

COLTISHALL PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at the Church Rooms on Tuesday 9th October 2018 at 7.30pm

Present: Bob Grindrod (BG), Bill Musson (BM), Doreen Snelling (DS), Michael Spinks (MS), Mike Kirkham (MK), John Haschak (JH), Suzanne Hall (Clerk, SH) plus 8 parishioners.

1. Apologies for absence.

Jo Coplestone (District Councillor), offered her apologies, which were accepted.

2. Declarations of pecuniary interest in items on the agenda

None

3. Minutes of previous meeting 11 September 2018

Minutes were signed as a true and accurate record.

4. Matters arising from the meeting (for information only)

None

Open Forum

5. Pre-School presentation – Michelle Thackham – An update was provided on the progress of the refurbishment of the Village Hall and plans for the future phases of development were discussed. It was noted that a BDC grant may be available through Community at Heart, but matched funding would need to be provided.

6. Norfolk Wildlife Trust – deferred until November

7. Reports from District Councillor - Karen O’Kane from Norfolk County Council had reported to BDC on ‘Better Broadband for Norfolk’ which was launched in 2012. 94% of households now have superfast broadband and delivery to another 3% is scheduled by June 2020. A bid for further funding to get a fibre service to the remaining 3% is being sought and it is hoped this will be achieved from 2020 onwards. If you would like to check your ability to get faster broadband please go to www.betterbroadbandnorfolk.co.uk and check your address by entering your postcode.

8. Public Participation

A member of the public asked about the B1150/Ling Way crossing.

9. Police Report

Four crimes were reported in Coltishall: 2 around Ling Way (violence) and 2 on the High street (anti-social behaviour). There have been incidents on Rectory Road with youths on cycles. Any incident should be reported to the Police on 101 by the victim to enable the police to raise an incident and take direct action.

Mr Grindrod met with PC Magee to talk about engagement between the police, parishioners and the parish council. The police will increasingly focus their attention on things which are in their remit such as crime prevention, anti-social behaviour and burglary and will be using an intelligence gathering approach. They are not the primary body responsible for speeding or parking issues and so these will be dealt with by the Safety Camera Partnership and the Local Authority respectively. PC Magee has offered to attend village groups and clubs.

10. Highways/SAM2/Speedwatch

Work has been completed on the safer crossing on the B1150 by Ling way. We are waiting for extra road markings to be added as discussed with Highways.

The SAM2 (Speed Activated Monitor) is currently on Rectory Road in Horstead but will return to Coltishall w/b 15 October.

Speedwatch sessions continue and our Speedwatch team is looking for more people to help out - the commitment is just one hour a month and could make a real difference to our community. Since January, 212 drivers have received warning letters as a result of these sessions. The evidence gathered at the sessions encourages the Safety Camera Partnership cameramen to set up sessions in the village. These have resulted in 167 convictions for speeding in the village since January. Communities with Speedwatch teams have far higher conviction rates for speeding because more checks are carried out.

Main Meeting

11. Finance report

(1) The following payments were received prior to the meeting

Precept – 2nd instalment £16,500.00

(2) The following payments were approved at the meeting

BDC – Dog bin emptying – 4/18 – 3/19 £528.84

Clerks Salary for October £780.78

Insurance – allotment association (paid by allotment association) £332.85

Clerks Q2 expenses £198.68

Royal Legion poppy wreath £50.00

Proposed BG, seconded MS.

(3) It was AGREED that the Clerks salary will be paid by Standing Order from November – Proposed BG, seconded BM

12. To report on planning applications:

Scottow Enterprise Park – Change of use of runway - The Parish Council discussed the change of use of the runway at Scottow Enterprise Park. While the employment opportunities were seen as a positive, concerns were voiced about the noise proposed and potential future noise if the business were to grow, or similar businesses were to set up. The Council has previously expressed concern about noise and traffic issues with the Scottow site. Since the airbase closed, the ecology of the area has improved and this could be under threat. Overall it was agreed to register noise and ecology concerns about the proposal.

13. **GMLP** – Regulation 18 consultation sites – Consultation 29 October to 14 December – It was agreed that an article would be put in the Marlpit and on the noticeboards providing information and encouraging individuals to respond directly.

14. **CAST Update** - DS provided an update – Michelle Thackham and Ted McCarter have asked to become CAST Trustees. Regular hirers of the hall have been advised the hourly rate will be £7.50 from 1st January. DS agreed that the CAST 2018/19 budget and signed agreements from the clubs that use the facilities would be provided at the November meeting.

15. **Tree works** - It was unanimously agreed to accept a quote provided for the cutting of the allotment hedge.

16. **Broadland Tree Warden Network** – it was agreed that BM will take this forward

17. **CCTV** – MK and DS to visit suppliers to view footage. The police have suggested footage from a wildlife camera may be a useful ‘testbed’ to consider the quality/usefulness etc.– MK/DS/SH to take forward

18. **Hedge and grass cutting** – This will go out to tender with the closing date Friday 9th November. This will allow a decision to be made at the November meeting.

19. Correspondence

Donation request for daffodils – declined as unable to donate to individuals

Donation request from Bure Valley Conservation Trust towards maintenance of the apple orchard - £50 agreed

Bure Valley Railway sale – Parishioners concerns were noted

Councillor resignations – BG and MK will be stepping down following the November meeting. MK will continue with the playground inspections until a replacement can be found/trained.

MUGA – this will be added to the November agenda

20. Playground

Weekly inspections are being carried out by MK. The report from the annual inspection shows nothing with a high or medium risk. SH will get quotes for the minor items noted.

21. Other meetings and Training

Meetings and training attended

NPTS clerks network – 9/10/18 – SH

Future meetings

Broadland Tree Warden Network – 14/11/18 – BM

22. Any other business

Volunteers – BG will advertise in the Marlpit for volunteers as several functions within the village need more helpers – Speedwatch/Parish Councillors/CAST/Community Lunch Club/School Governors etc

23. Confidential item

The clerk's pension was discussed.

The next meeting date will be **Tuesday 13 November 2018 at 7.30pm** in the Church Rooms