

Colyton drainage project deadline extension request

Parishes Together Fund 2017 / 2018

In 2017 / 2018 Colyton Parish Council was granted £1,292.90 from the council's Parishes Together Fund towards a ditches and drainage project. They didn't carry out this project within the required timescale of 12 months, so by 16 April 2019.

They didn't contact us as requested to arrange for an extension to the 16 April 2019 deadline in advance, so are asking for a post-deadline extension to allow them to spend the funding they were granted.

Their original application is included as part of this agenda for your information.

Why they are asking for longer to spend the monies, information from Colyton Parish Council:

"The project is ongoing, we identified the problem as blocked gullies, jammed drainage lids and years of accumulated silt and debris and we have approached the County Council to jointly work with us to lift the jammed drainage lids and vacuum out the accumulated debris as they have the expertise and the machinery to do it. This where the money will be spent but we are held up because despite repeated requests the County has yet to respond. I am also asking our County Councillor, Cllr Martin Shaw to speak to them especially as we now run the risk of having to return the remaining funds.

We have spent a small amount on the clearing of a couple of the gullies beyond the blocked drains but it would be a complete waste of money unless we can actually get the jammed drainage lids lifted and vacuumed out as this is the root cause of the surface flooding.

The delay is not of our making and we are doing everything we can to progress the project which will intimately benefit residents of Colyton who at the moment face the prospect of their properties flooding and should the money be withdrawn there is no way we could afford to do the work."