Minutes for the meeting of Colyton Parish Council held on Monday 13th July 2026 at 7.00 pm in the Colyton Town Hall.

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

26/07/60 Receipt & Approval of apologies for absence. None
26/07/61 Declaration of Interests. Cllr Chesterton declared an interest on the item under other business regarding the application for an alcohol license at Finn's as he is the owner.
26/07/62 Police Report. Three crimes reported in May. 2 X violence and sexual offences, 1 X other crime.
26/07/63 Approval of the minutes of Parish Council Meeting held Monday 8th June 2026. Cllr Stenning proposed these be approved, seconded by Cllr Mann and agreed by all.
26/07/64 Matters arising from the Minutes. None
26/07/65 Public Question time. No members of public present to speak.
26/07/66 Report from County Councillor. No report received.
26/07/67 Report from District Councillors. Cllr H Parr reported that the announcement for LGR is imminent and she will report fully once the details are released.
26/07/68 Highway Matters
a) TTRO2670544 temporary prohibition of through traffic. Coly Road and South Street. Thursday 13th August. For patching works.
26/07/69 Report from Meetings Attended. Cllr Hay attended a meeting of the playing fields committee; plans are well underway for the Party in the Park and the Fireworks evening.
26/07/70 East Devon Nutrient Recycling Plant proposal. No application published to date.
26/07/71 Issues in the River Coly between Finn's and Ham Bridge. Clerk has sent in pictures to the environment agency, but nothing has been actioned. Clerk to chase.
26/07/72 Correspondence
a) Invitation received for an open afternoon at Abbeyfield Colyton on Wednesday 22nd July 3 – 5pm.
26/07/73 Finance
Minutes of the finance committee held Monday 22nd June 2026 (appendix G) to be noted.
Accounts to be approved for payment.

DD Talktalk phone and broadband 35.83 VAT 7.17. Total 43.00 pounds.
DD British gas lite workshop energy. Total 78.93 pounds in credit.
DD EDF energy Dolphin st toilets electricity 39.71 VAT 1.99. Total 41.70 pounds.
BACS Mr Fitzpatrick toilet caretaker. Total 120.00 pounds.
BACS MM Services Dolphin st toilet caretaker. Total 477.00 pounds.
BACS Halcyon cemetery maintenance 579.41 VAT 115.88. Total 695.29 pounds.
BACS Lee Clifford Engineering Ltd materials for works on lamp on Station Road. 270.00 VAT 54.00. Total 324.00 pounds.
BACS Fastnet domain registration 85.00 VAT 19.46, May hosting 12.32, June hosting 14.99 VAT 3.00 July hosting 14.99 VAT 3.00. Total 152.76 pounds.
BACS Signs southwest Dolphin st toilets signs 105.00 VAT 21.00. Total 126.00 pounds.
BACS Source for Business Dolphin st toilets water. Total 435.04 pounds.
BACS Source for Business cemetery water. Total 22.13 pounds in credit.
DD Waste managed waste contract 225.70 VAT 45.15. Total 270.85 pounds.
BACS Forte Trailscapes Ltd 40% of build for pump track 21666.67 VAT 4333.33. Total 26000.00 pounds.
BACS The garden shop bin bags for a year. Total 119.94 pounds.
BACS Paul Prettejohn garden machinery. Pre-approved tools. 469.11 VAT 93.82. Total 562.93 pounds.

The above accounts were approved for payment, this was proposed by Cllr Stenning and seconded by Cllr Gardiner. The payment for Forte Trailscapes will be made with CIL money.

a) Missing bench at Heathayne Cross. Cllr Mann stated there was a bench in the workshop that he will put there.
b) Upgrade picnic benches to composite, 2 at picnic site & 1 at green bridge garden. Costs are coming in at £600 each. It was agreed to replace them using CIL money, one might be a memorial bench for Mr Mills, family to confirm.
c) Budget for the slide replacement at Road Green, they seem to range from £2500 upwards, the choices are Wooden, Plastic or Metal. It was agreed to put in a composite slide, prices to be gathered for the next meeting.

26/07/74 Planning

Minutes of the meeting of the planning committee held Monday 22nd June 2026 (appendix H) to be noted

a) Planning application from East Devon

b) Planning decisions from East Devon

26/0173/FUL 19 Coly Vale Colyton - Change of use of land for additional garden curtilage and erection of garden office. Approved with conditions.

c) Planning correspondence.

26/07/75 Amenities

Minutes of the meeting of the Amenities committee held Monday 22nd June 2026 (appendix I) to be noted

a) Queen Square and South Square lamps. Clerk still waiting to hear from highways about maintenance, will chase again.
b) Cycle rack sign on Dolphin Street. Cllr Mann to remove.
c) New Bench is installed at the picnic site. A thank you card from the family has been received.
d) New Bench is installed at the playpark at the playing fields. Noted
e) Old skatepark removed. Noted
f) Contractors have started construction of the new pump track. Noted – thanks to Cllr Mann for being so involved and creating updates.
g) Carpark white lining is on hold for the contractors to finish the pump track. Clerk has notified the company who were successful, they will wait to hear from the Council for a start date.
h) Repairs needed at Picnic Site, entrance has several holes and wooden sign is rotten. Cllr Mann to remove the sign and put it in the Council shed for repairs.
i) Name needed for the pump track. Next agenda – new email address to be put on.

26/07/76 Items brought to the CPC's attention after the agenda had been published to be noted.

Memorial request for the late John Mills. Mr Mill's family would like to put a memorial up, clerk to invite them to put a picnic bench at the picnic site.

Alcohol licence application for Finn's Studios. A hearing has been called, Cllr Stephenson will attend as an individual, no application has been bought to the Council for comment to date.

26/07/77 Matters to be taken into Committee

26/07/78 Dates of future meetings

Committee meetings – Monday 27th July
FULL meeting – Monday 10th August

Meeting closed: 19:45.