

# **COLTISHALL PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Meeting held at the Village Hall 1<sup>st</sup> March 2010

## **Present**

Chairman John Harding, Vice-Chairman Doreen Snelling, Robert Watson, Mike Warren, Michael Spinks, Dave Smith, Mark Rischmiller, County Councillor James Carswell, District Councillor Alan Mallett, Paul Gallop and Duncan Cole from Norfolk County Council Highways Department.

## **1. Apologies**

Keith Childerhouse and Peter Baker tendered their apologies, which were accepted. PCSO Laura Munro-Oakley was unable to attend the meeting.

## **2. Minutes of meeting 4<sup>th</sup> January 2010**

The minutes of last meeting were accepted as a true record and signed by John Harding as Chairman of the Parish Council.

## **3. Matters arising from the minutes, not on the agenda.**

1. The bus stop pole in Rectory Road will be repainted grey.
2. The play equipment has been renovated and re-installed. Rackham Engineering has done a good job and councillors are pleased with the results.

## **4. Declarations of interest in items on the agenda.**

Robert Watson and Joe Chapman declared personal and prejudicial interests in the Rectory Road proposals, as they live in Westbourne Road and Rectory Road respectively. Robert Watson and Doreen Snelling declared personal interests as school governors.

## **5. Rectory Road Proposals**

Paul Gallop from Norfolk County Council Highways department gave a brief summary of the proposals. Rectory Road from the junction of Westbourne Road is to be made one-way so that a footpath can be installed, primarily in the interests of schoolchildren's safety. The footpath would be 1.5m wide, narrowing to 1.2m over the bridge, and the road would be 3.5m wide. A questionnaire had been sent to 124 residents of Rectory Road and Westbourne Road. There were 50 replies : 39 in favour of the scheme, and 11 objections based primarily on the possibility of increased traffic in Westbourne Road. A temporary trial scheme for one week had been set up, and there will be a traffic count over a two-week period to gauge the effects of the trial. Vehicles ignoring the temporary one-way trial would invalidate the count. There were concerns that Sanders bus company might use the scheme as an excuse to exclude Rectory Road and Westbourne Road from their service. The clerk had written to Sanders asking for confirmation that the current route would not alter. No reply was received. Data from the traffic count will be collated, and a second consultation based on the findings will take place. Paul Gallop asked for an early decision on the scheme from the Parish Council, as funds could be reallocated if the matter is delayed. Standing orders were suspended to allow questions from the public.

Paul Gallop and Duncan Cole were thanked for attending the meeting, and left.

## **6. Police report**

There were two reported crimes during February; one theft and one other. PCSO Laura Munro-Oakley tries to visit Coltishall every shift, and has been tackling parking issues near the school. The full report will be printed in the Marlpit and on the web-site, and is available from the clerk.

## 7. Chairman's report

None.

## 8. Correspondence received

- Mr Bradshaw advised that the church clock would in future be serviced by Michelmeyr instead of Smiths, as the cost was less - £120 instead of £165.
- The War Memorials Trust is holding a seminar on 4<sup>th</sup> March in Cambridge on the maintenance and renovation of war memorials. The clerk will attend.
- Abbey Memorials had inspected the war memorial and quoted for cleaning and repointing £1575.00 and hand-cutting all lettering £2600.00.
- All Trades training asked if there was a community project to which they could send young unemployed people to train in construction skills. They will be contacted by the Chairman.
- The Museum of the Broads would not be able to arrange a visit from the steam launch Falcon to the village fete.
- Norfolk County Council advised an increase of 2.4% in the payment for grass cutting for the 2010 season.

## 9. CETAG meeting 14<sup>th</sup> January 2010

TAG Aviation had expressed an interest in purchasing the remainder of the airfield site for the decommissioning of aircraft, mainly 737s. It could provide employment for circa 500 when fully operational, including some apprenticeships. Aircraft would be flown in at the rate of no more than one per day, and broken up for spares. It would generate some traffic through the village, but less than the RAF Station did, requirements for utilities appear to be low, and noise levels would be within acceptable limits. Initial reactions were favourable, but discussions are at an early stage. If the airfield were used for this purpose a wind generator on the site would be out of the question.

## 10. HMP Bure Liaison committee

This was the first meeting of the liaison committee which was set up to build community relations and address local issues and concerns. There are now some 250 offenders at the prison, increasing to 500 when the new accommodation block is completed in April 2010. There are no industrial workshops, unlike all other U K prisons. Prisoner timetables include domestic duties, PE, education, and dedicated offender programmes. The aim is to provide work-based skills in preparation for eventual release into the work-place. Prisoners being released would be escorted into a major economic centre, not into villages and towns such as Aylsham and North Walsham. Concerns about prison transport using Hautbois Road instead of North Walsham Road are to be addressed, and better signage from Coltishall considered.

## 11. Finance report

The financial report was read out in full. Income had increased compared to the budget due to grants for the Parish Plan and training, increased recycling revenue, VAT refund and web advertising. The budget for expenditure would require alterations to the allocations of funds to cover maintenance of the church clock, training, and parish plan. It was **resolved** to accept the alterations.

The accounts and financial procedures had been checked by Peter Baker on 12<sup>th</sup> January 2010 and found to comply with audit requirements.

## 12. Donation requests

It was **resolved** to make donations as follows –

1. Citizens' Advice Bureau - £200
2. Coltishall PCC church clock - £500
3. North Walsham Community Transport - £200
4. Norfolk Lowland Search and Rescue - £50 Payment made under Section 137

Payments since last meeting	
JB Elvy – scanner/printer	99.97
Peter Baker – travel expenses re accounts verification	16.00
Coltishall PCC – grass cutting contribution	1000.00
Broadland DC – dog bin emptying	103.64 Section 137 monies
Rackham Engineering – play equipment	1882.06
Bank Account balances as at 1st March 2010	
Current Account	1916.13
Saving Account	5807.57
<b>Total</b>	<b>7723.70</b>
Payments due this meeting	
Coltishall PCC – church clock	500.00
Norfolk RCC – membership	25.00
PX2 Ltd – web licence	211.50
JB Elvy – salary Jan-Feb 2010	682.44
Expenses, including CiLCA training	255.61

It was **resolved** to approve payments as above, proposed Robert Watson, seconded Doreen Snelling, unanimous.

### 13. Planning Report

1. Great Hautbois House, Hautbois Road – timber lean-to for the storage of kayaks (20091593). No objection.
2. 67a Rectory Road – single-storey extension (20100078). No objection.
3. Common Cottage, Frogge Lane, Gt Hautbois – Single-storey side extension (20100137). No objection.

A revised planning application for a wind monitoring mast at the airfield for a period of three years had been submitted to North Norfolk District Council. There were no objections from the parish council provided that it would not compromise any future use of the rest of the site. Keith Childerhouse had attended a presentation on 26<sup>th</sup> January about the possible installation of a wind turbine. It would provide sustainable power for the prison and some 900 households, and pay monies of up to £6250 p.a. into a local benefit fund. The turbine would be 80 metres high with 45 metre radius blades, positioned to the west of the airfield towards Sco Ruston. The application above is for a 70 metre trial mast to monitor wind power and collect technical data. The installation of a turbine would conflict with an aircraft decommissioning operation; it was felt that the economic benefits of the aircraft decommissioning operation outweighed the benefits of the green, sustainable turbine project.

### 14. Footpaths report

A plan for a bus shelter near the Rectory Road/ Ling Way junction was handed to Paul Gallop of Norfolk CC at the meeting.

### 15. Mirror opposite Kimberly Terrace.

Visibility from Kimberly Terrace onto Wroxham Road is poor. Prices are being sourced for a mirror to be placed opposite the junction. The church has given permission for a pole to be sited in the churchyard.

**16. Any other business**

The meeting was reminded that the next meeting is the Annual Parish meeting, for parishioners and village organisations.

**20. Public participation pursuant to Standing Order 57 (a)**

James Carswell had spoken to the director of Highways about gritting of Hautbois Road and hoped for a successful outcome. He awaits the decision of the council on the Rectory Road scheme so that, if it is decided to continue with it, he may approve it. The recent announcement that Norwich City Council has been granted unitary status on its existing boundaries is to be challenged by Norfolk County Council.

Meeting closed at 8.50 pm