Minutes for the meeting of Colyton Parish Council which held on Monday 15th September 2025 at 7.00 pm in the Colyton Town Hall.

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

Cllr Parr congratulated the carnival committee on a fantastic carnival, it was a fabulous evening. The committee should be written to. Clerk to write to Mr Hartnell.

25/09/69 Receipt & Approval of apologies for absence. Cllrs Arnott and Chesterton.
25/09/70 Declaration of Interests. None.
25/09/71 Police Report. 7 crimes reported in July. 6 violence and sexual offences, 1 anti-social behaviour.
25/09/72 Approval of the minutes of Parish Council Meeting held Monday 11th August 2025. Cllr Hay proposed these be approved, seconded by Cllr Mann and agreed by all.
25/09/73 Matters arising from the Minutes. None.
25/09/74 Public Question time. No members of public present to speak.
25/09/75 Report from County Councillor. Cllr Arnott submitted a report – see appendix A.
25/09/76 Report from District Councillors. Cllr H Parr sent her report – see appendix B.
Cllr Real bought up a meeting that he, as part of the carnival committee had to attend via teams with EDDC, it lasted about 45 minutes and was with 10 EDDC staff. Each individual carnival committee had to attend a similar meeting to talk through the running of each carnival. It was a complete waste of time, just putting out more and more red tape. People would have had to have taken time off work to attend these meetings and it will kill the carnival. Places like Honiton were told that they had to find 21 recycle lorries to park across all roads to serve as a road block to protect people from potential terrorist attacks but those lorries had to be manned at all times so they could be moved for emergency access. Cllr Mann agreed that it was a complete waste of time, all carnival committees have to have their own insurance and answer to the East Devon Federation of Carnivals (something that EDDC did not seem to even know existed) so it is nothing at all to do with EDDC, they don't need to be involved at all. Cllr H Parr agreed that it did seem a waste of time and stated that she would ask questions as to why these meetings needed to happen.
25/09/77 Highway Matters
a) TTRO2565074 temporary prohibition of through traffic. South Street. From Thursday 20th – Friday 21st November 2025. Temporary to permanent reinstatement of water.
b) TTRO2563905 temporary prohibition of through traffic and parking. Saturday 13th September. Carnival route.
c) TTRO2564965 temporary prohibition of through traffic. Market Place and Dolphin Street. Monday 15th – Friday 19th September. Drainage works.
d) Concerns raise by a MOP regarding parking around Colyton. Cllr Hay confirmed that these would need to be submitted for the HATTOC meeting which usually takes place around August.
e) 20mph limit in Colyton – Cllr Chesterton. Cllr Stephenson explained that DCC are considering a 20 minutes scheme which will improve accessibility by looking at public transport routes and also putting in more things like cycle lanes to improve the network. It would include implementing 20mph zones through towns. One route that is being considered is from Beer to Axminster which would look to come though Colyton. If the Council were to approve this plan then Cllr Chesterton would write a letter to say Colyton would back this and be interested in being included. Cllr Mann proposed this be pressed to go forwards. Cllr Hay submitted a counter proposal that the whole of Colyton should have a blanket 20mph limit. This was not seconded. Cllr Gardiner seconded Cllr Mann's proposal and this was agreed. Cllr Real proposed we write to Colyford to ask them if they would support Colyton in a request to make the road from Pear Tree Corner to Coly Vale a 30mph limit, this was seconded by Cllr Mann and agreed.
25/09/78 Report from Meetings Attended. None.
25/09/79 Response from Land Registry received and circulated. Proposed response also circulated. Cllr Gardiner proposed the latter be send, seconded by Cllr Stenning and agreed by all.
25/09/80 Co-option of a new Councillor. Cllr Mann proposed Joe Watson be voted on to the Council, seconded by Cllr Hay and agreed by all.

25/09/81 Correspondence

a) The Rural Bulletin

25/09/82 Finance

Minutes of the Finance meeting held 26th August 2025 (Appendix K) to be approved for publication. Cllr Hay proposed these be approved, seconded by Cllr Gardiner and agreed by all.
Accounts to be approved for payment.
Cllr Real proposed these be approved, seconded by Cllr Mann and agreed by all.

DD Talktalk phone and broadband 40.77 VAT 8.15. **Total 48.92 pounds.**
DD British Gas Lite workshop energy 15.77 VAT 0.79. **Total 16.56 pounds.**
BACS Mr Fitzpatrick toilet caretaker. **Total 120.00 pounds.**
BACS Halcyon grounds maintenance at cemetery from March to July 2844.39 VAT 568.87. **Total 3413.26 pounds.**
BACS Halcyon grounds maintenance at cemetery for August 579.41 VAT 115.88. **Total 695.29 pounds.**
DD Waste managed waste management 151.00 VAT 30.20. **Total 181.20 pounds.**
DD ICO data protection annual fee. **Total 52.00 pounds.**
BACS Source for business allotment water. **Total 100.82 pounds.**
BACS Total energies toilet electricity 52.94 VAT 2.65. **Total 55.59 pounds.**
BACS Bradfords July statement 214.39 VAT 42.88. **Total 257.27 pounds.**
BACS S Haines salary. **Total 1077.24 pounds.**
BACS D Bennett salary 1374.04 mileage 0.45 X 109 49.05 tower services 12.75 VAT 2.55. **Total 1438.39 pounds.**
BACS HMRC PAYE 126.80 NI Employee 47.80 NI Employer 278.93. **Total 453.53 pounds.**
DD Nest pensions Employee 67.68 Employer 50.76. **Total 118.44 pounds.**
BACS Cllr Mann toilet cleaning supplies – e-bay 36.99 Tesco 19.65. **Total 56.64 pounds.**

The above accounts were approved for payment, proposed by Cllr Mann, seconded by Cllr Gardiner and agreed by all.
S Haines pay includes an additional 178.95 which is the amount advised by NALC for the pay award, this is back dated to April.
a) Pump Track – next agenda.
b) Bus shelter at Coly Vale – next agenda.
c) Estimate received from Jason Mair to complete works on the river bank at the playing fields. Cllr Mann proposed this be approved as Jason has already previously done works to this area, seconded by Cllr Stephenson and agreed by all.
d) Second half of precept received 31,972.50. Noted.
e) Defib for the playing fields. The Feoffees have agreed to pay half, clerk to order a new one.
f) Lamp on Station Road. Clerk has approached a few organisations but cannot find any volunteers. For insurance purposes it would be better to go with a professional painter/decorator. Jim Fossey submitted an estimate of around £450 including paint. Cllr Hay proposed this go ahead, seconded by Cllr Stenning and agreed by all.
g) Quotes from EDF. It was agreed to go with EDF for a year for the toilets.

25/09/83 Planning

Minutes of the meeting held 26th August 2025 – (Appendix L) to be approved for publication. Cllr Mann proposed these be approved, seconded by Cllr Real and agreed by all.

a) <u>Planning application from East Devon</u>

25/1757/FUL 8 Burnards Field Road – Somers – Proposed porch extension, external decking alterations and replacement conservatory roof. *Comments due by 20th September*

Cllr Mann proposed this be supported, seconded by Cllr Gardiner and agreed by all.

b) <u>Planning decisions from East Devon</u>

25/0986/FUL Queens Haye – Erection of three bay wooden carriage house – refused.

25/1512/TCA Greencroft House Sidmouth Road T1 & T2: Magnolia Grandiflora - reduction by approximately 1800-2200mm with cut diameters up to approximately 40mm. Decision made – no TRO required.

25/0887/FUL Maypowders Station Road – Proposed first floor extension and first floor side extension. Approved with conditions.

c) <u>c) Planning correspondence.</u>

2 X new memorial applications
1 X application for additional inscription on small plaque.
Cllr Real commented that all of these are within our standard requirements so should be approved, this was agreed by all.

Notification of appeal decision from EDDC. Appeal against the decision made by EDDC on planning application 23/1785/FUL The old reservoir, Ridgeway Lane. The appeal is allowed and planning permission is granted for demolition of existing reservoir tanks and construction of new dwelling house.

25/09/84 Amenities

Minutes of the meeting held 26th August (Appendix M) to be approved for publication. Cllr Hay proposed these be approved, seconded by Cllr Stenning and agreed by all.
a) Request from the playing fields committee to make the scaffold sign at the entrance a permanent structure. Cllr Parr stated that he was sure that on the original planning application for the playing fields, a sign was included and approved. The Parish Council did not object to a permanent sign being put in, Reece Strawbridge would contribute.
b) Plans to be decided upon for the skate park area. Cllr Mann to contact Cllr Arnott regarding pump track costings to see if that could be an option.

25/09/85 Items brought to the CPC's attention after the agenda had been published to be noted.

Moving future meetings to the Mortimer room. Cllr Hay is struggling to hear in the main hall, it was suggested to lay the hall out differently to see if he could hear better if his back was against the wall. This will be tried for the next meeting.
A Chelsea Mullberry tree has been donated to the Council – this could go up Millfield.
It has been suggested that a sign needs to be put up by the PMPF toilet to advertise opening times. The playing fields committee should suggest appropriate times.
Cllr Hay asked for the roadside hedge at Millfield to be laid, clerk to ask for prices.

25/09/86 Matters to be taken into Committee

25/09/87 Dates of future meetings

Committee meetings –
Full CPC meeting – Monday 13th October

Meeting closed: 20:00

Appendix A

Cllr Paul Arnott
EDDC & DCC Report September 2025

Works begin at Seaton Hole

Important work to protect the cliffs and beach at Seaton Hole have begun following planning approval for a £1.4 million improvement scheme. The work is designed to reduce erosion and lower the risk of cliff falls, helping protect the coastline and 41 nearby homes, including a care home. The project is being managed by a partnership of East Devon District Council (EDDC) and Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole Council, known as South West Flood and Coastal. Work will include:

- Adding more large rocks (known as rock armour) at the base of the cliffs
- Refurbishing and removal of wire baskets filled with stones (gabions) that support the cliff base next to Check House seawall
- Carrying out repairs to Check House seawall

Together, these improvements will strengthen defences between Seaton Hole and West Walk Promenade, making the area safer and more resilient to the effects of the sea. The scheme is expected to deliver nearly £5 million in long-term benefits.

The contractor, J.T Mackley & Co Ltd, have begun setting up using land next to Seaton Jurassic Long Stay Car Park. Starting now, up to 7,000 tonnes of will be delivered over a week or so by sea, arriving on high tides. For public safety, sections of Seaton Hole beach will be closed periodically, but open when possible, and local businesses will remain open and accessible as usual throughout the works. The work is due to be completed by November.

Hampton Hotel, Exeter Airport

Councillors may be aware that for the last two years the hotel has been utilised by the private contractor working for the Home Office as a holding centre for asylum applicants. We should be proud that both district and county councils have worked hard to ensure humanitarian treatment of the residents. Local schools and volunteer groups have been a model of British tolerance and hospitality. For clarity, the residents are not and never have been the cohort who have crossed the channel by boat. They come from at least a dozen countries, many with horrific experiences, and are mainly families. The only men in the hotel are fathers or family relatives.

For two years, this community, most of whom go on to be granted asylum and then disperse to cities elsewhere, have been rightly kept out of the spotlight. It is a disgrace to British values and democracy that for the last five weeks mobs whipped up by Faragists have shouted abuse at them. This August of strife has been stoked by him and his media outlets, but it has also been devastating that an Exeter Conservative Councillor and a senior member of the Honiton and Sidmouth Conservative Party have joined in with wildly inaccurate and inflammatory statements.

The people of the United Kingdom have every right to debate immigration policy, and to show concern over the border failure at the Channel. But for some to direct their rage at the women and children at the Hampton who are legally and legitimately awaiting asylum processes and have nothing to do with the “small boats” is ill-informed, stupid and bigoted.

Both parties of the right in East Devon need to start providing correct information and distance themselves from those among them seeking to inflame out of personal political ambition.

Parking in East Devon

Changes to the Winter Parking Offer, first introduced in 2016, have been agreed, ending the winter parking £2.00 promotional offer. Considering inflation, the £2.00 winter parking offer from 2016 is effectively the £1.33 winter offer in 2025. Unlike the cost of maintaining EDDC car parks and providing other services, the winter offer had not increased for 9 years.

Initially introduced to encourage seasonal exploration and shopping, the winter offer had become a permanent overlay to the standard parking tariffs, with most sites now offering this promotion as the standard rate for winter parking.

The proposal to replace the winter offer is a blanket promotion of -minus 50% of summer charges across all sites during the winter. This will better reflect the demand and use of each site, and the maximum stay restrictions that are present during the summer, will remain in the winter. The minus 50% winter tariff will provide cohesion between the summer and winter charges and simplify future tariff changes.

It should be noted that most authorities are moving to a single tariff model, with no variance between summer and winter charges, so this will continue to be an enticing promotion for East Devon and meet the objectives of the original offer.

Major progress in providing attainable homes in East Devon

At Cabinet on 3rd December agreement is sought for Build & Buy, a new Housing Investment & Development Plan for East Devon. The purpose of the plan is to maximise the use of our assets, address housing need and support the Council's strategic objective of having a supported and engaged community that have the right homes in the right places and with the appropriate infrastructure.

The Plan aims to deliver 500 new homes over the next five years, with an equal split between homes developed on Council owned land and homes acquired through partnerships with private developers. 250 homes will be delivered through direct development on the Council's existing landholdings. 250 homes will be purchased from developers as part of Section 106 agreements, joint ventures, or off-the-shelf acquisitions.

This mixed delivery approach is intended to accelerate housing supply, make efficient use of public assets, and ensure the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) has a range of housing stock to meet local needs.

Local Government Reorganisation and Devolution

All councils are working towards submitting their preferred option as required by the end of November by MHCLG. These options are live and decisions from the councils are likely to be agreed in October and November.

For those interested in finding out more background, Devon County has been touring an informal briefing and listening operation, which will be at:

3rd Sept 12-2pm Sidmouth Library

12th Sept 9.30-11.30 Honiton Library

23rd Sept 11am-1pm Seaton Esplanade.

Appendix B

Report of District Cllr Helen Parr

3 matters-
1. Local Government Review
2. Affordable Housing
3. T & P Consultation

1. Local Government Review [LGR] - Deadline for proposals to be submitted to Government 28th Nov 25.

The District Councils Submission-

7 of the Devon District Councils have agreed to appoint KPMG to work up the detail of their submission- **budget for the commission £145k**, shared equally between the councils. [Government Grant £35k per authority towards costs of LGR]. Government guidelines recommend Unitary Councils should serve populations of c.500, 000.

The District Councils' Submission- called the **"1-4-5"-** is jointly proposed by 7 out of 8 Devon District Councils i.e. East Devon DC, Mid Devon DC, N Devon DC, Torridge DC, S. Hams DC, W. Devon DC and Teignbridge DC. Also supporting this proposal, Torbay Unitary Council.

1= a Plymouth Unitary Council
4= a S. Devon Unitary Council - S. Hams, W. Devon, Teignbridge and Torbay
5= a N. East Devon Unitary- East Devon, Mid Devon, N Devon, Torridge and Exeter
"1-4-5" is not supported by Exeter City [8th district council].

Other submissions from Exeter City Council, Devon County Council, N Devon, Plymouth and Torbay.

Exeter City Council submission- Exeter city proposes it becomes a Unitary. In order to build population numbers and meet Government recommendations, Exeter proposes expanding into 28 parishes in E Devon, including all the west end of the district i.e. Airport, Sky Park, University, Science Park, Greendale Business Park, Hill Barton Business Park, Exmouth and Budleigh, out to West Hill, [the business rate paying, wealth creating and employment areas of this district]; 15 parishes in Teignbridge district; 6 parishes in Mid Devon.

If agreed, Exeter Unitary would have a population of c. 294,000;

Plymouth Unitary pop. c. 318,000;

Rural and Coastal Devon [including Torbay] pop. c. 765,000

https://committees.exeter.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=261&MId=7987&Ver=4

Plymouth Unitary Council bid- Plymouth proposes it remains a Unitary, and wishes to expand into S. Hams etc. out to Ivybridge, and N. to Bickleigh and Cornwood, edge of Dartmoor.

All Devon Councils have agreed a Mayoral Strategic Authority should be established, with an elected Mayor- for financial reasons [a precursor to securing significant Government funding]. See Cabinet Minutes 3 Sept item 67

https://democracy.eastdevon.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=136&MId=2505&Ver=4

2. Build and Buy- the District Council has agreed plans for **500 new Affordable Homes to be built in the next 5 years.**

Build/ commission Affordable/ Social housing on council owned land e.g. garage sites; brownfield council sites, redevelopment of old council housing;

Buy social housing ready built by developers as S106 contribution on mixed Open Market and Affordable Housing developments.

Cost- £100m over 5 years, self-financing, income from rents covering the cost of borrowing.

This is the vision, the plan is aspirational...

It will require significant Capital investment, money sourced from-

-Prudential borrowing by EDDC [public works loan board]

-Capital receipts from sale of EDDC land and assets surplus to requirement/ not financially viable to upgrade etc.

-Government grants e.g. Homes England

-S106 commuted sums

-Right to Buy receipts

See HRB Minutes 31 July https://democracy.eastdevon.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=152&MId=2547&Ver=4 minute 58 Finance Report and minute 67 Build and Buy.

https://democracy.eastdevon.gov.uk/documents/s28022/PART%20A%20-%20Build%20and%20Buy%20Report.pdf

3. T & P Consultation re Communication-

The consultation is scheduled to run for eight weeks – from 5 September to 31 October 2025 – on the Commonplace online platform.

Town and Parish councils will be asked to feedback on:

- The types of information that are most useful to their council.
- Their preferred methods of contact.
- How frequently they would like to receive updates.
- The kind of information they would like to receive.