

## Colaton Raleigh Parish Council

### Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at Colaton Raleigh Village Hall on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2025 at 7.35pm

(Draft Minutes – the minutes will be signed as an accurate record at the next Parish Council Meeting)

**Present:** Cllr. R. Clay (RC) - Chair  
Cllr. Christopher Pound (CP) – Vice Chair  
Cllr. Stephen Manley (SM)  
Cllr. Janice Papworth (JP)  
Cllr. John Hart (JH)

**In attendance:** Clerk – Susan Tyrrell  
Cllr. J. Bailey (JB) – Devon County Councillor  
Cllr. M. Martin (MM) -East Devon District Councillor  
Ed Suttie (ES) - Footpaths Officer  
D. Joyce (DJ) -Footpaths Officer  
Members of public – 3

#### 25.i.1 Apologies

Accepted and approved: Cllr. M. Stoye  
Noted: Cllr. C. Fitzgerald (EDDC), Cllr. H. Riddell (EDDC)

#### 25.i.2 Declarations of Interest

None

#### 25.i.3 To consider co-option of member/s to the Council to fill Casual Vacancies currently outstanding

None.

#### 25.i.4 Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on the 11<sup>th</sup> November 2024 were approved by Council, and signed by the Chair.

**In order to allow Cllr. Bailey to attend a meeting of Ottery St. Mary Town Council, item 11a was brought forward.**

#### 25.i.11a County Councillor's Report

Locality Budget funding - Costings for the new pedestrian signage are awaited.

Devolution – The Government has published a proposal to restructure County and District Councils into a single unitary authority, with the purpose of devolving powers from Whitehall to local government. Last week DCC voted to postpone the May 2025 County Council elections until 2026 – I voted against this decision as I believe that elections should take place, they are a vital part of making councils accountable for the people that they serve. The Government's decision on postponement should be known by the end of January.

Schools – DCC is considering imposing a £21,000 fine on schools every time that they exclude a child. This is an extremely controversial plan which I hope will never happen.

Dotton Footbridge – currently no update, DCC are still in discussions.

#### 25.i.5 PROGRESS REPORTS

##### a. Restoration of village benches

The third bench (Place Court) has now been restored. Help is needed to transport the longer Bench at Brook Lane, to Ottery St. Mary's Men's Shed

##### b. Devon County Council – Property Level Flood Resilience Works in Colaton Raleigh

This is being managed by DCC's consultant – WSP. The contract has been awarded and is now being scheduled by the contractor. WSP have been asked to share property surveys with all residents and to provide an update on the current position

## 25.i.6 MATTERS REQUIRING DISCUSSION

### a. New Bus Shelter on Exmouth Road

Permission to site the bench outside of the telephone exchange has been requested from British Telecom, who own the land. An initial response was somewhat cold, asking for more details, which have since been provided and a further reply is awaited. JP has sourced three quotations, which will be discussed further when/if the necessary permissions have been given.

### b. Newton Poppleford Community Larder

The Clerk and RC visited the larder on the 18<sup>th</sup> of December and understand that the Parish Council would be required to give an annual donation in support of the larder, although this would not be required immediately.

**Resolution: Councillors decided not to participate in the project at this time, but to monitor its progress and reassess in 12 months if the invitation is renewed.**

### c. To approve grant application from Exmouth & District Community Transport

Councillors discussed the application for a grant of £116.98 from the group and requested more information regarding the use of the scheme by residents.

**Action: Clerk to request the required information.**

**Resolution: Councillors agreed to approve the grant if sufficient use is made of the scheme.**

### d. Otter to Exe Group meeting held on 2.12.24 (report received from RC)

The East Devon District Council's emerging Local Plan was discussed. EDDC plan to issue it for final consultation in January 2025 before submitting it for Government approval. The Otter to Exe Group will meet again when it is issued for consultation so that we can co-ordinate our responses. Newton Poppleford have been surprised by the way sites have been allocated by EDDC. After initially rejecting sites in NP as unsustainable, two of these sites on the east side of the road towards Colaton Raleigh were later selected. This was detailed in the November issue of the parish magazine. Exmouth Town Council continue to liaise with South West Water over compensation for the pollution incidents. The five-year development plan has been shared with Exmouth Town Council.

### e. EDDC Planning Review Meeting held on 18.12.24 (report received from RC)

EDDC want this to be a regular series of briefing to local town and parish councils on changes in planning. There is a 16 page briefing document available on the planning website. The changes in February 2024 to create a Biodiversity Net Gain requirement of 10% were outlined. The changes to the Agricultural Permitted Development rules were also explained. An update on the Housing Land Supply review and allocation was provided. This should be completed this month and will then be issued for final consultation. An introduction to the Section 106 process and a 14 page briefing documents has been made available on the Planning website.

### f. To consider a Speaker for the APM on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2025

**Resolution: Councillors agreed to invite a speaker from the Driving Safer for Longer Scheme to give a presentation.**

**Action: DJ to provide the Clerk with contact details.**

## 25.i.7 PLANNING MATTERS

### a. To consider applications received

None

### b. To consider applications received after agenda publication (subject to circulation prior to meeting)

None.

### c. To note applications/appeal/comments since the last meeting (considered under delegated authority)

**24/2156/FUL** Camping Site at Moor View, Exmouth Road, Aylesbeare, EX5 2JS - retrospective permission for new holiday park accommodation. Submission: Should the LPA be minded to grant this application, Councillors would request that a Condition is imposed to prevent any future change of use to residential use.

**24/2425/FUL** 4 Pikes Cottages, Church Road, Colaton Raleigh, EX10 0LL – New front porch. Submission: no objections.

**24/2427/FUL** Huish Cottage, 16 Drupe Farm Court, Exmouth Road, Colaton Raleigh, EX10 0LE – unrestricted use as dwelling house. Submission: No objections.

**d. To note approvals/refusals by EDDC since last meeting**

**24/1150/FUL** Roseleigh, Church Road, Colaton Raleigh – refused 18.12.24

**24/2126/FUL** Camping site at Moor View, Exmouth Road, Aylesbeare – approved with conditions 10.12.24

**24/2425/FUL** 4 Pikes Cottages, Church Road, Colaton Raleigh – approved with conditions 8.1.25

**25.i.8 CORRESPONDENCE** (not already circulated) and any response/s required

- Christmas card from David Reed MP.
- Email received by JP from a Northmostown resident concerned about the closure of the bridge at Dotton
- Notice from DCC informing of the temporary closure of Back Lane (in the interest of public safety) from 11<sup>th</sup> December 2024 to 10<sup>th</sup> June 2025
- Notice from DCC confirming that an Order has been made for the diversion of public footpath 18 at Scotts Farm, Sanctuary Lane.

**25.i.9 CLERKS REPORT**

- CP's meeting with Daniel Wynn, EDDC National Landscape Manager, has been rescheduled to 16<sup>th</sup> January.
- The DCC 'Meet the Leader' event on the 18<sup>th</sup> of December was cancelled.
- Only 30% of town, parish and community councils accepted the offer of a free portrait of King Charles III. The total cost to the Government was £2.7 million, at an average cost of £131 per framed print.
- Streetlighting – on 11<sup>th</sup> December, Councillors at DCC approved a 12 month county wide trial to amend the dimming of street lighting on residential streets in Devon to cut carbon emissions and costs. Rural areas will see residential street lights dimmed by 40% from 7pm to midnight, switched off from midnight to 5.30am, with 40% output again from 5.30am to 6.30am.

**25.i.10 REPORTS** (for information)

**a. County Councillor – JB**

Given earlier in the meeting.

**b. District Councillor/s**

Cllr. Riddell – EDDC met on the 9<sup>th</sup> of January to discuss the Government devolution paper.

Cllr. Fitzgerald – has been in touch with Paul Arnott, Leader of EDDC, about the Hawkerland Road situation, he is due to meet with John Varley (CDE) in the new year.

**c. Police – JP**

The Teams meetings are due to start again on the 23<sup>rd</sup> April.

**d. Village Hall - MS**

No report available.

**e. Footpaths – ES/DJ**

The Annual Return for the P3 has been received.

John Boyd has taken over from Ros Davies as Public Rights of Way Officer at DCC.

Concern was raised regarding the continued closure of Back Lane and whether DCC are confident that works will be completed by June 2025.

Following the presentation from Thomas Green, ES and DJ will review the current Definitive Map of Public Rights of Way and consult with DCC as necessary.

**f. Playing Field**

No report available.

**g. Highways – SM** (report circulated)

- Meeting due to take place with David Reed MP on the 31<sup>st</sup> of January has been cancelled.  
**Action: Clerk to chase for a new date.**
- Agreement in principle with DCC Highways to proceed with the two pedestrian warning signs to be erected on the VAS poles at Drupe Farm and corner of Hawkerland Road. Many thanks to Cllr. J. Bailey for help with funding from her Locality Budget. Full costings awaited.
- Village Gateways – there is possibility of erecting two gateways on Exmouth Road verges on the north side of Village. Funding may again be available from Cllr. Bailey's Locality Budget.

**Action: Clerk to make further enquiries with Tom Cox at DCC regarding approval, subject to which SM will obtain quotations for approval at the next meeting.**

- Road surface/ Exmouth Road – is falling into a bad state of repair and needs to be completely resurfaced. There is ongoing poor repair of potholes.
- Road markings – DCC Highways are still awaiting information regarding the red markings for the assigned areas in Colaton Raleigh, but Tom Cox has put forward CR for the parish remark when the opportunity next arises. The ‘slow markings’ on Exmouth Road are now more than 75% eroded.

**Action: Clerk will monitor and apply pressure for works to be carried out asap.**

- Hawkerland Road – further damage caused to the wall on the corner of the road by an articulated truck exiting the junction. Tom Cox, DCC Highways, has suggested ‘repainting of the white lines further out into the road to raise awareness of the walls on the corner which should, hopefully, encourage the drivers of the responsible vehicles to take a wider turn. This could be done during the parish remark’. This needs to be progressed and support requested from our District and County Councillors.
- Concern again being raised by residents over the damage being caused to the grass verges by CDE tractors.

#### **h. Heaths to Sea Landscape Recovery Project – JH/DJ**

A meeting of the Stakeholder Group took place this afternoon (13<sup>th</sup>) at East Budleigh, attended by DJ. The meeting highlighted positive progress and collaboration, with clear priorities set for the coming months including:

- Discussions with parish councils have been completed. The next step is the creation of a ‘Frequently Asked Questions’ list to address common enquiries and provide clarity on the project. An online survey will be available at [www.heathstosea.com](http://www.heathstosea.com).
- Consolidation of all of the expert recommendations, ensuring all of the farms (about 20 within the area) are included in the overall plan, and continuing efforts to integrate feedback from landowners, wildlife trusts, and conservation groups.
- Completing the audit of access covering footpaths and public rights of way.
- Moving forward with the review of farming models and business model development.
- Working on a tender for finance support, particularly where there is opportunity for green finance

Over the next couple of months, public drop-in consultation ‘socials’ are being organised.

The next meeting of the Group will be at the end of April, when all of the proposals from the experts, stakeholders and other groups will be considered.

A project video has been uploaded to the website, providing an overview and update on progress.

#### **i. Speedwatch – DJ**

The most recent operation took place in November, when 300 cars passed through the village in just over 1 hour with 4 recorded over the speed limit.

Volunteers are required as the group is now down to just three members.

**Action: Clerk to put request for volunteers on village Facebook page.**

### **25.i.11 FINANCAL MATTERS**

#### **a. The following payments were approved:**

Halycon Landscaping – grass cutting	£259.64
NDC – payroll	£605.01
Clerks expenses	£62.00
CR Village – hall hire	£45.00
Vision ICT – 2025/26 website & email hosting	£438.00
CR Parochial Church Council – parish magazine	£30.00
Exmouth & District Community Transport	£116.98 (subject to confirmation of use)

#### **b. Payments In - none**

#### **c. Bank balance**

Current acct. £10,010.19    Deposit acct. £15,140.35

d. **Reserve Balances – £10,884.59**

P3	£2686.25
Emergency Plan	£482.00
VAS	£300.00
Defibrillator	£328.00
Playpark equipment	£216.00
CIL	£5307.34
Devon Communities Together	£815.00
Contested election	£750.00

e. **To consider draft budget for 2025/26**

The Clerk circulated draft 2025/26 budget figures for consideration.

**Resolution: Councillors set a budget of £12,633 and agreed to request a precept for 2025/26 of £12,633.**

The effect of the precept on a Band D property is an annual cost of £38.05 (24/25 £36.24) an increase of 3.5p per week.

**Action: Clerk to complete Precept request and forward to EDDC.**

**25.i.12 PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

A resident asked whether a Village Tidy-Up could be arranged prior to the 'Open Gardens' event on the 14/15th of June. (DJ and SM agreed to tidy up around the bus shelter and to replant the trough.)

The grass on the corner of Brook Lane needs to be reseeded.

Request that the Parish Council pay for plants in the troughs outside of the village hall.

**25.i.13 Councillors reports and items for future agenda**

CP stated that repairs to the catchpit at the end of Pound Lane have not been carried out by Clinton Devon Estates. **(Clerk to chase.)**

**25.i.14 Date of Next Meeting – Monday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2025.**