

# COLESHILL PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES of meeting held on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2013, in the Village Hall

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**Present** – Cllr. Dick Ware (DW) (Chairman), Cllr. Lynne Woodgate (LW), Cllr. Terence Prideaux (TPx), Cllr. Dave McGhee (DMcG), Cllr. Carol Hallchurch (CH) Cllr Matthew Bell (MB) and the Clerk

**In attendance** – two members of the public

**Chairman indicated emergency exits**

**Apologies for absence** - none

**Not present** – Cllr Sarah Parker

### 1. To approve Minutes of Meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> January 2013

Minutes were approved as a true record, and signed. It was agreed that, as meetings were now being held monthly, there was no need for a Summary to be produced any more. The Clerk would, however, send the webmaster a copy of the signed minutes immediately after each meeting.

2. **County Councillor** – not present

3. **District Councillor** – not present

### 4. Planning

DW said that nothing more had happened on Windmill Farm because the deadline for further comments on the Article 4 Direction had not yet passed. Regardless of this, another full application would in any case need to be put in for any further major work.

3 Chase Close has put in another application to connect the existing garage to the house.

Wellside were granted permission for front and rear extensions, despite our concerns at extending the line of dwellings further into the Green Belt at the rear, and have now put in another application doubling the size of the rear extension by making a garden room in the basement. We shall be raising points of concern.

### 5. Finance

- Finance report – report was noted, cheques signed
- Budget 2013/14 – Clerk had circulated record of past three years' financial transactions in order that Councillors could acquaint themselves with historical expenditure before discussing the budget at the next meeting. TPx said that he would provide an analysis, distinguishing between recurrent and discretionary items.

### 6. Christmas lights

MB had inspected the cabling in the tree and thought it could be left in situ for a few years yet. The cable coming from the Church to the lights, however, is not very good; needs to be armoured cable.

### 7. Village Day proposal

TPx said he had recently attended a meeting on this. Still planned to go ahead on 13 July.

### 8. Jubilee Tree planting

Clerk reported that the tree would be delivered next week. [subsequently deferred to the following week]

### 9. Land ownership search

Clerk had spoken with Land Registry who had gone through the search process whilst on the phone and confirmed that the land known as the old allotments site was not registered. Clerk had spoken with one of the neighbours who said she thought the land belonged to someone named Carol who lived in Bath. Chairman agreed

to approach one or two residents who might have more specific knowledge and that a request would also appear in the next Newsletter.

#### 10. Broadband

DW remains in contact with Warren Buckley, who is still insistent that the work will go ahead when the weather is more propitious for cabling work. He said the team has tried twice but without success. It is currently booked for this following week. Needed to avoid disturbing telephone services in the whole area. He said we should see a significant improvement, though it would not be superfast broadband. DW will update the website.

#### 11. Village Hall Boundary/ Ownership of Plots

Covered allotments site in item 9. Also informed by Land Registry that the query on village hall boundary could not be taken down to a small measurement, so no satisfactory conclusion. Chairman will draft letter to the Denyers, to be discussed at next meeting.

#### 12. Penn Festival

DMcG said the festival would be a week later this year, on the weekend of 20<sup>th</sup> July. If not invited automatically by, say, end of April (as promised in assurances given last year), CPC will write to ensure attendance at the Safety Advisory Group meeting.

#### 13. Parish Plan - Nothing further to report.

#### 14. Meetings – To report on – none To attend - none

#### 15. Councillors' Reports

- **Open Spaces** – the roadside ditch leading down to Mrs. Ayres property had been cleared
- DMcG reported on the LR search in respect of the narrowed footpath beside the Herberts' property, which had confirmed that the new wall and hedge were within their boundary.
- **Website** – nothing to report
- **Cricket Club** – the new signs had been put up and angled slightly which was thought to be more satisfactory. TPx had obtained three quotes for repairing the leak. After consideration, Councillors agreed to use Chris Judd who had quoted for £600
- **Tennis Club**  
Nothing major to report. TPx said they had got a fairly full programme and would be having another fun day, but quite a bit later on in the year.
- **Village Hall**  
Nothing to report
- **School**  
Nothing to report; it was half term at the moment
- **Play Area**  
LW had provided the Clerk with a list of the equipment in order for a checklist to be drawn up for the monthly inspection. It was also agreed that Clerk contact alternative inspectors (Digley) for this year's RoSPA visit. They were used by several other Parish Councils and not only were less expensive, but gave a more comprehensive report.
- **Newsletter**  
DW said that copy date was Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February at the latest. Distributed two weeks thereafter.

#### 16. Date of next Meeting – March 18<sup>th</sup> 2013

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#### DEMOCRATIC PERIOD, questions welcomed on items discussed during the meeting

Tony Barber thought a Mrs. Silversmith might once have owned the allotments site but had no further details.

