

MARLINGFORD & COLTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Colton Village Hall, 10th September 2024 at 7pm

Minutes

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

Margaret Dewsbury, District and County Councillor
Lilly and Imran from Orsted
Jim Freeman, Galliford Try
2 members of the public.

Before the meeting opened John Morse asked for the Parish Council to record our condolences regarding the death of David Wildon, former Parish Council Chairman. He noted the considerable time and dedication Mr Wildon had for the Parish Council and local community.

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
None at this time
4. To agree the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 14th May 2024
MP propose and DW seconded that they were an accurate
5. Open forum for Public Participation: an opportunity to hear from the public
Margaret Dewsbury shared a report prior to the meeting
Dom Castle said that Colton Village Hall will be applying to South Norfolk District Council for a grant for solar panels
6. Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting
Harrison Civils, Septic tanks – there has been a public meeting and subsequently many households registered their interest to have an upgrade. Time scales have yet to be announced.
7. Any time limited correspondence – for information only
 - Village Cluster Allocation Plan Consultation
 - Parish Partnership invitationThese were noted
8. To hear a presentation from Orsted
A presentation was given by Lily and Imran from Orsted. Hornsea 3 will be the largest windfarm in the world powering 3.3 million homes. No houses, industrial areas or roads can be built over the cables. The initial work has been undertaken in the parish and there will be further work undertaken next year. The presentation and mapping will be sent to the clerk and displayed on the Parish Council website.

Community grants – there were discussions around the community grants that are being offered and eligibility criteria. The Parish Council will consider any projects within the Parish that could be considered for a grant application.

9. To receive a Highways update including an update from Jim Freeman of Galliford Try
Jim Freeman gave an update on the A47 improvements – on 29th May the judicial review was thrown out so work on the A47 could begin. During the election period they were not able to do any community engagement. Archaeology work has now been completed and preparation work has been begun. Earthworks should begin around March next year. Vegetation clearance will begin along the corridor in October. Jim stated that the roads through the parish are not diversion routes or HGV routes. Diversion points and signage are being looked into to reduce traffic coming through the villages. He also mentioned that there are grants available to local communities and would ask that the relevant person contact the Clerk.
10. Consideration of revised financial regulations
These were agreed and adopted; to be updated on the website.
11. Planning
 - a) Any received after the publication of the agenda
None
 - b) Application 2024/1040 | Phase two of Food Enterprise Park (South Norfolk) | Food Hub Site (Phase 2), Land North of Church Lane Easton Norfolk
There are no developments at the moment.
 - c) To hear of any planning decisions made by South Norfolk Council
 - i. 2024/0778 – withdrawn

12. Financial matters

- a) To authorise payments for September 2024

Clerk Salary and Expenses September	£358.32
Pension	£102.93
SNC Dog waste bins	£810
Colton Village Hall Hire	£33.75

All agreed, to be added to banking for authorisation

- b) To note payments made since the last meeting

Norfolk Pension Fund May	£102.93
HMRC PAYE Month 3	£4.00
Clerk Salary and Expenses June 24	£462.32
Service Charge	£18.00
Norfolk Pension Fund June	£102.93
D M Bracey, Play inspection	£168.00
Norfolk Pension Fund July	£102.93
Clerk Salary and Expenses July 24	£354.52
HMRC PAYE Month 4	£3.80
Clerk Salary and Expenses Aug 24	£379.92

- c) To note receipts received

Litter pick	£220
Adopter fees	£900

- d) To receive the 1st quarter accounts
This was noted
- e) To note the financial summary
This was noted
- f) To receive a banking update
The Barclays accounts have now been closed.
- g) Payment of 24/25 grants
It was agreed to pay for the following grants as per the 24/25 budget;
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| Donation - Grapevine | 400.00 |
| Donation - Marlingford Churchyard cutting | 325.00 |
| Donation - Colton Churchyard cutting | 325.00 |
| Donation - Colton Village Hall | 250.00 |
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- h) Appointment of internal auditor
It was agreed to appoint Sonya Blythe as internal auditor for 2024/25
13. To receive an update on footpath issues
The paths are all fine at the moment with the usual nettle growth to be expected at this time of year. DP to give details to the Clerk so the landowner can be contacted
14. To receive an update on the Defibrillators
An Awards for All grant has been applied for to enable the renewal of the Defibs, Bleed kits and first aid training. It is hoped that a response will be received soon.
15. To consider tree survey quotes for the amenity areas
There was discussion on the quotes received. It was agreed that Norfolk Trees to be contacted with a view to accepting their quote once a discussion on the scope of the survey has been agreed, and a request for them to visit our sites, to confirm their complete understanding of the necessary scope of work.
16. To consider attending planning training
It was agreed that the Parish Council would like to undertake this training. The clerk will investigate if neighbouring Parish Councils are interested in sharing the cost.
17. To assess grants applications received for 25/26
The grants were reviewed and will be considered as part of the draft budget at the next meeting
18. Any other urgent business to be noted
The Highway Rangers to visit soon – jobs to log; cleaning and clearing of Road signs, removable of overhanging trees, blockage of drains (exact locations to be reported to clerk)
19. To invite submissions for any items for inclusion on the next agenda
None

20. To confirm that the next Parish Council Meeting will be held on 13th November, 7pm, Colton Village Hall
Meeting closed at 21:23

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