

**Coln St Denis Parish Council
Thursday 25th Sept 2025 at 6.30pm
Coln Valley Village Hall**

Present:

Councillors: Nick Dummett (NTD) Chair, Harry Talbot Rice (HTR), Malcolm Carmichael (MC), Tom Pearson (TP)

In Attendance: Alice Talbot Rice (ATR) - Clerk
David Fowles

Residents: Andy Pease, Nicky Talbot Rice.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

1. Apologies had been received from Anthony Thorp who was on holiday

2. Update on Mobile Phone Coverage - HTR summarised meeting with Atlas (a private telecoms infrastructure provider). In brief:

- There is limited mobile coverage across the valley
- Atlas can put up a mast to resolve this but position to be confirmed and with agreement from the community
- All agreed mobile coverage is a problem that needs to be resolved and to be taken forward.

Action:

- *HTR to send mast option maps to NTD and councillors*
- *HTR to ask Atlas to mock up a visual of the mast with dimensions*
- *Council to plan and publicise an open meeting with Atlas and members of the community once mock ups are ready*

3. Minutes of the meeting held on 19th June 2025 at 6.30pm were approved.

- Verges are resolved for the moment
- Raves are under control
- David Fowles reminded to look into the unknown £215.48 payment
- Assessment of Coln St Dennis tree was cancelled as it didn't look dangerous
- Planning submissions: clerk now submitting 'no objection' where agreed.

Action Items:

- *ATR to put signed minutes up on website*

4. Matters/Actions Arising

5. Finances - Cashbook Accounts to 31st August 2025

Finances still in good health

Action:

- The £4.25 service charge has become monthly rather than quarterly (ATR to look into this)
- NTD to speak to Village Hall committee about broken ramp although Hall should have its own funds to cover this.

6. Planning Applications received since the last meeting 19th June 2025

All applications were returned with NO OBJECTION from the Council

7. AOB:

- David Fowles mentioned key points from his quarterly report including waste bins in lay-bys and action taken to return them; housing targets; local government reorganisation; Bibury and Thames Water mains replacement and its impact on local traffic.
- Andy Pease suggested a letter of thanks to retired Postman Paul.

Action: ATR to follow up on behalf of the council.

- Power Cuts: an increase in power cuts had been noted by Andy Pease and other councillors. The transformer is being replaced in Fossebridge which will hopefully fix the problem.
- BT Digital voice battery back up guidance to be circulated by Andy P

8. Date of Next meeting - Thursday 15th January 2026

The meeting ended at 19.25pm