

Colgate Parish Annual Meeting 11th March 2024 at 7.30pm Colgate Village Hall

Present

Councillors: S. Marley, V. Finnegan, C Crosdil, S Davies, R Calvert, N Staff, B Humphreys, and S Garley.

In Attendance: Mrs. B. Clayden (Parish Clerk), Cllr Hogben and 15 members of the public. Guest speaker Dr Richard Black

Apologies: Cllr Kitchen and R Faith

Minutes

1. Welcome by the Chair.
2. Agree the minutes from the previous Annual Meeting (2022/23).

All councillors agreed the minutes from the Annual Meeting 22/23

3. The Annual Report was already distributed prior to the meeting. Hard copies were provided at the meeting.
4. Councillors introduced themselves. Members of the public had the opportunity to ask councillors questions whilst taking refreshments. Open session.
15 members of the public attended the meeting.

Questions asked included:

Why does Colgate PC have a very low band D precept payment compared to other PCs in the district (16p)? Colgate PC are in an unusual position of receiving precept monies from a relatively rapidly increasing population mainly due to the Kilnwood Vale (KWV) development. The PC own few assets so have a low expenditure compared to other Parish Councils that own/manage assets such as community Halls etc. The council has always strived to keep the precept low for the residents and this is especially the case during the recent periods of austerity and high cost of living.

The PC have a grant application scheme which is offered to all groups/organisations within the parish so long as it meets the conditions of the scheme. Both Colgate and Faygate village halls and St Saviour's church are granted £1000 every year.

The local District councillor raised the potential future management/ownership of the planned Kilnwood Vale (KWV) Community Hall. Colgate PC are still investigating the details of how any transfer of management/ownership of assets would operate and it remains under discussion. The KWV Community Hall is currently not anticipated to be completed before 2028.

5. Dr Richard Black presented a talk on Wilder Horsham and took questions at the end of the session.

[Link to Wilder Horsham](#)

Meeting closed at 9.30pm

Signed by Chair.....

Date