

**DRAFT - MINUTES OF THE COLNE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON TUESDAY 30TH JULY 2019
AT THE VILLAGE HALL**

Present: Cllr D. Parsons (Chair), Cllr C. Daniels, Cllr M. Day, Cllr G. Prangnell, Cllr C. Pomfret,
Cllr H. Heylen, Cllr A. O'Brien and Cllr CA. Pomfret.

In attendance: Cllr Criswell, Cllr Neish and 2 members of the public.

1.00 Apologies.

1.01 Cllr Purbrick

2.00 To receive declarations of interest in accordance with the Council's Code of Conduct.

2.01 Cllr Parsons declared a pecuniary interest item 8.04(6)

3.00 To approve the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on the 25th June 2019.

3.01 Cllr Parsons proposed the minutes be approved. Unanimously agreed.
The Chairman signed the minutes.

4.00 Matters arising from the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on the 25th June 2019.

4.01

- All matters arising will be brought up under the appropriate heading.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 7.35pm.

5.00 Open Forum.

5.01 Cllr Criswell reported on CCC matters and answered questions.

He stated that he would support the Council's LHI bid for the coming year.

5.02 Cllr Neish reported on HDC matters and answered questions.

He stated that there may be some CiL monies available at HDC, if the LHI bid isn't successful, which Council could apply for.

Council asked if this CiL money could be used to obtain a roundabout at Hemsby Junction.

5.03 The Chairman asked if Cllrs Criswell or Neish knew when Mick George would be starting his new roadway, they didn't. The Clerk to contact Mick George to see if she can ascertain a start date.

5.04 A resident asked Council if they had any plans to remove some of the books from the telephone box library, as it was a mess.

Cllr CA Pomfret said she would take on the duties and tidy it up.

Action

KP

5.05 A resident stated that he was very disappointed that the Brook Farm planning Application had been refused at the DMC meeting, none of the nearby residents want it to revert back to industrial units. Cllr Neish said that he hadn't attended the DMC meeting, so couldn't comment.

The Chairman reconvened the meeting at 7.48pm.

6.00 Police Matters.

6.01 ECops - Correspondences received during July have been emailed to all Councillors, added to the Website.

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7.00 Correspondence.

7.01 The Clerk has received a letter of resignation from Cllr Purbrick, with immediate effect. The Chairman has responded thanking him for his time on the Council. HDC have been notified.

7.02 All Councillors have received the correspondences from a resident regarding his concerns with the parking at The Rhees. As the Clerk did not receive a response from Councillors, an item had not been added to the Agenda for discussion at this meeting.

7.03 Hilton Parish Clerk is arranging with CAPALC Councillor training for the Autumn, three consecutive training sessions.

Cllr CA Pomfret said she would be interested, depending on the dates.

Cllr Criswell left the meeting at 7.51pm.

7.04 Clerks and Councils Magazine - For Circulation.

ALL

7.05 Letter received from CPRE - For Circulation.

ALL

7.06 All other correspondences have been emailed to Councillors, prior to the meeting.

ALL

8.00 Finance.

8.01 The Chairman reported that the Bank account balance at the 30th June 2019 £61,064.89 and £30,000 on deposit. The Clerk has received a donation of £50 and a thank you from Colne Cambs Community Fund, for the new planters located around the village.

8.02 The Clerk has received closure of the Annual Return, the review from the external auditor is "*On the basis of our review of Sections 1 and 2 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR), in our opinion the information in Sections 1 and 2 of the AGAR is in accordance with Proper Practices and no other matters have come to our attention giving cause for concern that relevant legislation and regulatory requirements have not been met.*"

8.03 The Chairman asked if there were any questions regarding the monthly budget sheet, after answering questions a copy was signed and filed in the minute book.

8.04 The Chairman proposed that this month's payments be approved, agreed unanimously.

The following cheques were made payable: -

	Payee	Expenditure	Chq. No.	Voucher	Sum
1	Mr H Heylen	Petrol expenses for strimming footpaths no 1 and 2	1219	447	10.02
2	K. Fergusons Ltd	Village Grass Cutting	1220	448	1,692.48
3	Earith Timber Products Ltd	Erection of the South and East side perimeter fencing	1221	449	8,364.00
4	NSALG	Affiliation Fees	1222	450	66.00
5	PKF Littlejohn LLP	External Audit	1223	451	240.00
6	K. Parsons	(July) Handypersons Wages 19½ Hours, and Clerks pay, plus expenses (£41.39)	1224	452	533.96
7	JF Waters Ltd	June Verge Cut	1225	453	162.00

9.00 Planning Matters.

9.01 **Application No. 19/01464/HHFUL** – 18 Dunholt Way, Colne – 2 Storey side extension.

Council Recommend Approval – Proposed by Cllr Cheryl Pomfret, seconded by Cllr Carleigh Pomfret, All in Favour.

Councils comments – The house doesn't overlook any other properties and the new extension doesn't affect the streetscene as it butts up to a field.

9.02 Planning Decisions

- 1900508OUT Land Adjacent the Nurseries, Earith Road, Colne – has been refused.
- 1900461FUL, Brook Farm, Earith Road, Colne – has been refused. The Chairman and the Clerk attended the DMC meeting on the 15th July. The Chairman spoke in support of the application, the DMC committee refused it as dwellings 7 & 8 were in the open countryside.
- 1900889FUL, Land South of Greenacres, Bluntisham Road, Colne – has been withdrawn.

10.00 Highways & Byways.

10.01 Cllr Day passed the Clerk an invoice from Mr Waters prior to the meeting, for the June verge cut. The Clerk will raise a cheque after the meeting, as agreed in payments.

KP

<p>10.02 The Chairman and the Clerk attended the Earith Parish Council meeting on the 4th July. The Chairman asked if the Council would consider cutting the verge regularly to Colne Boundary. The Earith Chairman asked their Clerk to add it to the next agenda for discussion.</p>	DP/KP
<p>The Chairman and the Clerk will attend the next Earith Parish Council meeting, on the 1st August, to see what Earith Council decide.</p>	
<p>10.03 The resident asking for a traffic survey of the village, at the last meeting, has delivered a proposed template to the Chairman. He asks that Council consider the survey and suggest any additions or alterations that they feel are required.</p>	DP/KP
<p>To make it an unbiased and objective survey of the village, Council would require a name and address at the top of the form.</p>	
<p>All Councillors agreed that the survey wasn't appropriate for the whole village, as the questions asked were not neutral, so Council wouldn't proceed with the survey as it stands.</p>	
<p>10.04 Cllr Carleigh Pomfret asked if the blocked drains along East Street could be reported to Highways. The Clerk said she would take photographs when it next rained and report the issue.</p>	KP
<p>10.05 Cllr Carleigh Pomfret asked if Council knew when the bridleway from Colne to Somersham would be completed. Cllr Day said he would have a face to face meeting with the landowner concerned.</p>	MD
<p>10.06 Analyse SID data – Cllr Daniels reported on B1050 Earith Road, Colne. More detailed information can be found on the Parish Website.</p>	DP/KP
<p>The SID is now located on the B1050 Wagon & Horses.</p>	
<p>The bracket in the High Street would be moved to the middle of East Street.</p>	
<p>11.00 Open Spaces & Village Playing Field.</p>	DP/KP
<p>11.01 Cllr Heylen has reinstated the basketball hoop.</p>	
<p>11.02 Council will be inviting tenders, in October this year, for the grounds maintenance contract commencing in Spring 2020 for a 3-year period, for the grass cutting within the village. Council agreed to add the entrance to amenity land to the contract.</p>	
<p>11.03 The Clerk has now completed the registration on the government website and placed the job opportunity for the rebuild of the playing field wall. Several enquires noted, one would like an onsite visit this coming Saturday, the Chairman and Cllr Daniels to meet with the contractor.</p>	DP/CD
<p>As there are no businesses willing to grant fund the rebuild of a wall, Council will need to contact the PWLB for a loan to finance the project.</p>	DP/KP
<p>12.00 Bluntisham Road Amenity Land.</p>	

- 12.01 Councillors returned their USB sticks, containing the consultation information, to the Clerk. Council discussed the ideas and comments received from the consultation. A public meeting is to be held on the 29th August to put forward the consultation results to HDC and ascertain the feasibility of the suggestions.
- 12.02 On the 7th July Cllrs Daniels, Parsons and Heylen, with the help of the Handyperson, mowed the access area and strimmed the greenery along the boundary to allow Earith Timber clear access to erect the fencing. On the 9th July the Handyperson and the Chairman litter picked and cleared all the strimmed area and the hard standing of debris i.e. Metal, glass and plastic.
- 12.03 Council need to decide when Four Seasons tree services should be asked to start work on the area.

Council decided that a working group should meet on site to determine, what needs to be done now. The working group agreed to meet on Tuesday 6th August at 6pm, at Howgate Grove.

The Clerk will print off A3 maps of the area and have an A1 map printed asap.

Cllr Neish left the meeting at 8.55pm.

13.00 Village Hall.

- 13.01 Cllr Prangnell reported on the success of the Blossoms and Blooms Fete on the 13th July.
- 13.02 Members of the Committee met on site with the shed contractor to organise a date for construction, the contractor has agreed to start on Monday 5th August, weather permitting.
- 13.03 The next Village Hall meeting is on Monday 16th September 2019 at 7.30pm.

14.00 3Cs - Colne Caring Community Report.

- 14.01 Cllr Cheryl Pomfret updated Council on the progress of the scheme.

The afternoon tea on the Ladybird Boat at Hartford Marina on the 8th July, was a great success.

The next trip out to be in September, a musical at the St. Ives Corn Exchange, HACT will be providing the transport.

The Waitrose Green Tokens – The 3Cs received a cheque for £254.

15.00 Date of the next Ordinary Meeting – 24th September 2019.

16.00 Matters for Future Consideration.

- 16.01 Nothing at this meeting.

17.00 Close of Meeting.

- 17.01 The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.15pm.

ALL

Chairman's
Signature.....

Min – 30th July 2019.

Date.....

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