Minutes for the meeting of Colyton Parish Council held on Monday 9th February 2026 at 7.00 pm in the Colyton Town Hall.

Present: Cllrs S Real, A Stenning, J Gardiner, A Parr, J Hay, G Chesterton and R Turner.
Also in attendance: EDDC Cllr H Parr and S Haines (clerk)
Members of public: 0

26/02/71 Receipt & Approval of apologies for absence. Cllrs Mann, Watson and Stephenson.
26/02/72 Declaration of Interests. Cllr Real declared an interest on amenities item regarding a memorial bench as this is for his family. Cllr Turner declared an interest on amenities item for vendors going on the PMPF as he is on the committee.
26/02/73 Police Report. 7 crimes reported in December. 6 violence and sexual offences, 1 theft.
26/02/74 Approval of the minutes of Parish Council Meeting held Monday 12th January 2026. Cllr Stenning proposed this be approved, seconded by Cllr Gardiner and agreed by all.
26/02/75 Matters arising from the Minutes. None.
26/02/76 Public Question time. No members of public present to speak.
26/02/77 Report from County Councillor. None received.
26/02/78 Report from District Councillors Cllr H Parr talked through her report, see appendix A
26/02/79 Highway Matters
a) TTRO2667484 temporary prohibition of through traffic. Hillhead Colyton. Monday 9th March – Friday 13th March 2026. National Grid works.
26/02/80 Report from Meetings Attended. None.
26/02/81 Future memorial applications for benches/trees. Next agenda
26/02/82 East Devon Nutrient Recycling Plant proposal. Still no application received so nothing to report – this will remain on the agenda.
26/02/83 Correspondence
a) Letter of thanks received from the Colyton Light Committee for the donation made for the Christmas lights.
26/02/84 Finance
Minutes of the finance committee held Monday 26th January (appendix S) to be noted.
Accounts to be approved for payment.

DD Talk talk phone and broadband 40.77 VAT 8.15. Total 48.92 pounds.
DD British Gas Lite workshop electricity 15.41 VAT 0.74. Total 15.52 pounds.
BACS M.M. Services Dolphin Street toilets cleaning. Total 477.00 pounds.
BACS Halcyon cemetery cutting 579.41 VAT 115.88. Total 695.29 pounds.
BACS Mr Fitzpatrick toilet cleaning. Total 120.00 pounds.
BACS Waste managed waste contract 92.11 VAT 18.43. Total 110.54 pounds.
BACS Scribe annual subscription for accounting tool 483.84 VAT 96.77. Total 580.61 pounds
BACS Bradfords tarpaulin 13.12 VAT 2.62. Total 15.74 pounds.

The above accounts were approved for payment. Proposed by Cllr Hay, seconded by Cllr Gardiner and agreed by all.

a) The Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) has confirmed the appropriate sum for the purposes of section 137(4)(a) of the Local Government Act 1972 for parish

and town councils in England for the financial year 2026/27 will be £11.60 per elector. This is an increase from last year's amount which was £11.10.
b) Quote received to remove Skate Park and install pump track at the playing fields. The project and rough costings were approved, clerk now needs to get two more quotes to compare.
c) Goodman and Nash offer to look into business rates paid for the Pavilion at the Playing Fields. Next agenda.
d) Licence for the Playing fields and permission for Roy Turner to be premise supervisor. Next agenda.

26/02/85 Planning

Minutes of the meeting of the planning committee held Monday 26th January (appendix T) to be noted.

a) Planning application from East Devon

25/2429/FUL Chartridge Old Sidmouth Road – Dr Johnson - Demolition of existing garage and shed. Construction of detached combined workshop, store and home office. *Comments due by 19th February.* Cllr Gardiner proposed this be supported, seconded by Cllr Chesterton and agreed by all.

b) Planning decisions from East Devon

c) c) Planning correspondence.

26/02/86 Amenities

Minutes of the meeting of the Amenities committee held Monday 26th January (appendix U) to be noted.

a) Pavilion toilet compliance with regulations. Next agenda.
b) Football club are proposing to hold the charity 5 a side tournament and party in the park on 5th June 2026. Does the Parish Council have any objections to ice cream and food vendors parking on the car park? Cllr Real proposed this be agreed but with a maximum of four vendors to be allowed, seconded by Cllr Chesterton and agreed by all.
c) Small skip for an allotment clean up. Cllr Chesterton proposed the Council agree to hire a skip for the allotment committee to complete a clear up on the condition that the allotment society accept responsibility for all material placed inside the skip and for any costs occurred because something was placed inside that shouldn't be. Seconded by Cllr Real and agreed by all.
d) Request for memorial bench at the playing fields on existing plinth. Cllr Real requested to place a memorial bench on the existing plinth in the play park at the playing fields. Cllr Gardiner proposed this be allowed, seconded by Cllr Hay and agreed by all.

26/02/87 Items brought to the CPC's attention after the agenda had been published to be noted.

Cllr Parr read out a letter sent in from a member of public complaining about a van being park on Coly Road outside Thornfield Close. Clerk to reply and explain this is not a Parish Council matter and will need to be reported to Devon County Council,

26/02/88 Matters to be taken into Committee

26/02/89 Dates of future meetings

Committee meetings – Monday 23rd February
Full CPC meeting – Monday 9th March.

Meeting closed: 19:40

Appendix A

Report of District Cllr Helen Parr Feb 2026

1. **Local Government Reorganisation**

The Cabinet is recommended to approve the appointment of specialist advisers to work up the detail of the 4-5-1 model of Unitary governance, on behalf of the 7 District and Borough Councils putting forward this proposal.

The total cost of this work over the next 6 months is expected to be £175k, to be shared between the Councils promoting this plan. The cost to EDDC will be £25k to be met out of existing budgets.
https://democracy.eastdevon.gov.uk/documents/s29901/LGR%20Cabinet%20February%202026.pdf

2. **Community Grant Fund applications**

A new community grant fund has now opened, scheduled to close on 27 February 2026 at 4pm.

£204,000 of funding has been allocated for grants, half for this first round, and the remainder for the next round later in 2026/2027.

£300 - £1,500 will be available for small community grants and £500 - £10,000 available for community buildings.

https://news.eastdevon.gov.uk/applications-open-for-community-grants-that-will-fund-voluntary-community-projects-and-buildings/
More info on the EDDC website-
https://eastdevon.gov.uk/grants-and-funding/grants-available-from-us/the-community-grant-fund/

3. **Consultation on Local Government Review proposals**- give your views on the 5 different Unitary options for Devon put forward to government
https://news.eastdevon.gov.uk/lgr-consultation/?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery