# Minutes for the meeting of Colyton Parish Council held on Monday 10th August 2026 at 7.00 pm in the Colyton Town Hall.

**Present:** Cllrs S Real, A Stenning, G Stephenson, A Parr, J Hay, J Gardiner, G Chesterton, J Watson and R Turner.

**Also in attendance:** EDDC Cllr H Parr

**Members of public:** 0

**26/08/79 Receipt & Approval of apologies for absence.** Cllr M Mann.

**26/08/80 Declaration of Interests.** None declared.

**26/08/81 Police Report. Five crimes reported in June. 2 x other crime, 2 x violence and sexual offences and 1 x criminal damage and arson.**

**26/08/82 Approval of the minutes of Parish Council Meeting held Monday 13th July 2026.** Cllr Gardiner proposed these be approved, seconded by Cllr Stenning and agreed by all.

**26/08/83 Matters arising from the Minutes.** None.

**26/08/84 Public Question time.** No members of public present to speak.

**26/08/85 Report from County Councillor.** No report received.

**26/08/86 Report from District Councillors.** Cllr H Parr asked for the residents' update on Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) to be circulated, as it contains an explanation of the current position regarding the proposed unitary arrangements. She reported that discussions are taking place regarding future warding arrangements, but councillors have not been involved in drawing up the proposals. Concerns were raised about the lack of consultation, future representation and the potential impact of funding arrangements on East Devon. It was agreed that the Council would write to the MP raising these concerns.

**26/08/87 Highway Matters**

a) The handyman, David Bennett, and Cllr Mann are booked onto a Chapter 8 course.

b) Concerns were raised regarding the ongoing South West Water works at Coly Vale and the lack of progress on site. The works had originally been due to finish on 17th July. It was agreed to write to Devon County Council and South West Water requesting an explanation for the delays and confirmation of when the works will be completed.

**26/08/88 Report from Meetings Attended.** None**.**

**26/08/89 East Devon Nutrient Recycling Plant proposal.** No further information received. To remain on the agenda.

**26/08/90 Website.** Cllr Chesterton reported that the new website is nearly finished and the colytonparishcouncil.gov.uk domain has been set up. New Council email addresses will now be created for all Councillors. The initial website should be live by the end of August and further content can then be added.

**26/08/91 Land at Stafford Common.** The Council's previous correspondence has now been answered, with the legal department stating that it considers the matter closed. The Council does not consider the matter concluded. Previous correspondence will be circulated to members and the matter brought back to the next meeting for further discussion.

**26/08/92 Correspondence.** An email had been received from Susan Foreacre regarding climate and environmental matters. Noted.

**26/08/93 Finance**

Minutes of the finance committee held Monday 27th July 2026 (appendix J) to be noted.

Accounts to be approved for payment. The accounts were approved for payment.

a) **Quotes received for works required on the gardens**. Members considered the quote for St Andrew's Garden to be too expensive. It was agreed to proceed with the first two items of work but not the St Andrew's Garden works at this stage. Further advice to be sought.

**b) Request from Roy Turner regarding the responsibilities of the Playing Field Committee in relation to the pavilion and playing fields.** Members discussed the existing split of responsibilities between the Playing Field Committee and Football Club and felt the request required clarification. Cllr Turner will speak to Roy Turner to clarify what is being requested and report back.

**26/08/94 Planning**

Minutes of the meeting of the planning committee held Monday 27th July 2026 (appendix K) to be noted.

a) Planning application from East Devon

26/1471/TCA Great House, South Street - T1 and T2 Maples, reduce by approximately 1.5-2 metres all over; T3 Holly, reduce by approximately 1.5 metres. No objections.

b) Planning decisions from East Devon. None discussed.

c) Planning correspondence. None.

**26/08/95 Amenities**

Minutes of the meeting of the Amenities committee held Monday 27th July 2026 (appendix L) to be noted.

a) Queen Square and South Square lamps. DCC have made contact and an engineer has inspected the lights, taken photographs and collected the top of the South Square light. A report is awaited.

b) Pump track. The pump track is now open and is being enjoyed by all ages. A recent accident was noted and safety signage, including advice on helmets, is being produced by the contractors. It was agreed to check that the Council's insurance and risk assessment requirements are in place.

c) Waste facilities at the pump track were discussed. The existing bin is heavily used and an additional/larger bin nearer the track was suggested.

d) Access to drinking water at the playing fields was discussed, including the possibility of an external drinking water point at the pavilion. This has previously raised concerns regarding vandalism and hygiene and will require further consideration.

e) The bench by the pavilion is loose on its base and the concrete base is cracked. David Bennett to inspect.

f) Parking bays and fencing at Road Green to be placed on the next agenda.

**26/08/96 Items brought to the CPC's attention after the agenda had been published to be noted.**

a) Carnival parking. Cllr Hay raised concerns regarding vehicles parking in the Parish Council-owned parking area by the old bank on Carnival night. It was suggested that temporary signage be used to reserve/close the area for Carnival use. As expenditure may be required, this will be placed on the next agenda.

b) People's Emergency. Cllr Stephenson reported on an event hosted by Axminster Town Council, including a film fronted by Chris Packham concerning the People's Emergency and climate issues. Colyton residents had asked whether a similar screening could be held locally. Cllr Stephenson also suggested that the Council consider a plastic-free town pledge and reducing paper use by encouraging councillors to use digital agendas where possible. Further information to be brought to a future meeting.

c) Kittles Trust. Cllr Gardiner reported that the Trust requires an additional trustee following the death of one trustee and the forthcoming departure of another from the area. Possible trustees were discussed. Cllr Turner indicated that he would be willing to assist if another suitable trustee could not be found. It was noted that Trust funds must be spent for the benefit of Colyton.

**26/08/97 Matters to be taken into Committee. None.**

**26/08/98 Dates of future meetings**

Committee meetings - Monday 24th August 2026

FULL meeting - Monday 14th September 2026

**Meeting closed: 19.40**