

Coln St Dennis Parish Council
Coln Valley Village Hall
Minutes of meeting held 18th January 2024 at 6.30 pm.

Present: Councillors: Nick Dummett (NTD)Chairman,
Phillip Allen (PA), Malcolm Carmichael (MC), Harry Talbot Rice (HTR)

In attendance: Wendy James (WJ) - Clerk

Residents: Anne Austin, Andy Pease, Siobhan Paine, Verena Chalk, Kit Fantastic, Mukul Chawla & David Fowles (Local Councillor)

1. Apologies. None

2. Minutes of the last meeting and actions arising.

Minutes of the meeting 14th September 2023 were approved and signed at the meeting.

Action: WJ to put signed minutes of meeting onto website.

3. Matters/Actions Arising from 14th September 2023

NTD confirmed that he had contacted Gloucestershire Highways by email regarding Drain/Calvert West of Fossebridge Phonebox and regarding the junction of Black Barns. No replied from them had been received. NTD had also written to CDC regarding the concerns of the Hard Track at land SW of Saltway Barn, again no reply had been received.

The drainage at the bottom of the hill in Calcot was also reported to be blocked.

Action: NTD to write to Glos Highways regarding this.

HTR gave an update on the subject of the untreated sewage in Coln River project. NTD asked if the Parish Council may have to contribute financially towards this scheme. HTR thought not at the moment but will keep the Parish Council updated. David Fowles to communicate with HTR to see if he can help in anyway.

Cotswold District Council Report January 2024. Cllr David Fowles handed out the CDC Report for January 2024 and updated all at the meeting what was happening at the CDC. Cllr David Fowles then left the meeting.

4. Financial Report – the Councillors and persons in attendance received a copy of the cashbook/accounts and budget for 2024/2025. The Councillors discussed if there were any expenses expected over the next year. The trees near the bus shelter need tidying more, to protect the bus shelter. The landowner would be asked to do this. HTR reported that the tree on Calcot Green (at the top of the village) may need a little attention in the future. It was agreed that the precept would be £2000 for 2024/25.

Action: WJ to fill in the Precept requirement form and return to CDC by 31st January 2024.

5. Planning Applications Received.

23/01744/FUL – First Floor extension/windows at Leighterton barn, Coln St Dennis. The councillors had noticed this had now been withdrawn.

23/03496/TCONR Works to Trees at Bloxham House, Fossebridge. Siobhan Paine explained that the tree had fallen in the wind so works were not needed.

23/03983/LBC Demolition of conservatory and erection of single storey at Old Rectory, Coln St Dennis.

The councillor had received a copy of the above applications.

6. AOB

Community Speed Cameras.

Andy Pease/Kit Fantastic reported to the meeting about the Quenington Speed Cameras and asked if this was something perhaps the Parish may like to look into. The speed limit in the Parish is 60mph but it was recognised that not all vehicles do that speed. If the cameras were installed, then the data could be used to get the speed limit reduced and also it may be useful for information if there was any crime the valley. The councillors agreed that this needed to be discussed further. Andy Pease gave NTD written information on this subject for the Councillors to look at and report back at the next meeting.

Action: Councillors to look at the information from Andy Pease.

Restoration of any damaged village verges and banks.

Due to vehicles and the building site in Coln St Dennis the Councillors were asked if this was being monitored, the councillors agreed it was.

Action: NTD agreed to write to the resident appropriately having consulted with HTR.

Co-opted New Councillor

NTD introduced Anne Austin to the Councillors and residents at the meeting. Anne agreed to be co-opted to be a Parish Councillor. All Councillors agreed.

Action: Anne Austin to sign a Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

8. Date of next meeting.

It was agreed that the date of the next meeting will be Thursday 18th April 2024, 6.30pm at the village hall.

Action: WJ to email Councillors with possible meeting dates for June, Oct 2024 and January 2025. Once these are confirmed they can be distributed and put on the website.

The meeting ended at 7.40pm