

COLTISHALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at the Village Hall Lounge on Monday 7th March 2016

Present

Chairman Robert Watson, Penny Loiez, Michael Spinks, Doreen Snelling, Mark Rischmiller, Mike Kirkham, Keith Childerhouse, John Harding, District Councillor Alan Mallett, County Councillor Tom Garrod, PC Greig Shepherd, and 5 parishioners.

Safety notices were read out.

1. Apologies

Mike Warren had tendered his apologies, which were accepted. Robert Watson apologised for arriving late.

In the absence of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman, John Harding was approved as Chairman for this meeting. He noted that two parishioners, Ray Williams and Les Shingles, had passed away recently. The Council's sympathies were extended to their families.

2. Declarations of interest in items on the agenda

Doreen Snelling, Penny Loiez and Mike Kirkham as school Governors.

3. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting 4th January 2016

Accepted as a true record and signed by John Harding as Chairman of this meeting.

4. Matters arising from the minutes, not on the agenda

Tankers were still using the Hautbois Road, although the traffic had diminished since last meeting. Doreen Snelling noted that the reference to Broadland DC in item 7 should read Norfolk County Council. Leaves on the Wroxham Road hill towards the Post Office had been cleared as part of the routine schedule.

5. To receive reports from District and County Councillors

Cllr Alan Mallett reported that devolution talks between Norfolk, Suffolk, Cambridgeshire and Peterborough are ongoing. The proposed co-operation would be strategic, policies would not alter. If all four councils were to merge then there would have to be an elected mayor.

Mr Mallett had complained about roads with 30 mph limits even when no work is taking place.

Following a road accident on the North Walsham Road by Ling Way, Mr Mallett will add his support to a petition for a roundabout at this junction. Doreen Snelling said that the school Governors were advised that buses will now pull in to Ling Way to prevent similar accidents in the future.

Cllr Tom Garrod was concerned that devolution to include Cambridge and Peterborough would result in a westward spread of power in Cambridge/Peterborough's favour, funds would be primarily channelled towards those councils, there would be another layer of government, and there would be an elected mayor. Norfolk and Suffolk are similar, so the two-county model would benefit both counties, there would be a single council, with a chairman. The councils will vote on this issue, the electorate will not have a vote. Norfolk CC has recommended a council tax increase of 1.99% general tax, plus a one-off 2% Government-approved option specifically for Adult Social Services.

6. Police report and Speedwatch

Sixteen calls had been made during September, of which 2 crimes were recorded : 1 criminal damage to goalposts at football ground, 1 possession of cannabis. There was one non-crime domestic report; Social Services were updated relating to the welfare of children. Patrols had increased due to targeted vandalism at the Rifle Club, the Village Hall and the football changing-rooms. PC Shepherd had monitored parking at the school on three occasions; although busy most parents complied with the parking restrictions. He asked that any parents ignoring the restrictions should be reported to him.

There were two traffic accidents on the B1150, one near Ling Way and the other at the railway bridge. Traffic had been recorded as speeding on the day of the accident involving the schoolgirl. Mike Warren had requested speed cameras, which are available but were in use at the time. PC Shepherd had many villages to cover, and catching speeding vehicles is difficult. He was asked to patrol Rectory Road towards the village. The next SNAP meeting will be on Tuesday 12th April at the Jubilee Family Centre in Aylsham, when updates on police priorities including anti-social behaviour, school parking and speeding vehicles will be discussed. There was no Speedwatch report.

7. Highways matters

- a. Yellow lines. Phill Reilly had advised that the consultation had ended, proposals accepted and passed to NP Law for action. The lines will be installed at the Church Street end of Rectory Road, but not at the football field due to an error on Norfolk CC's part, when plans for this area were not included in the consultation. The clerk to chase Phill Reilly for progress report.
- b. Overhanging branches. Some trees in Westbourne Road have been trimmed, possibly at residents' own expense. Trees have also been trimmed in Rectory Road. We are advised by Norfolk CC that no further work will be done by them until April.
- c. Sanders. There will be fewer buses due to timetable changes, and overhanging trees and parked vehicles, especially at the Westbourne Road/Rectory Road junction, make reinstatement of the service down Westbourne Road less likely. Many parishioners cannot now access the bus service.
- d. Steve Haines. Standing orders were suspended. Following the accident at the North Walsham Road/ Ling Way junction when a schoolgirl crossing the road in front of the school bus was knocked down by a car, Mr Haines has collected some 300 signatures on a petition to present to Norfolk County Council. Although the car was not speeding and the girl was not seriously hurt, this junction is dangerous, vehicles speed in both directions, and several requests from the Parish Council for a roundabout have been refused. PC Greig Shepherd supports the petition, and will gather statistics to supplement the petition. John Harding produced figures stating that every fatal accident costs £1,790,000, every serious accident £205,000 and minor accidents £21,790. It would therefore be cost-effective to construct a roundabout. Standing orders resumed.
- e. Trod at Lower Common. The meeting felt that Norfolk CC had dragged its feet over this matter. The sum requested by them of £2385.12 was paid in April 2015, and despite several requests no date for this work had been forthcoming. The clerk to chase again.

8. Correspondence

- a. Judi Howett from the WI reported that the village sign has now been renovated and replaced. The cost was £200, of which the Council had previously promised half. It was **agreed** that £100 be paid to the WI.
- b. Commemorative coins to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday, for each child at the school and pre-school, would cost £1.99 each; there are 230 children, so total cost would be £458 plus P&P. Many children live outside Coltishall, so councillors felt that other parishes and/or the school should contribute. There is a school governors meeting shortly, so the subject will be discussed then. No vote was taken at this meeting.
- c. A request from Cruse Bereavement Charity was refused, as it is not a local charity.
- d. John Harding asked if the Council would donate the VAT element of the defibrillator cabinet purchased by the Good Neighbour Scheme. It was **agreed** to pay £177.

9. Finance

Financial report. Copies of the current budget to date and bank reconciliation had been sent to all councillors, and were accepted.

Payments since last meeting

J B Elvy Salary January	480.90
Post Office PAYE	4.00
URM	16.92
Sportscourts – netting	2728.80
Colt VH&RGC – hall hire	70.00

Receipts since last meeting	
NCC Recycle	56.68

Bank accounts as at 7 th March 2016	
Current account	3293.00
Deposit account	12684.95
Total at bank	15977.95
Outstanding cheques	NIL
Total	15977.95

Payments due this meeting	
Post Office PAYE	4.00
J B Elvy Salary February	480.90
J B Elvy June 2015-March 2016 expenses	110.13
URM – February	6.66
Robert Watson – expenses	21.45
Total	623.14

(Sum excludes £100 to WI for village sign)

Payments approved, **proposed** Keith Childerhouse, **seconded** Mark Rischmiller, unanimous. VAT had been reclaimed £8877.08, awaiting payment. Mark Rischmiller had cleared clothes from around the clothes bank on several occasions; the clerk to contact Broadland DC.

10. PCSO funding

Ongoing; discussions with other parishes to be arranged.

11. Village sign

Mrs Howett advised that the sign is now re-installed.

12. Planning

There were no objections to :

Application K2610/W/15/140339. Land at 43 Rectory Road, erection of building over garage, application 20141836 refers, appeal to Planning Inspectorate.

Application BA/2016/0056/NONMAT and BA/2016/0067/LBC. Alterations to door positions, non-material amendment to previous permission BA/2015/0278/FUL. The Norfolk Mead Hotel, Church Loke.

No objection was raised to Application 20160137 at the former RAF Coltishall, Barton Road, Scottow, continuation of use of former runway/taxiway/perimeter track/hard surfacing for driver training and testing, and new cycle track, but an issue was raised concerning the access to the perimeter track, a designated traffic route to the base, and the possible implications of the application to local residents.

13. Allotments

Mr and Mrs Ambrose are allotment-holders, and had volunteered to take over the Chairmanship of the Allotments Committee. Mrs Ambrose had a meeting with the clerk, and is currently preparing papers for the Allotments Annual Meeting when they hope to be formally voted into position. Councillors **approved** their installation, and wished them well.

14. Flower bulbs

On advice from the Tree Warden, bulbs will be purchased and planted this year. Local groups will be invited to take part.

15. Any other business

a. Robert Watson reminded the meeting that both he and Mike Warren will be resigning from the Council in

May, and that Councillors will have to appoint a new Chairman at the May meeting.

b. Penny Loiez had drawn up a poster advertising the council vacancies, to be put on notice-boards, on telegraph poles and shop windows. She will also advertise on the parish web-site and on Facebook. The poster was **approved**, and Penny Loiez thanked for her work.

c. Keith Childerhouse welcomed back the clerk after her recent hospitalisation, which she much appreciated.

16. Public participation

Paul Savory was welcomed back after his recent illness, and the Council's best wishes extended to Mrs Savory. Mr Savory asked about the notice-board at the Post Office; Mr Kirkham will progress.

Mr Bailey expressed his deep concerns about the application for driver training on the perimeter track at the former RAF base. He has contacted Broadland DC, North Norfolk DC and the applicant NPS, giving a detailed account of his objections. The application is not specific, so could potentially be used for high-speed testing and racing of all types of vehicle, causing a noise nuisance inappropriate to the area. It may also impact on the heritage area, the environment and existing wildlife, and other uses of the airfield.

Meeting closed at 9.05pm. Next meeting is the Annual Parish Meeting on Monday 11th April 2016 in the Village Hall Lounge at 7.30pm