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**Minutes of Coldridge Parish Council Meeting 19:30 on Thursday March 17th 2022 in the Village Hall**

**Present:** **Councillors** Andrew Green, , Chris Burrows, John Smith, Jeff Burrows John Quick Margaret Squires DCC

**Clerk** Keyth Richardson

**Apologies** Marion Born, Jim Sampson. Peter Heal MDDC

**Open Forum** No members of the public attended for this

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| 2021/22-91 | **Welcome** | The Chairman welcomed Margaret Squires to the meeting |
| 2021/22-92 | **Apologies** | Marion Born, Jim Sampson. Peter Heal MDDC |
| 2021/22-93 | **Declarations of interest** | None reported. |
| 2021/22-94 | **Minutes** | The minutes of the meetings of January 13th and February 16th were approved and signed by the Chairman. |
| 2021/22-95 | **Matters arising** | The Clerk and Chairman had investigated having a separate set up for Parish Councillors emails, to remove them from personal email accounts, but the system would cost over £500 a year, which is excessive. |
| 2021/22-96 | **Clerk’s report and Update** | After some discussion it was agreed not to re-apply for Foundation Quality Standard as the direct benefits to the Parish Council did not justify the cost. |
| 2021/22-97 | **Queen’s Jubilee** | After some discussion it was agreed that the Chairman would invite all households in the parish to the following events  **Thursday June 2nd** We will be joining in the National Beacon Lighting Ceremony, when beacons all over Britain will be lit at 21:45. This will take place in the field next to the village hall, courtesy of Graham Nott, Coldridge Barton’s Farm Manager.  The PC will be running a free BBQ outside the church with burgers and hot dogs, which will start at 19:45. The Village Hall has arranged for the bar to be open.  **Sunday June 5th** It is hoped that a service to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee will take place at 11:00 in St Matthew’s church to which all are invited  This day also marks the Big Lunch, and the Parish Council has applied for a road closure for the roads around the green and the square to allow for this to happen. Tables and chairs will be put out and residents will be invited to bring along food to share with others. This will start at 12:00 and can go on until 17:00 when the roads will have to re-open.  The coins, for under 18-year-olds, which have been ordered in advance will be given out at the lunch. A reminder about these will be sent out by John Smith and the Clerk will update the Facebook page. All to be ordered by 17:00 on 28th March, orders to the Clerk. These events are open to members of the wider Coldridge Community, not just residents. |
| 2021/22-98 | **MDDC Parish review** | The Council decided that the current parish boundaries should stay as they are, although there some anomalies on the southern edges. |
| 2021/22-99 | **MDDC Local plan** | Councillors were urged to provide individual feedback on this to MDDC, and it was noted that Coldridge is unlikely to have any new developments in the foreseeable future. |
| 2021/22-100 | **Planning-** | The Council agreed to keep an eye on Williamson’s Wood to monitor the use of the property, as requested by MDDC. A local resident has agreed to help with this. |
| 2021/22-101 | **Highways** | There was a discussion in which it was acknowledged that DCC highways are underfunded to keep pace with mending the roas, and that it is unlikely to get any better.  The road at Mole end had been repaired with concrete which is good news as this was very dangerous. Margaret Squires had spoken with the Head of Highways and whilst each local highways officer has a budget it was not sufficient. ‘A’ roads will be tarmacked in future, but not much else.  The drain in Church Lane is still blocked and overflowing.  A large vehicle had damaged the green and John Smith was going to repair it before cutting the grass |
| 2021/22-101 | **Finance** | It was agreed to implement the new National Pay Scale for 2021/22 for the clerk, a rise from £10.24 to £10.42 an hour.  The following payments were agreed  Clerks wages £354.18 Clerks expenses £10.53 DALC for a course taken by the Chairman £18 |
| 2021/22-102 | **Councillor’s concerns** | It was noted an outbuilding at Long Parks appeared to be taller than it was, and if this is a planning issue. Clerk to check on Permitted Development |
|  | **Date of next meetings**. | The dates for meetings in 2022. May 12th July 21st September 22nd November 24th |

The meeting closed at 21.30

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