Minutes for the meeting of Colyton Parish Council held on Monday 11th August 2025 at 7.00 pm in the Colyton Town Hall.

Present: Cllrs S Real, G Stephenson, A Stenning, M Mann, A Parr, J Hay, J Gardiner, G Chesterton, and R Turner
Also in attendance:
Members of public: 1

25/08/48 Receipt & Approval of apologies for absence
Apologies received from Cllr Arnott and EDDC Cllr H Parr (who reported that she had no matters to raise).

25/08/49 Declaration of Interests
No declarations were made.

25/08/50 Police Report
No police report was received.

25/08/51 Approval of the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held Monday 14th July 2025
Minutes were approved

25/08/52 Matters arising from the Minutes
None.

25/08/53 Public Question Time
A member of the public, with blindness and hearing impairment, raised concerns about large construction vehicles using unsuitable roads, unsafe parking on Queen Street, and general traffic safety issues. Chair noted these matters had already been raised with Devon County Council, and their comments would be added to the existing correspondence to strengthen the case.

25/08/54 Report from County Councillor
Apologies from Cllr Paul; no report provided.

25/08/55 Report from District Councillors
No reports provided; minimal current activity at district level.

25/08/56 Highway Matters
Extensive discussion took place covering several areas:

- **Queen Street traffic hazards**: Large articulated vehicles accessing the development site, creating congestion and visibility hazards, particularly at the Queen Street/ Church Street junction.
- **Double yellow line requests**: Areas identified included:
    - Corner by the fire station
    - Dolphin Street

- Green Bridge area
- Colcombe Castle Road corner

  Members agreed the need to prioritise a small number of critical locations to increase the likelihood of approval by DCC.

- **20 mph speed limits**: Proposal for targeted 20 mph zones, focusing on dangerous stretches such as Dolphin Street and Queen Street, rather than blanket coverage. Petition support from residents noted.
- **Enforcement of HGV routes**: Concerns that Wain Homes developers were ignoring agreed delivery routes. Clerk to request that the site manager and EDDC enforcement officer ensure compliance.
- **Parking on roads and Market Place**: Increasing use for all-day parking on the roads especially outside Colcombe Castle causing congestion; suggestion of time restrictions (e.g., 30 minutes) and double yellow lines
- **Abandoned vehicles**: Several reported, some present for months; blue car near Blue Bridge noted as immobile with flat tyres.

Agreed to place these matters on September committee agendas for detailed review, prioritisation, and evidence gathering (including photographs).

25/08/57 Flyposting
Query raised over possible unauthorised signage ("Munchkin" boards). It was noted that without evidence of lack of permission from EDDC, action was not warranted.

25/08/58 Road Closures
One confirmed closure; Clerk to obtain further details from the relevant authority.

25/08/59 Reports from Meetings Attended

- **Playing fields Committee**: Cllr S Real
  - Replacement of main hall flooring agreed; new carpet tiles with vinyl at bar area.
  - Discussion about removal of scaffolding signage and replacement with a permanent sign (planning permission required).
  - Fireworks event planned to be bigger this year; cost savings from entertainment changes to be reinvested into fireworks.
  - Football club now has improved funding from a grant.
- **Meeting with MP**: Cllr J Hay
  - Sewage and flooding issues raised.
  - MP to be sent photographs for discussion with South West Water.

- Residents reported flooding in Bernard's field Close during heavy rain; linked to inadequate drainage and uncleared ditches.

- **Allotments**: Cllr G Stephenson

  - Concern that some vacated plots were being informally reassigned outside the waiting list.

  - Clerk to ensure all reassignments go through official waiting list procedure.

25/08/60 Parish Councillor Allowances
Council considered the existing scheme but agreed not to adopt allowances to preserve funds for public services such as toilets. Proposed by Cllr S Reel, seconded by Cllr M Mann, agreed by all.

25/08/61 Co-option of New Councillor
Joe Watson expressed interest in joining the council. Formal co-option deferred to the September full council meeting to allow Clerk to prepare necessary forms.

25/08/62 Finance

- Minutes of the Finance meeting held 28th July 2025 were noted.

- Payments were approved (full list attached at Appendix A). Proposed by Cllr A Stenning, seconded by Cllr M Mann, agreed by all.

DD	Talk Talk	Broadband & Telephone	40.77	8.15	**£48.92**
DD	British gas Lite	Workshop electricity	14.85	0.74	**£15.59**
DD	Biffa	Waste management	220.54	44.11	**£264.65**
BACS	Mr Fitzpatrick	Toilet Caretaker	120.00		**£120.00**
BACS	Waste Managed	Set up fee	30.00	6.00	**£36.00**
DD	Waste Managed	Waste management	151.00	30.20	**£181.20**
BACS	Axe Vale Skip Hire	Skip to be delivered on	255.00	51.00	**£306.00**

- Pump track project under review; quotes being sought. Skate park ramp improvements discussed as an alternative.

25/08/63 Planning
No new applications or decisions.
Street trading licence for Caterpillars Christmas Fair on Wednesday 3rd December 2025 received; no objections raised.

25/08/64 Amenities
No July meeting.

25/08/65 25/08/66 Items brought to CPC's attention after agenda publication

- Concerns over EDDC's additional licensing requirements for carnival events; members felt these were unnecessary, duplicative, and costly.

- Suggestion to return to using the back hall due to poor acoustics in current room. To be added to September agenda.

25/08/67 Matters to be taken into Committee
None.

25/08/68 Dates of Future Meetings

- Committee meeting: Tuesday 26th August 2025 (moved from Monday due to bank holiday)

- Full CPC meeting: Monday 8th September 2025

Meeting closed: 19.38