

COLTISHALL PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at the Church Rooms on Tuesday 8th October 2019 at 6.30pm

Present: James Matthews (JM), Campbell Jones (CJ), Doreen Snelling (DS), Michael Spinks (MS), Michelle Thackham (MT), Nicola Chaney (NC), Richard Germany (RG), John Haschak (JH), Brian Getley (BGet), Suzanne Hall (Clerk, SH), Fran Whymark NCC (FW) and 16 parishioners.

1. Apologies for absence.

Jo Coplestone BDC (JC)

2. Declarations of pecuniary interest in items on the agenda

None

3. Minutes of previous meeting 10 September 2019

Minutes were signed as a true and accurate record.

4. Matters arising from the meeting (for information only)

None

Open Forum

5. To receive reports from district and county councillors

See summary of reports from Jo Coplestone and Fran Whymark at the end of the minutes.

6. Public Participation

- A Parishioner raised concerns about hedges blocking paths in the village.
- 7 Parishioners spoke about their concerns with the Redbourne House planning application. Data was provided showing more housing has already been built in the village than was in the previous plans. Concerns were raised about:
 - Overlooking – the ground level of the site is 3 meters higher than that of existing bungalows, and the plans show the proposed properties will be 2 storey houses very close to the boundaries.
 - Traffic – The area around the B1150/Westbourne Road junction is already very dangerous – access to this site will be on a blind bend and will create a 5-way junction.
 - It is outside the settlement limit
 - Flooding/drainage – the proposed plans show soakaways – the water from these soakaways is likely to end up draining onto the existing lower properties.
 - Subsidence and damage to retaining walls from the soakaways
 - Since the Arboricultural Impact Assessment has been submitted the proposed site layout have been amended meaning the Arboricultural Impact Assessment is now out of date. The proximity of the new plans could mean the removal of more trees, thus creating further overlooking issues
 - The plans indicate a service road for the properties, but it doesn't look like this will fit into the layout – the area is already a bottleneck.
 - The properties are all large and not in keeping with the area.

7. Police Report

- August – 6 reported crimes – 1 violence, 1 criminal damage, 3 Anti-Social Behaviour and 1 other

8. Highways/SAM2/Speedwatch

Speedwatch – No report

SAM2 – CJ advised this is currently on Rectory Road Coltishall and will spend 4 weeks facing either direction,

Main Meeting

9. Finance report

(1) The following payments were received prior to the meeting

Second half of precept £17,000.00

(2) The following payments were approved at the meeting

Shield Insurance – on behalf of allotment association £332.85

Clerks Q2 expenses (Inc. website renewal) £113.71

CJ – expenses – allotment noticeboard £23.13

Proposed BGet, seconded NC and **APPROVED**

(3) Previously agreed Standing Orders and other payments

Payroll for September 2019 £854.20

10. To report on planning applications:

- **20191473** – Redbourne House, 27 Station Rd – Demolition of existing dwelling & garage & erection of 6 detached dwellings with garages - The Parish Councillors agreed with the Parishioners comments. Concern was also raised about visibility from the BVR, the CIL exemption form, the precedent of allowing building outside the settlement limit, especially when there is a further field behind this plot. These are not 'exceptional' designs. The properties are too big for current residents who wish to get on the housing ladder or to downsize (thus freeing up existing larger properties). The new properties will be very close to Girl Guide land – will new residents complain about the noise and activity that happens there? - It was agreed that the Council would OBJECT to this application. Parishioners were advised that they should write to BDC with their concerns if they haven't already done so. As well as the Parish Council response, several Parish Councillors will object as individuals.
- **20191451** – Land to rear of 8A Station Road – Approval of details reserved by condition 6 of permission 20180065 – BDC have not requested PC's comments – BGet to clarify that the Limekiln will be preserved.

11. MUGA – BGet, CJ and SH met with BDC on site. BDC have provided their recommendations:

- To reinstate the hoop – this has been done
- To extend the fencing/netting – BGet obtained a quote for this work which was APPROVED
- To extend the noise damping with the green webbing – APPROVAL was given for BGet to purchase material and equipment to carry this out. It was AGREED this would be carried out by Spring 2020 as recommended by BDC.

12. CAST

- DS reported both the cricket and football clubs are pleased with Garden Guardians grass cutting.
- The AGM will take place in November. Date TBA.
- BGet reported a den in the bottom corner of the VH field

13. Playground

- Mr Kirkham continues to carry out regular playground inspections.
- The annual inspection from Zurich flagged up issues with the rocking horse. FLP will look at this when they repair the see-saw and swing.

14. Crocus Contractors - Rectory Road development

JM, CJ, MT, MS, DS and the clerk met with Crocus Contractors – They are suggesting they would like the layout to be different from the original proposals – but still to be for 30 residences.

Traffic issues in the village were discussed. They would like a public consultation. Prior to then BGet will compile a list of design requirements (Electric charge points, environmental and eco-friendly measures etc).

15. Correspondence

- **Hedge at playground** – The Parish Council maintains the width of the hedge on the MUGA side of the playing field. The height of the hedge has not been cut for many years due to the cricket netting etc. Land registry shows the properties to the north of the playground form a boundary with the hedge.
- **Westbourne Road Bus Shelter** – BGet advised the property owner would be happy for the Parish Council to repair their fence and install a stand-alone bus shelter. It was questioned if a shelter was required as there are no others in the village – SO were suspended - B Grindrod will check the Archives as he thinks there was an agreement made in the 1970's with the residents of Westbourne Road.
- **Village assets** – MJ is documenting who is responsible for the public spaces in the village.
- **VE Day 2020** –RG and CJ met with Horstead PC to discuss plans – minutes have been circulated and date for next meeting set. NC has spoken to Colt Commons about using the Commons for the event.

16. Other meetings and Training

Meetings and training attended

Chairperson Training – 10 September – JM

VE Day 2020 – working party with Horstead PC 23 September – RG, CJ

BDC – MUGA – 1 October – BGet, CJ and clerk

Crocus contractors – Rectory Road development - 1 October – JM, CJ, MT, MS, DS and clerk

Chairmans networking – NPT&S – 3 Oct - CJ

Future meetings and training

Charitable Trusts and Parish Councils – 8 October – Clerk & MT

SNAP – 10 October – CJ

Broads Briefing – 16 October – CJ

VE Day 2020 – working party with Horstead PC – 21 October - NC, RG and CJ

NPT&S Seminar – 20 November – Clerk – APPROVED

Chairmans networking – NPT&S – 16 Jan – JM & CJ

17. Any other business

MS reported a pothole under the bridge on Frogge Lane

The next meeting will be on **Tuesday 12 November 2019 at 6.30pm** in the Church Rooms.

Summary of District and County Councillors Reports

JC reported – At the end of the summer I was given a tour of the Scottow Enterprise Park. The site offers a diverse mix of commercial buildings. Currently occupancy is around 95% and further RAF buildings are being redeveloped to provide more units on site. At present there are around 600 employees based there, which when combined with the staff at HMP Bure, means levels of employment have reached those of when the site was a fully operational RAF site!

Further to my update last month about the Bure Valley Railway, I can confirm that although cabinet had formerly agreed to a conditional transfer of the asset in June 2017, due to developments since then, including a Public Service Co-operation Agreement with Norfolk County Council to enable £1.2million of funding from an Interreg Visitor Economy Programme, to be invested in the Bure Valley Path and Railway over the next 10 years. Broadland Council has decided to retain the freehold asset and to enter into negotiations to establish a partnership agreement with the Railway.

FW reported – There are currently 5 Primary Care networks in Norfolk. Work is underway to merge these to provide a more joined up service – potentially it may mean more travelling for people but will give them a lot more choice.

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