

# Colaton Raleigh Parish Council

## Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at Colaton Raleigh Village Hall on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> March 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. Jess Bailey (JB) – Devon County Councillor (7.50pm)  
Cllr. Melanie Martin (MM) -East Devon District Councillor  
Cllr. Charlotte Fitzgerald (CF) – East Devon District Councillor  
Danuta Joyce (DJ) -Footpaths Officer  
Members of public – 1

### 25.iii.1 Apologies

Noted: Cllr. H. Riddell (EDDC), Ed Suttie (Footpaths)

The Chair announced that Mark Stoyle had resigned his position as Parish Councillor with effect from the 10<sup>th</sup> March 2025.

**ACTION: Clerk will advise EDDC accordingly.**

### 25.iii.2 Declarations of Interest

None

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

None.

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

The minutes of the meeting held on the 13<sup>th</sup> January 2024 were approved by Council, and signed by the Chair.

### 25.iii.5 PROGRESS REPORTS

#### a. Review of Definitive Map and Public Rights of Way

The council heard a report from DJ.

**RESOLUTION: It was agreed that the only inaccuracy on the map related to footpath 27 where a realignment of the track needed to be recorded. Footpath 18 at Scotts Cottage has been officially changed and should be recorded on the Definitive Map.**

#### b. Update – new bus shelter/Exmouth Road

British Telcom has refused permission for the erection of the bus shelter on their land. Their decision is based on strategy for the site, requirement for maintenance, and liability. Despite reassurances that maintenance and public liability would be the responsibility of the parish council, they appear unwilling to enter into any further dialogue.

**ACTION; SM to raise at meeting with David Reed MP. Consideration to be given to an alternative site.**

### 25.iii.6 MATTERS REQUIRING DISCUSSION

#### a. Grant Application from Exmouth & District Community Transport

**RESOLUTION; Councillors unanimously approved a grant of £116.98.**

**ACTION: Clerk to raise awareness of service on village Facebook page, and by publishing timetable on noticeboards.**

**b. To finalise arrangements for APM meeting on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2025**

Emma Hallet from the Driving Safer Scheme has agreed to give a presentation. RC will carry out a short driving course with Emma prior to the meeting and give his feedback. These courses will be offered free of charge to anyone wishing to partake.

**ACTION; Clerk will arrange refreshments.**

**c. To receive update from CP – meeting with Daniel Wynn (East Devon National Landscape Manager) on 16<sup>th</sup> January 2025** (report previously circulated)

Councillors heard that East Devon National Landscape, formerly known as ANOB, was embarking on its next 5 year plan, which is open for public consultation until the 18<sup>th</sup> April. The new plan will focus on nature, climate, people and places. EDNL will be carrying on the AONB Small Grants Scheme under the new name of East Devon National Landscape Fund.

**d. To receive update on Devolution proposals and the reorganisation of local councils**

The Clerk and RC attended a meeting between local parish councils, held at Woodbury on the 21.2.25. Larger town and parish councils are expecting to take over much of district and county services and buildings and discussion focused on the possible transfer of assets/services, responsibility for footpaths, the effect on planning applications being decided by a remote unitary authority rather than district, and ramifications of having to communicate with a much larger organisation. DALC have organised a meeting on the 8<sup>th</sup> of April (10am-11/30am) for smaller councils so that they can give an update on what is known about local government reorganisation in Devon at that point.

**25.iii.7 PLANNING MATTERS**

**a. To consider applications received**

**25/0051/FUL Stables at Winkleigh Lane, Woodbury** – Proposed conversion of stables to 1 no. single dwelling with associated works.

**Submission:** The proposed development is contrary to Policy Strategy 7 of the EDDC Local Plan (2013/31) which outlines development in the countryside will only be permitted where, amongst other things, it is in accordance with a specific Local or Neighbourhood Plan policy that explicitly permits such development.

- The proposal is located outside of any built up area
- There is no local or neighbourhood planning policy which would support such a proposal. (11.3.25)

**25/0016/FUL Robot Hayes, Sidmouth Road, Aylesbeare, EX5 2JJ** – Temporary (3 years) permission for: 2no. shipping containers (one with rain porch attached) to store tools and equipment for allotment users; 1 no. polytunnel; composting toilet and wash store, and hard standing area to enable safe parking and turning of vehicles off the A3052. (Retrospective application.)

**Submission:** Colaton Raleigh Parish Council formally objects to the above retrospective planning application, 25/0016/FUL, for the following reasons:

1. Access to the site – it is considered that the location of these allotments is entirely unsuitable and presents a serious safety concern given the volume and speed of traffic on the A3052. The lack of a visibility splay at the entrance makes the site inherently dangerous to exiting vehicles.
2. There is no clear evidence to justify the need for additional allotments in this area. The neighbouring Parish Council, Newton Poppleford, currently has vacant allotment plots, indicating that the demand for allotments in the immediate area is already being met. The creation of further plots at this location is unnecessary.
3. The concerns raised by Mr. and Mrs. Slade are shared by the Parish Council who support their objection.

The Parish Council strongly objects to this retrospective planning application and requests that it be refused. Furthermore, it should be ensured that the applicant restores the land to its original condition.

**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)**

**25/0028/FUL The Firs, Woodbury Salterton, EX5 1ER** – two storey side extension and associated works.

**Submission:** No objections (4.2.25)

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

**24/2427/FUL Huish Cottage, 16 Drupe Farm Court, Exmouth Road, Colaton Raleigh – approved 23.1.25**

**24/1503/OUT Meadow Bank, Church Road, Colaton Raleigh – refused 10.3.25**

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

- Martin Hutchings – DCC Head of Flood & Coastal Risk Management has confirmed that WSP are updating residents re the property flood resilience programme which will hopefully start in Colaton Raleigh in the spring.
- David Whelan at EDDC is reaching out regarding the move from analogue and digital telephones, requesting information about possible ‘no spots’ in the village and which providers have a poor signal  
**ACTION: Clerk to request that 02, Vodafone, EE, and area around The Otter Pub be added to the list.**
- Letter from David Reed MP – SM has responded
- Invitation to Budleigh Salterton Chairman’s reception in April addressed to Clerk and Chair
- Copy of email sent by resident to Public Rights of Way at EDDC concerning the timescales for repair work at Dotton footbridge
- Email from Budleigh Salterton Town Clerk concerning temporary closure of the Post Office in Budleigh Salterton whilst the Co-Op is being refurbished. They have offered a room for a pop-up and are awaiting a response from the PO.

**25.iii.9 CLERKS REPORT**

- East Devon Local Plan consultation is now live and closes at 9am on the 31.3.25
- East Devon National Landscapes Plan Consultation closes 18.4.25
- Review of Devon Public Spaces Protection Orders – consultation closes 28.4.25
- The Section 106 officer at East Devon has been in touch following last year’s consultation. They are updating the guidance on spending funds as previous requirements were onerous and protracted, but monies will still have to be spent as was intended in the agreements from which they originated.
- Additional CIL funds will be received in April £1320.37 application relating to 23/1687/FUL at Oakfield, Sanctuary Lane. Potential for a further £1650.66 from other development.

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

**a. County Councillor – JB**

- Climate Resilience Otter Catchment Programme – procurement issues have held up works, but the project is due to be completed before 2027. The first project board meeting is due to take place on the 15<sup>th</sup> May. The main aim of the project is to stop flooding.
- Property Flood Resilience Scheme seems to be progressing well – advise JB of any problems.
- Cllr. S. Hughes (DCC Highways) – question raised asking how the £83m allocated by the Government to Devon CC for highway repairs is going to be spent in the Otter Valley
- Dotton footbridge repairs – JB will chase for an update.

**b. District Councillor/s**

Cllr. Riddell – with the temporary closure of the PO he is pushing for a banking hub in Budleigh Salterton.

**c. Police – JP**

Announcement of the reopening of some police stations in Devon (none in our immediate area), other than a new station in central Exeter.

JP to ask whether neighbourhood policing can assist with parking issues in the village.

**d. Village Hall**

No report available.

**e. Footpaths – ES/DJ**

Annual P3 forms are currently being completed. ES will be undertaking strimmer training. A request for various items of equipment has been made to DCC, to enable the footpath officers to be more self-sufficient.

**f. Playing Field**

No report available.

**Action: RC and Clerk to undertake an inspection of playpark equipment.**

#### g. Highways – SM

- Pedestrian road signage has been ordered, with thanks to Cllr. J. Bailey for help with funding from her Locality Budget.  
**Action: Clerk to chase DCC Highways re installation.**
- Damage to wall on corner of Hawkerland Road – residents’ insurance company has now been given the go-ahead to repair it within the next 8 weeks.
- The Hawkerland Road name sign has been damaged – Streetscene are responsible for repairs.
- Village Gateways – Costings expected to be in the region of £1200/£1300. Currently awaiting response from DCC Highways regarding positioning. County Councillor’s Locality Budget funding should re-open mid May.
- Road markings – Information from Tom Cox (DCC Highways) advises that ‘slow markings’ are not treated as a safety defect. The remark scheme is fully booked for 25/26, so any work is not likely until 26/27.  
**ACTION: JB to put pressure on Highways, as she has not been consulted.**
- On-site road meeting has now been arranged with David Reed MP.
- Complaint received regarding the entrance on the spur at Back Lane (adjacent to Kitts Hayes) where some large rocks have been placed across the entrance.
- Complaint about hedging debris on verge in Shepherds Lane.  
**ACTION; Clerk to write to resident.**

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

Pop-up meetings are currently taking place, including one in Colaton Raleigh on the 8<sup>th</sup> March. This is the last round of public consultations and more information should be available in May/June. The area being covered has been increased as it is joining up with other landowners, Devon Wildlife, and the RSPB.

#### i. Speedwatch – DJ

Following the recent advertising campaign, one new volunteer has been recruited.

Two sessions have been undertaken: January – 300 cars in one direction with 2 speeding vehicles, February – 220 cars in one direction with 2 speeding vehicles.

### 25.iii.11 FINANCAL MATTERS

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

Halycon Landscaping – grass cutting	£259.64
NDC – payroll	£526.68
Clerks expenses	£56.00
Mens Shed Ottery – bench refurbishment	£225.00
East Devon District Council – dog bin	£528.77
Woods Village Shop (batteries for defibrillator)	£21.48
Woods Village Shop (electricity for defibrillator)	£75.99
Millers Signs (Chairmans board)	£28.00

#### b. Payments In - none

#### c. Bank balance

Current acct. £8570.54    Deposit acct. £15,193.90

#### 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

### 25.iii.12 PUBLIC QUESTIONS

None

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

None

**25.iii.14 Date of Next Meeting – Annual Parish Meeting                      Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2025**  
**Annual Parish Council Meeting      Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2025**

**Meeting closed at 8.55pm.**

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