

MARLINGFORD & COLTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Colton Village Hall, 14th January 2025 at 7pm

Minutes

John Morse	JM	Chairman
David Woods	DW	From item 6
Debbie Perfect	DP	
Mark Pfeiffer	MP	
Maria Hutson	MH	Parish Clerk

4 members of the public

1. To consider accepting apologies for absence
None

County and District Councillor Dewsbury sent her apologies
2. To receive declarations of interest on items on the agenda and consider any requests for dispensations
None
3. To consider co-opting a Councillor
None at this time
4. To agree the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 12th November 2024
It was agreed to
DP proposed and MF seconded, all in agreement they are a true record.
5. Open forum for Public Participation: an opportunity to hear from the public
There was a discussion regarding buses and lorries diverting through the villages when there have been overnight closures of the A47. JM has been in contact with Galliford Try to ask for mitigation to be put in place. They have asked for evidence/photos if this happens again. The increase in potholes in the Parish was also mentioned and parishioners were urged to report these on www.norfolk.gov.uk and www.fixmystreet.com
6. Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting
None
7. Any time limited correspondence – for information only
CPR training available through NARs. Parish Council to suggest 3 dates to NARs
Possibility of £300 funding from Members fund for play area gate, quote needed to submit application
8. To consider the tree work quotes received
Quotes have been sought from 5 companies and received from 3 companies. It was decided that Roger Norton Tree Surgeon was the most competitive and comes with local recommendations. It was proposed by JM and seconded by DW to ask them to undertake the work.
9. To consider the quotes received for work at Marlingford Amenity area
MP is struggling to find companies to quote for the work – defer until the next meeting.
10. To receive an update on footpath issues and consider any issues that have arisen

No issues at this time

11. To receive a report on the confirmed 2025/26 budget including areas for growth.
A report was given by John Morse to members of the public. Rationale behind the budget setting was explained and those in attendance appreciated the reasoning.
12. Planning
 - a) Any received after the publication of the agenda
None
 - b) To note the response to [2024/3522 | Erection of a detached self build dwelling and garage | High House Farm High House Farm Lane Colton Norfolk NR9 5DG](#)
This was supported
 - c) To note the response to [2024/3241 | Two storey rear extension, single storey side garage extension and front porch | Oaklands Norwich Road Colton Norfolk NR9 5BZ](#)
This was supported
 - d) To hear of any planning decisions made by South Norfolk Council
None
13. Financial matters
 - a) To authorise payments for January 2024

Maria Hutson	January Salary and Expenses	£356.62
Norfolk Pension Fund	January pension contribution	£106.76
HMRC	PAYE month 10	£2.40
Justin Ritchie	Grass cutting and maintenance	£1,160.00

To be authorised by 2 Councillors
 - b) To note payments made since the last meeting

Unity Trust Bank	Service Charge	£6.00
Maria Hutson	December Salary and Expenses	£368.42
HMRC	PAYE month 9	£2.60
Unity Trust Bank	Service Charge	£6.00
Norfolk Pension Fund	December Pension contribution	£106.76
 - c) To note receipts received
None
 - d) To receive the 3rd quarter accounts
This were noted
14. To invite submissions for any items for inclusion on the next agenda
None
15. To confirm that the next Parish Council Meeting will be held on 11th March, 7pm, Colton Village Hall

Meeting closed at 20:13