

MARLINGFORD & COLTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes

8th December 2020, 7pm, via zoom

Present

Julian Blackmore JB (Chairman)
 Paul Hammerton PH
 David Woods DW
 Liz Plater LP
 Carol Farrow CF
 Steve Clark SC

Maria Hutson MHu Parish Clerk

Margaret Dewsbury

2 members of the public plus 4 representatives from Equinor

MINUTES

1.	To receive any apologies.	
	None	
2.	Items raised by members of the public present	
	Cath Montague, Item 12, TPO	
3.	To receive any declaration(s) of interests of items on this agenda not recorded elsewhere.	
	Item 12, grass cutting contract. PH is a friend of Justin Ritchie and JB has used Justin Ritchie to undertake work for him.	
4.	To accept and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 10 th November 2020	
	SC proposed and PH seconded they are a true record. LP and CF, the other Councillors in attendance at the meeting, in agreement.	
5.	Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting	
	None	
6.	Any time limited correspondence <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parish Infrastructure – No support needed for a Parish Infrastructure plan. • Hardship Grants – None known. Forward on email to Church Wardens and Village hall committees Dom Chris Whiting Marlingford • Website accessibility statement – MH to circulate a drafted statement 	MH to forward email to churches and village halls. Respond to Norfolk CC MH to draft statment
7.	Financial matters <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Payments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HMRC , £56.20 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clerk's salary and expenses, £245.40 • Marlingford Amenity area, cleaning, £40, Justin Ritchie • Colton Amenity area signage, £126, Mike Amiss Signs <p>2) Receipts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SNDC, adopter fee, £450 • Spooner Row CC <p>3) Financial summary</p> <p>4) Outstanding payments for 2020/21 – Colton PCC, Marlingford PCC, Grapevine, Norwich Fringe.</p> <p>5) 2021/22 Budget and precept SC proposed extra 350 for amenity area LP second. All agreement.</p>	
	<p>1) PH proposed and CF second payments. Accepted by all. JB to authorise payments tomorrow</p> <p>4) MH to contact PCC's and Grapevine requesting BACs details for future payments. In the past Norwich Fringe have organised working parties and similar however have not done anything recently. It was decided to suspend payments to them. MH to notify them</p> <p>5) There was discussion around the budget. It was decided to increase the allocation for the amenity area by an additional £350. SC proposed this amended budget, LP seconded and agreed by all.</p>	MH to contact Norwich Fringe.
8.	<p>Planning</p> <p>4) Brookside, Barford Road, Marlingford, NR9 5HU, Erection of single storey rear extension with internal alterations and extension to existing garage.</p>	
	No comments or objections. Will not detract from the view from the road.	MH to lodge comments on SNDC planning portal
9.	Criteria for traffic calming	
	MH spoke to the clerk of Bawburgh PC who have just had traffic calming methods installed. They had to submit significant information including data from their SAM 2. MH to ask if it has had a significant positive effect on the speeding within the parish	MH to ask for more information from the Bawburgh PC Clerk.
10.	Anglian (Eastern) Regional Flood and Coastal Committee (RFCC) survey	
	There was some discussion around this but PH was unsure to the real purpose of this as there it is a very minor problem within the parish. JB suggested that individuals to respond to this rather than a parish response.	
11.	Sheringham Shoal Extension Project and Dudgeon Extension Project – Nigel Tompkins, Johannes-Christoph Leininger, Greta Hexberg, Michal Corney	

JB welcomed 4 representatives from Equinor to the meeting Johannes Leininger (JL), Consultation manager; Mike Corney (MC), leading onshore elements of the project; Nigel Tompkins (NT), Community Liaison Officer based in Norfolk and Greta Hexberg (GH) who works on concept development of the project.

JL gave a brief overview and timeline for the project. Equinor are currently undertaking surveys in relation to the project and will apply for initial consent at the end of 2021. They are hoping consent will be awarded in 2023 with initial construction commencing in 2024 with most work being undertaken in 2025/26

DW said although he welcomes renewable energy developments, he asked why this project cannot collaborate with the Hornsea project and therefore minimise disruption. Is it not possible to combine trenches and co-operate with the other company?

MC said that the Sheringham project started 3/4 years after Hornsea so consent had already been submitted and some initial work been undertaken. He also stated that to accommodate 2 additional circuits the trenches would need to be a lot wider and a material amendment would need to be made to the Hornsea application which would slow it down. Currently each developer must apply separately for each wind farm, the system does not support joint working. He added that Equinor will be submitting two wind farm applications within one set of cables. As the Hornsea route passes through significant wildlife and conservation areas it would not be possible to widen these trenches along the full route. DW pointed out that working together could reduce costs. MC said that Norfolk MPs are supporting the proposal of an off-shore ring main which would allow for a more joined up approach in the future. Equinor are lobbying for a more joined up approach but this will not come in time for this project.

Hornsea should hear at the end of December if they have gained consent. Hornsea have experienced delays due to ecology impacts but Equinor have learnt from this and are confident of their timescales.

PH asked how long they estimate work will take, it looks that around 4 miles of the corridor will skirt around Marlingford.

GH was unable to give a definitive timescale at this point.

PH said that landowners would need to have an idea of how long so they knew where to graze their livestock for example. NT said that work could impact a landowner for 12-15 months but this would not be continuous.

CF asked if there would be a lot of transport to and from the site. MC said that all the plant and main machinery would operate within the cable corridor. There would be some lighter vehicles and staff travelling to and from the site. Soil would be stored on site.

MC showed a map of the route and through further consultation in the spring with the public and collection of

	<p>environmental information this corridor will be narrowed to under 100m wide with the 2 cables laying 15-20m apart 1.2m underground. They will apply for compulsory purchase power orders for whole route but hope to enter into voluntary agreements with all landowners.</p> <p>JB thanked them for attending and requested for timeframes on how long to expect work to take per km so they can communicate this to residents.</p> <p>It was suggested that a letter is sent to Richard Bacon MP raising concerns. DW and JB to put something together and circulate.</p>	<p>JB and DW to draft a circulate a letter</p>
12.	<p>Marlingford and Colton Amenity area maintenance</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Play equipment maintenance – Beam 2) Grass cutting 3) Tree Preservation Order - Marlingford 	
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) MH explained the remedial work suggested by Justin on the beam which would mean adding a plank of oak to strengthen it from rot. MH had asked if it would be better to replace it as suggested by CF but to find a suitable fit could be difficult and the fittings may not be compatible. SC proposed this work goes ahead, DW seconded and all agreed 2) MH presented a report summarising the quotes received from Justin Ritchie, Ribbonsdale nursery (contract contractors) and FT Grounds Maintenance. FT were considerably more expensive. Justin was the only contractor that offered a 3-year quote. MH put forward that he would offer good value for money and recommended they offer him the contract. SC proposed giving the contract to Justin which was seconded by CF and agreed by DW and LP. PH and JB abstained from voting due to their declaration of interest. 3) Cath Montague, former tree warden has contacted the PC suggesting that the oak tree in the centre of Marlingford Amenity Area be put forward for a Tree Preservation Order (TPO). It was planted in 1994/95 and now a “perfect” specimen and a home to a range of wildlife. PH proposed applying for a TPO and DW seconded. Agreed by all <p>Margaret Dewsbury mentioned that Norfolk County Council have committed to planting 1 million trees over the next 5 years. Each councillor will be given an allocation of trees,</p>	<p>MH to ask Justin Ritchie to commence work on the beam.</p> <p>MH to contact Justin Ritchie and offer 3 year contract on him providing a copy of his insurance.</p> <p>MH has contacted SNDC and they require a letter or email outlining case along with photo and site map. They will then assign a tree officer who will assess, MH to work with Cath Montague to submit an application.</p>
13.	<p>Updating of parish council’s policies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Risk Assessment - general 	
	<p>JB proposed that this updated risk assessment be accepted. PH seconded this and all in agreement</p>	
14.	<p>Schedule of meetings for 2021</p>	

	JB proposed the 2021 schedule and LP seconded this. All in agreement with the dates	MH to provide copies to be displayed on the notice board and website.
15.	To invite submissions for any items for inclusion on the next agenda	
	Internet speeds	
16.	To confirm that the next meeting Parish Council Meeting to be held on 12 th January via Zoom	
	Meeting closed at 20:50	