees buzzing in the town

# **Report of the Town Council Annual Town Meeting Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2022**



The visit of the Roos



Footprints – 1000 Years of History

**Welcome Back Fund Projects**

## **Buildings**

- The Old Market Hall (below left) became the rental responsibility of the Town Council (previously it had been the Coleshill Civic Society). The lease is near to transfer.
- After a number of break ins to the cemetery garage, various security improvements were made (uWatch camera, locks and bars, equipment cage and sensor light). See below right.



- Wessex Archaeological had been working on the HS2 route and donated display boards to the Town Hall and 3-D models of items found to the Civic Society.
- The Town Hall now has a 6-ring electric cooker as the previous 4-ring gas cooker was no longer useable.



- A Stay and Play Group has started up at the Community Centre and it is hoped that a day nursery operation might return in the 22/23 year.

## **Outdoor Facilities**

- New bench facilities at the Memorial Park include a new bright, red, metal one for the small children's play area, an NHS Covid commemorative blue iron one at the entrance near the Hazelwood Practice, paid for by the Practice through donations from thankful residents.
- Four sturdy, brown wooden benches were installed alongside the Trooper Munday football pitch to allow spectators to sit and watch the games.



- Other new fixtures at the Memorial Park are a dozen cherry trees, a WWI commemorative oak tree on the football pitch bank and a sign at the entrance.



- The Christmas light offering was improved with additional fixtures on Station Road (there is now the Coleshill Christmas Mile) and were also some trees lit on St Peters Walk for the first time.



- The Welcome Back Fund features on page 1 of this report. Other improvements have been repair of two bus shelters and jet washing others, renovating the roof of Chamberlain Walk's tunnel, plus the repainting of planters and other street furniture.
- Green Lane had a number of its trees either cut back or removed on the advice of a tree expert.



## Partnership Working

- The Council worked with both commercial partners (see left, where Café on the Hill were able to trade on St Peters Walk) and voluntary groups (see right, with the Coleshill Town Soccer Camp events on the Memorial Park).



- The CCTV system was significantly improved so there are now more cameras in the High Street and at the Memorial Park (below left).
- The public telephone in the High Street was decommissioned by BT but was bought by the Council (for a £1) and a community organisation could be allowed to use it for promotions (below middle).
- CLAW (Coleshill Local Arts Week) 2021 was well supported in the Old Market Hall and Helen Bea's CLAW Bears were a popular sale item.



- Markets were part of the Welcome Back Funding, on selected Wednesdays at the St Peter's Walk and the Town Hall on Saturdays, with voluntary and commercial stalls.



**Personnel**

- Charlie Painter and Kate Clover have left the staffing complement and not be replaced.
- Derek Axe (below left) and Sheena Wynn (below right) repaced Susan Hammond and Dave Reilly as Town Councillors.



- The number of Community Hub volunteers reached 14, with at least 2 on each day, Monday to Friday. There were a number of successes in assisting people to make PIP claims to 4 and 5-figure sums.
- The volunteers included Charlie Painter (former employee) on Tuesdays and Sheena Wynn (also a Councillor) on Fridays.

**Civic Matters**

- Mayor of Coleshill for the year was Cllr. Caroline Symonds. Cllr. Dave Reilly started the year as Deputy Mayor, but resigned, to be replaced by Cllr. Tony Battle.
- The Mayor had a series of Monthly awards, to recognise individuals for their particularly noticeable community efforts for the benefit of the town.
- Remembrance was a key event, with civic and dignitary attendances:



- The Mayor's charitable cause was the Forget Me Not dementia cafe. Mark Green offered an Elvis Night at the Town Hall, as part of the fund raising.



- Some favourite civic events allowed some further fund raising, such as the Coleshill Town Band Concert, Christmas Fair and Ale Tasting.



## Planning

- HS2 has more evident with tree clearing and more worker's compound sites and service roads in Coleshill and Water Orton.
- There were a number of SMZ meetings online and Wessex Archaeological held online and in person exhibitions and discussions as well as presenting the display boards (to the Town Hall) and 3-D artefacts (to the Civic Society collection).
- The Green Man Crossing proposals for lights and restrictions on turns were discussed and exhibited in the Old Courtroom (below left).
- The programme for the HS2 project has been overseen by the Council's Special Management Zone representatives, Peter Rafferty and Barry Moore (below right).



**Financial Matters – 2021/22 income and expenditure balance sheet**

**Coleshill Town Council**

**BALANCE SHEET**

31/03/2022

<i>(Last) Year Ended</i> 31 Mar 2021			<i>(Current) Year Ended</i> 31 Mar 2022	
£			£	
		<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
		Stocks and stores		
		Work in progress		
		Debtors (Net of provision for doubtful debts)		
		Prepayments		
	5,509.21	VAT	15,095.48	
		Recoverable Temporary lendings (investments)		
	47,253.02	Cash in hand	34,960.34	
	52,762.23	<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	50,055.82	
		<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		
		Creditors		
	<b><u>52,762.23</u></b>	<b>NET ASSETS</b>	<b><u>50,055.82</u></b>	
		<b>Represented by:</b>		
	52,762.23	General fund Balance	50,055.82	
		<b>Reserves:</b>		
		Capital		
		Earmarked		
		Adjustments		
	<b><u>52,762.23</u></b>		<b><u>50,055.82</u></b>	

The above statement represents fairly the financial position of the council as at 31 Mar 2022.

**(NB. Additionally, the CCLA LAP Fund had £227,425.61 but this is classed as a Long-Term Investment and does not appear in the Balance Sheet).**



## Income & Expenditure Account 01/04/2021 to 31/03/2022

(Last) Year  
Ended 31 Mar 2021

(Current) Year Ended  
31 Mar 2022

### Income

General Administration	150.00
Office Rents	13,525.72
Community Centre	7,325.55
Town Hall	24,746.80
Capital Projects -	800.00
Community & Partnerships	
Allotments	3,867.50
General	51,773.95
Staff Costs	3,723.08
Precept	250,718.38
Investment Interest	7,526.24
Community Hub	13,418.00
VAT Refunds	7,704.01
Old Market Hall	7,586.07
	<b>£392,865.30</b>

### Expense

Staff Costs	198,855.14
Community Hub	14,590.84
Capital Projects -	734.50
Procedures & Amenities	
General Administration	29,181.70
Caretaker's House Costs	5,067.84
Community Centre	7,537.66
Town Hall	32,065.78
Capital Projects -	25,891.31
Community & Partnerships	
Community & Events	14,747.17
Allotments	2,089.76
General	60,156.02
Old Market Hall	4,653.99
	<b>£395,571.71</b>

### General Fund

	Balance at 01 Apr 2021	<b>52,762.23</b>
44,632.02	ADD Total Income	392,865.30
374,312.63		445,627.53
418,944.65	DEDUCT Total Expenditure	395,571.71
366,182.42		50,055.82
52,762.23	DEDUCT Reserves	
	Balance	
<b>£52,762.23</b>	Balance at 31 Mar 2022	<b>£50,055.82</b>

