

# MARLINGFORD & COLTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Colton Village Hall, 12<sup>th</sup> March 2024 at 7pm

John Morse	JM, Chairman
Paul Hammerton	PH
Deborah Perfect	DP
Mark Pfeiffer	MP
David Woods	DW
Maria Hutson	MH Parish Clerk

Margaret Dewsbury, District and County Councillor

Mark Lambert – Route Manager, Sean Sharp – Service Delivery Manager, Joe Kennedy – Assistant Service Delivery Manager, National Highways; Jim Freeman - Stakeholder Manager, Galliford Try

9 members of the public

## AGENDA

1. To consider accepting apologies for absence  
None
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  
Not at this time
4. To agree the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> January 2024  
PH Proposed, DP seconded, agreed a true record
5. Open forum for Public Participation: an opportunity to hear from the public  
None
6. Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting  
None
7. Any time limited correspondence – for information only  
A47/Western Link updates  
GNLP inspectors report  
Hornsea project three – update, funding and liaison meetings  
These were noted
8. To receive a Highways update including a presentation from National Highways  
Representatives from National Highways spoke about the issues that been experienced so far regarding the work on the A47. Mitigation is being put into place to reduce the flooding that has been happening in Honingham. The very wet weather has made this work more difficult however the A47 will be closed on 12<sup>th</sup> April for this work. There were discussions about how to manage road closures including earlier signage. Due to the judicial review there has been a delay in the work although it is hoped that the work be concluded in around 3 years. Parishioners were encouraged to make direct contact or through the Parish Council Chairman if further issues arise
9. To receive an update on the Millenium Tree

The Millenium Tree was planted in 2000 in Colton and is no longer there. JM has spoken with David Wildon and Jim Pearce who were involved in the planting of the tree. A replacement tree will be looked into and a suitable venue considered and discussed at a future meeting.

10. To consider the future location and regular checks of the Defibs  
DP has agreed to undertake monthly checks on both the defibs. MH is working to get DP a login for the Webnos system used.  
Both cases have an internal heater which is connected to mains electricity and kicks in when the temperature drops below 7 degrees. As the Bell has been shut the electricity has been off. There were discussions regarding the possibility of moving this device at a cost of approximately £350. It is hoped that there will no more cold weather for the next few months and the Bell will have new tenants soon to a decision has been put on hold.
11. To consider undertaking annual Play area inspections  
The inspections are due in June at a cost of £140 plus vat for both. It was agreed for the inspections to be undertake and ask David Bracey when he will be attending so JM can meet with him.
12. To consider the spending of the Clean up and Bloom grant  
A litter pick has been undertaken and litter pickers, hi-ves and bags were donated by highways. MP to look at other ways the grant can be spent.
13. To receive a Highways update  
JM attended the most recent local liaison meeting for the A47/Western Link. JM is still pushing for the work to be undertaken to repair the verges. Wet weather will have caused some delays in this work.
14. Consideration of a Biodiversity Policy  
JM proposed and MP seconded to adopt the policy, all in favour
15. To discuss future grant applications  
Hornsea have introduced a grant scheme which the Parish Council could apply to. Consideration will be given as to what the funding could support and discussed at a future meeting.
16. Planning
  - a) Any received after the publication of the agenda  
None
  - b) To hear of any planning decisions made by South Norfolk Council  
None
17. Financial matters
  - a) To authorise payments for March 2024

NPTS Subscription (for payment 1 <sup>st</sup> April)	121.40
M Hutson, March Salary & Expenses	360.37
Norfolk Pension Fund, March	104.88
HMRC, PAYE month 12	3.80
Colton Village Hall Hire	75.00
Marlingford Cricket Club	60.00

Payments were agreed. JM to authorise

b) To note payments made since the last meeting

Justin Ritchie	100.00
Online Playgrounds	141.60
Norfolk Pension Fund	104.88
Maria Hutson	354.32
HMRC	4.00

These payments were noted.

c) To note receipts received  
None

18. To receive an update on footpath issues

There are no new issues. A new footbridge has been installed on one footpath on the edge of Vikings Nurseries land.

19. Any other urgent business to be noted

Paul Hammerton was thanked for his hard work on the Parish Council as he will be taking a break and stepping down from the Parish Council after this meeting

20. To invite submissions for any items for inclusion on the next agenda

Defib location

21. To confirm that the next Parish Council Meeting will be held on 14th May, Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Parish Council Meeting) 7pm, Colton Village Hall

Meeting closed at 20:38