**Minutes of Coldridge Parish Council Meeting 20:00 on Thursday July 21st 2022**

**Present:** **Councillors** Andrew Green, John Smith, Marion Born, Chris Burrows, Jim Sampson, John Quick

**Clerk** Keyth Richardson h

**Apologies** Jeff Burrows

**Open Forum.** Three members of the public attended. Two of them expressed serious concerns over the driving standards exhibited by some who use the roads in the village. Two recent examples were described, but unfortunately there was no corroborating evidence. It was acknowledged that Coldridge Parish Council had taken a lot of action over the years but has very limited powers in this area. The Council agreed to ask, through DCC Councillor Margaret Squires, for a speed watch on Church Lane, to be run from 06:00 to 18:00, but if this was too long then a shorter time covering one of the busy periods, morning or afternoon, would be acceptable. A year ago a local employer had been visited by the Chairman and Vice-Chairman, and as result the firm had issued a memo on this topic to their staff. It must be noted that the firm has no control over what its employees do outside working hours. They will ask for another meeting.

The Clerk informed the meeting that as Devon and Cornwall Police are accepting video evidence from members of the public to prosecute poor and dangerous driving individuals may choose to wear body cams or take mobile phone footage and submit it to Devon and Cornwall Police.

A Councillor suggested that pedestrians walk in the middle of the road as if they have tucked themselves into the verge they might not be seen by tractors drivers or others. Wearing of a hi-vis vest would help drivers to see walkers.

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| 2022/23 -35 | **Welcome by Chairman** | Andrew Green welcomed everyone to the meeting, which started at 20:10 |
| 2022/23-36 | **Recording of meetings** | The meeting was not being recorded |
| 2022/23-37 | **Apologies** | Jeff Burrows, MDDC Councillor Peter Heal |
| 2022/23-38 | **Declarations of interest** | None reported. |
| 2022/23-39 | **Minutes** | The minutes of the meeting on May 12th 2022, were approved and signed |
| 2022/23-40 | **Matters arising** | none |
| 2022/23-41 | **Clerks report** | An email had been received from SBA who acknowledged receipt of the documents including the Certificate of Exemption and unless they received correspondence from electors they would not be in touch again. |
| 2022/23-42 | **Platinum Jubilee** | It was agreed that the Beacon Lighting and BBQ, with the Village Hall bar open was success, with around 150 people present, and the Big Lunch on Sunday was also a success, with a similar number sitting down to a Sunday lunch. On both occasions there was great atmosphere, and both events helped to develop the Coldridge community spirt. Members reported a lot of positive feedback from parishioners for the whole Jubilee Celebrations. The final accounts are yet to be compiled as some stock items purchased had been sold on to the Village Hall Committee, and individuals. The Parish Council approved a payment of up to £450.00 to cover any outstanding costs, subject to the presentation of a detailed summary.  The Clerk reported that 52 Jubilee Coins had been given away to children, a further 86 sold, and this left just 12 out of the 150 ordered. The net cost to the Parish Council was £70.50 |
| 2022/23-43 | **DALC Conference** | The Council agreed that the Clerk will attend this, along with any Councillors who wish to attend. It is on Oct 5th |
| 2022/23-44 | **Email from the Police** | This was noted, and some Councillors had followed up some of the links. It was felt that there is a very little Police presence in the Parish; no-one attended the recent Fete despite being invited well in advance. It is unlikely that any Councillor will take up the offer of accompany the police for a shift.  John Smith, as the Councillor Advocate, reported on a recent email, from Inspector Grant Leach, which confirmed there was a lack of face-to-face contact with the public due to a lack of resources. |
| 2022/23-45 | **Rural Villages Service Group** | This had been mentioned previously, but after the distribution of more information it was agreed to re-visit this topic at the next meeting. Concern was expressed that it might turn out to be another talking shop, with little practical relevance for Coldridge. |
| 2022/23-46 | **Planning** | The Clerk had raised concerns about the outbuilding at Long Parks doubling in height with MDDC enforcement and had let Cllr Heal know this had been done. So far, all that has happened is an acknowledgement and that The Enforcement Officer will investigate this.  The Clerk was asked to follow this up with Peter Heal. |
| 2022/23-47 | **Highways** | * John Quick reported the drain between Black Dog and Newton Cottages has now been re-instated, with space for water seepage so the water should drain away. He will continue to monitor this. There are still a lot of lorries using the road for landfill carriage and further damage is expected to occur. * As a follow-up to this the clerk was asked to pursue the process of the Environmental Agency giving licences which appear to have no regard for the access roads to the tipping sites. This is to be done with MDDC and DCC. * The road from Pennycott to Blackditch has signs warning of loose chippings, but no-one could confirm how much repair work had been done. By the next meeting it is expected this will be known. * The damage on the western side of Thorn Corner was on private land, not DCC Highways. Chris Burrows offered to talk to William Hosegood, the landowner about having this made good. * Some sightlines on some C roads in the parish are poor, and need cutting, but this is down to individual landowners as and when the cutting season starts * The road from Thorn Corner towards West Leigh is still awaiting repairs. * Parking by residents at Frogbury Cross is making turning into the road very difficult for tractors with trailers. The Clerk was asked to contact MDDC about extending the parking spaces into tandem ones. |
|  | **Finger board at Hobby Moor Cross** | This has been missing for a while. The clerk was authorised to obtain quotes, to circulate these to Councillors with a recommendation and following replies from councillors to go ahead with this replacement. |
| 2022/23-48 | **Finance** | The following payments were agreed   * 1. Clerk’s wages £225.30   2. Clerk’s expenses £79.80 |
| 2022/23-49 | **Councillor’s reports** | Complaints about loud music being played from a property with the windows open had been received by Councillors. If this continues MDDC Environmental Health should be contacted as it is part of their remit.  Following the fire which destroyed the Mobile Library the Clerk was asked to contact them to see what practical or financial help the Parish Council could give. |
| 2022/23 -50 | **Dates of next meetings** | Dates for 2022 are September 22nd and November 24th. |

The meeting closed at 21.06

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