

# **COLTISHALL PARISH COUNCIL**

## **Minutes of the Meeting held at the Village Hall 5<sup>th</sup> November 2012**

### **Present**

Chairman Robert Watson, Vice-Chairman Mike Warren, Doreen Snelling, John Harding, Michael Spinks, Sue Brodie, Keith Childerhouse, Mark Rischmiller, Dave Smith. Also in attendance County Councillor James Carswell, District Councillor Alan Mallett.

### **1. Apologies**

Apologies were received from the Parish Clerk (Barbara Elvy).

The Chairman welcomed Mrs Barbara Rix, Chairman of Buxton and Lamas Parish Council to the meeting.

### **2. Minutes of the Parish Council 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2012**

With amendments to item 18 - it should read Upper Common not Hautbois Common; the minutes were signed as a true record.

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

Doreen Snelling asked if a letter had been sent to Highways regarding yellow lines at the church end of Rectory Road and the Chairman confirmed that this was in hand.

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

Robert Watson, John Harding and Doreen Snelling declared an interest in the Good Neighbour Scheme.

### **5. Police report, Safer Neighbourhood report, Speed Watch report**

The Snap meeting reported one item of criminal damage to a vehicle in October. The September/October Speedwatch sessions reported the following incidents – 6 on Wroxham Road, 2 on North Walsham Road. Due to lack of volunteers the sessions are down to two per month. Mike Warren raised the issue of support from the Police and was informed by Councillors that they had been present on Wroxham Road and North Walsham Road at various times.

### **6. Correspondence received**

#### **(a) Warm and Well project- two heaters received from Broadland DC**

Robert Watson has two heaters on loan for people whose heating had broken down or in need. Please contact the Good Neighbour Scheme for details.

#### **(b) Magpas (emergency medical charity) request for donation**

This item would be considered at the annual donation time.

#### **(c) Norfolk 4 x 4 response network request for donation**

This item would be considered at the annual donation time.

#### **(d) 4 Broads Forum meeting 19<sup>th</sup> July-feedback on tourism and car parking charges requested**

There would be an increase in car parking charges and details can be found on line.

(e) National Planning Policy Framework-presumption in favour of new development

It was agreed to write back and explain that the Council felt that the premise was unacceptable. Proposed Mike Warren, seconded Keith Childerhouse, all **agreed**.

- (f) Julie Douglass had written, on behalf of the Good Neighbour Scheme, to ask for a donation towards the schemes running costs. Robert Watson explained that there was an initial £500 grant but with CRB checks, purchase and ongoing associated costs, there was not sufficient balance to meet the mandatory insurance cover in the region of £500. Dave Smith suggested liaising with Horstead and match fund with a suggestion of £150 from each council. Keith Childerhouse proposed that a one off immediate payment (subject to amount) be donated due to the urgency, seconded Dave Smith, all **agreed**.

## 7. Finance Report To-date

(a) To consider projects for the New Homes Bonus in accordance with the Budget

This money was to be spent on capital projects. It was suggested that the Multi Games Area (MUGA) would benefit. Mike Warren said that the latest costings were between £40,000 and £50,000. The Area would be available to all ages and include disabled access and equipment. As long as the idea has been initiated there would not be a time scale for spending. A working party is to be set up to carry forward the plan.

The Finance working group had met and subject to questions gave approval to the budget. Robert Watson proposed, Keith Childerhouse seconded, all **agreed**.

Payments approved this meeting

- (a) The Clerk's salary
- (b) Insurance for Parish Council and allotments Association
- (c) General Power of Competence training
- (d) Final payment to Yarco Fencing

The above items were **approved** by to the Council.

## 8. To consider planning applications

There were no objections to Application numbers  
20121291 single storey side extension, 2, Rectory Road  
20121322 to install Solar Panel System (40) panels to the roof of Patteson Lodge, Great Hautbois Road  
20121328 new boundary wall to College Close, 6 Kings Road  
BA/2012/0061/TPOW works to affected tree on Upper Common

There was an objection to 20121189 proposed pitched roof replacing existing flat roof over existing garage and side extension.

In circulation 20121439 single storey rear extension, 81 Church Street and 20121424 development of a 12 MW Solar Farm Land off Coltishall Road, Belaugh.

## 9. The Future of the former RAF Coltishall

Robert Watson and the Chairmen of both Buxton and Scottow had attended a meeting at County Hall with Councillor Jordan who said that completion was near. Standing orders were suspended and the Chairman of Buxton explained that there were concerns over lorry movements but the runway would not be taken up until, or if, there was a need. It was agreed that it was an informative and useful

meeting. Standing orders were reinstated.

**10. To report on the review of Standing Orders and Financial regulations**

Robert Watson and the clerk Barbara Elvy had reviewed these and amended copies would be available for the January meeting.

**11. To discuss the Public Presentation on the Rectory Road proposals**

Robert Watson had letters from local residents following the presentation with only one in support of the scheme and most others objecting to the proposal. The feedback commissioned by the company acting for the land owners mirrored these findings. Standing orders suspended. David Giblett was concerned about the bridge and asked if there was a weight restriction. At the last inquiry it was confirmed that no restriction was in place. Further inquiries will be made. Highways have said that, although no formal proposal had been received, in the event of one being made the road would need to be widened; this would be at the expense of the developer. David Giblett asked what the council's views were on this but was advised that until the developers had put forward a definite proposal they could not consider this. The sites at Jordan's on Station Road and St John's Close are still on the Site Specific development plan for housing; both are in the Local Development Framework boundary. Alan Mallett could not comment until a formal application was received, but pointed out that as the Rectory Road site was outside the boundary, it would require an order to make this an exception for housing. Standing orders were reinstated.

**12. To consider the election of the Police Commissioner**

The chairman reminded everyone that the election date was November 15<sup>th</sup> in the Church Rooms.

**13. To discuss the clothes bank**

Mark Rischmiller had queried payment from BDC as only one had been received since April at £54 per ton less 10% for collection. The Primary school had a scheme whereby there were three collections per year and payment was £500 per ton. He would find out the name of the company and the clerk to write to BDC regarding payment.

**14. To discuss the rope swing at Ling Way**

A rope swing at Ling Way caused concern and the PCSO advised that it was low level Anti Social Behaviour. Mark Rischmiller had removed it and would remove any further ones.

**15. To discuss the dangerous steps at cricket field boundary**

Doreen Snelling had contacted the company owning the Railway Tavern regarding the dangerous steps on their property leading up to the hedge at the end of the cricket field. The local agent stated quite categorically that the steps would not be removed now or in the near future and that anyone on their property was trespassing. When it was pointed out to the agent how dangerous they were, he replied that the council should install a fence on the field side. Mike Warren will make enquiries regarding costings. It was suggested that the clerk write to the owners of the site to put on record our concerns.

**16. Highways report, footpath through Girl Guides property**

Inquiries to Norfolk County Council resulted in that this was not a Public Footpath but we could apply for it to be made one. It was not on the definitive map but has been well used for several years. Dave Smith was concerned that to make it a public footpath would have financial implications for the Guides. The application was proposed by John Harding, seconded by Keith Childerhouse, and **agreed** with the exception of Dave Smith who abstained. John Harding reported that our Highways contact Phil Reilly had moved on from Highways and Simon Briggs would take

over this role. A letter would be sent to Mr Reilly thanking him for his hard work and good wishes for the future.

**17. To Discuss Training Policy**

As Doreen Snelling is the designated Youth Officer there would need to be a Criminal Records Bureau check.

**18. Any other business**

Mark Rischmiller asked if Coltishall had any ash trees. A letter would be sent to Peter Croot our tree warden to ascertain the situation. Mike Warren was pleased to announce that the Fete raised £2,079 which was excellent given that due to the rain it was cut short, and he thanked everyone involved. A meeting on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November would decide who would benefit from a donation. Doreen Snelling had a leaflet from BDC regarding a “handyman” service and the Good Neighbour Scheme would recommend this. Robert Watson informed councillors of a meeting on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm in the school rooms at Belaugh to discuss the proposed Solar Farm. Dave Smith regretted that due to pressure of work he would be standing down as a councillor from January.

**19. Public participation**

Alan Mallett had nothing to report. James Carswell advised there would be a meeting next February regarding the Public Inquiry for the incinerator. The County Council have earmarked £100,000 to Age UK Norfolk for fuel allowance to help people to keep warm this winter. James Carswell advised that he felt local people were being listened with regard to the future of the former RAF base at Coltishall – this was endorsed by the Chairman of Buxton. He wished everyone a Happy Christmas.

**Next meeting is on Monday 7th January 2013 in the Village Hall at 7.30pm**

