

MARLINGFORD & COLTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Colton Village Hall 13th June 2023, 7pm

John Morse JM (Chairman)
David Woods DW
Deborah Perfect DP
Maria Hutson MH Parish Clerk
1 member of the public

1. To consider accepting apologies for absence
Apologies accepted from Paul Hammerton – away
2. To receive declarations of interest on items on the agenda and consider any requests for dispensations
None
3. To consider any declarations of acceptance of office that have not been received.
Received from David Woods
4. To agree the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 16 May 2023
DW proposed and DP seconded. All in agreement
5. Open forum for Public Participation: an opportunity to hear from the public
Concerns were raised regarding an enforcement issue with a property in the Parish. **This will be followed up with the planning department.**
6. Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting
Covered within the meeting
7. Any time limited correspondence – for information only
Green Consultation has been circulated.
Community Ownership Fund – To be discussed under Item 11
8. Planning
 - a) Any received after the publication of the agenda
None
 - b) To hear of any planning decisions made by South Norfolk Council
None
9. Financial matters
 - a) To authorise payments for June 2023
Payments agreed by all and will be authorised by JM

	Gross	Net
Clerk Salary and Expenses	337.85	335.85
Action Play and Leisure	8146.8	6789
Colton VH Hire x 6 meetings	90	90
Norfolk Pension Fund, June 23	98.46	98.4
 - b) To note payments made since the last meeting
None
 - c) To note receipts received
Receipts were noted;

HMRC VAT refund 3	48.93
HL Moore - Colton Amenity Fundraising	20.00

- d) To note the financial summary
This was noted

10. To discuss an update on Highways and footpaths issues include footpath signage.
The footpaths are overgrown in places.
Clerk to include In The Grapevine, a reminder to Landowners to keep clear public rights of way
Clerk to speak with Margaret Dewsbury, County Councillor, regarding the replacement of posts and signs.
Bridge towards Colton Wood has been repaired but the handrail has only been replaced with a rope.
Clerk to contact with James Alston regarding the possibility of having the handrail reinstated.
11. An update on the amenity areas and maintenance.
The play equipment has now been installed and there has been a positive response.
There has been no response to date from Mr Scales regarding refurbishing the swings.
JM proposed that a plaque is put on the play equipment acknowledging Elona's efforts at a cost of £23.95. All in agreement, **JM to arrange.**
Clerk to get quotes for a bench for Colton and also look into grant funding towards it
Community Ownership Fund was discussed as a possible source of funding for purchasing the amenity area. This needs to be looked at further.
There is an upcoming inspection of the amenity areas, towards the end of June. It is unclear whether all the issues requiring action, from the 2022 inspection, have been completed.
JM to discuss with Paul Hammerton in order to get a report from Justin on the status of all the work carried out.
12. To consider adopting a Grant Policy
There was a discussion on the grant criteria. There was some concern as to the wording of the draft Policy.
It was agreed that Councillors review the draft in more detail, with a view to discussion and potential modifications, at the July meeting.
13. To discuss the recruitment of new Councillors
Broadland and South Norfolk Council are to hold a summit in the Autumn to help address this issue across the County. **JM to attend if possible.** Further discussion on how to attract new members, in particular from Marlingford, to include personal approaches to residents to consider co-option. **JM to discuss this again with Paul Hammerton**
14. Any other urgent business to be noted
There are still a number of unfilled potholes in the Parish, **Clerk to contact MD to enquire if there is a specification for pothole filling.**
15. To invite submissions for any items for inclusion on the next agenda
Policy review
Transport update including buses and A47 / Western Link
16. To confirm that the next Parish Council Meeting will be held on 11th July, Marlingford Cricket Club, 7pm

Meeting closed at 20:15