

COLTISHALL PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council Extraordinary Meeting held virtually via Zoom Video Conferencing on Wednesday 30th September 2020 at 7pm

Present: James Matthews (JM), Michael Spinks (MS), Nicola Chaney (NC), Richard Germany (RG), Adam Wolton (AW), Michelle Thackham (MT), Cllr Jo Copplestone (JC), Rebecca Furr (Clerk, RF) and Mr Grindrod - Invited Parishioner by the Parish Councillors to speak regarding item 4.
All by video conferencing except MS via audio.

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Doreen Snelling (DS), John Haschak (JH) and Cllr Fran Whymark – Norfolk County Council

2. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

None declared

3. Public Participation

Mr Grindrod and Cllr Copplestone were invited to speak regarding item 4 by the parish council.

4. Planning

- 20201627 – Land at Rectory Road – Residential Development 30 Dwellings, new vehicular access and open space

JM proposed a contingency fund for planning advice. Councillors discussed this option but decided to defer the matter as it was felt that the key planning issues for this site were already clear.

JC confirmed she will be calling this to a planning committee meeting. JC has consulted with the Planning Officer for this application Mr Rickman and understands this meeting is unlikely to happen till November/December time. JC advised there is a possibility the developer may decide to withdraw and reapply or the developer may decide to appeal via the Planning Inspectorate if it is rejected at the committee meeting.

JC gave a summary of proposed changes under the Government White Paper on Planning which is in consultation and Broadland District Council are responding to this. This includes the Government asking local authorities to build more homes - 300,000 homes in England per year and the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) being set by Government instead of the Local Authorities. JC has requested that the impact infrastructure will have on arterial roads is considered under the consultation. JC advised that the GNLPP plan is currently on hold until the implications of the White Paper are clear.

JM proposed offering overtime to the parish clerk due to the increased levels of correspondence and research required responding to this planning application. It was AGREED an additional 3 hours per week for the next 3 weeks. This is at the clerk's discretion based on the volume of work for which the clerk will keep a timesheet.

JM proposed setting up a smaller group to include AW and Mr Grindrod to draft an objection response to Broadland District Council on behalf of the Parish Council. It was

AGREED to set up a working party as this is informal work which is to be considered for approval by the Parish Council at the next meeting on 13th October.

JC said that it's important that as many people in Coltishall as possible are encouraged to comment on the planning application as this is the evidence that will be used to inform the planning decision. JM encouraged all councillors to give individual comments alongside the parish council's collective response. Mr Grindrod agreed to email the parish councillors all the relevant planning policies and documents necessary to support a response to Broadland District Council.

JM discussed the requirement for 10% energy generation on site. JC stated she had researched how the homes will be heated which includes combi gas boilers and woodburners. JC pointed out that woodburners are not promoted in new homes due to polluting the atmosphere. There are also no solar panels or air source heat pumps. JC stated her other concerns include the impact on the village landscape and tourist economy, which she will be highlighting in her report. This is due to the homes being built next to the Bure Valley Footpath spoiling this historic green space. JM confirmed five parishioners have also commented on this issue.

JM stated that a parishioner will be writing a response regarding the Ecology report in conjunction with Norfolk Wildlife Trust.

Mr Grindrod agreed to send details to parish councillors about participating in a Broadland planning committee meeting.
