

**DRAFT - MINUTES OF THE COLNE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON TUESDAY 29TH OCTOBER 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 K. Fergus and Cllr CA. Pomfret.

In attendance: Cllr Neish and 4 members of the public.

1.00 Apologies.

1.01 Cllr O'Brien (Family commitments) Cllr Criswell (attending another meeting)

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 8.03 (3)

3.00 To approve the minutes.

3.01 **To approve the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on the 24th September 2019.**

11.03 Should read 'to' not 'too'
12.01 Should read 'Pingles' not 'Pringles'
15.04 Remove 'between October and'

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

3.02 **To approve the minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting held on the 8th October 2019.**

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

4.00 Matters arising from the minutes.

4.01 **Matters arising from the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on the 24th September 2019.**

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

4.02 **Matters arising from the minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting held on the 8th October 2019.**

- There were none.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 7.38pm.

5.00 Open Forum.

Action

- 5.01 Cllr Neish reported on HDC matters stating:
- A 'Toucan crossing' will be installed near the St. Ives Morrisons when the new Aldi store is built.
 - The new car park charges will take effect from mid-December. Paying by cash would still be available.

Cllr Neish said that Cllr Criswell and himself were working towards a solution to the Wheatsheaf junction issue.

The Chairman reconvened the meeting at 7.53pm.

6.00 Police Matters.

- 6.01 ECops - Correspondences received during October have been emailed to all Councillors, added to the Website. ALL
- 6.02 There was another accident, between two cars, at the Wheatsheaf junction on the 1st October and another accident between two cars on the 14th October.

7.00 Correspondence.

- 7.01 Cllr C. Pomfret will be attending the Cambridgeshire Local Councils Conference 2019, on Friday 8th November, at the Marriott Hotel, Huntingdon. CP
- 7.02 The Clerk read out a letter received from Cranbrook Nurseries.
- 7.03 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 27th September 2019 £47,343.18 and £30,000 on deposit. Safe Custody fee of £20 has been deducted from the account. Notification of a Cil payment of £3086.97, has been received and should be banked in October.

Cheque number 1216 for £477.88, dated 25th June 2019 sent to HMRC has still not been presented to the bank. The Chairman said he would check with the bank again and telephone HMRC again during November.

- 8.02 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.
- 8.03 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	Wallace Construction	Village Hall Shed	1232	460	19,586.40

2	3Cs - Colne Caring Community	As agreed at the April meeting, the October Budget Allocation	1233	461	450.00
3	K. Parsons	(Oct) Handypersons Wages 19.5 Hours and expenses (£7.99). Clerks pay, and expenses (£8.40)	1234	462	508.96

8.04 A Precept Budget Sheet 2020/2021 had been circulated to all Councillors prior to the meeting.

Cllr Daniels answered questions from Councillors on the proposed budget sheet. After a discussion of some of the budgeted items, Council decided to continue to support the 3Cs, at a reduced rate of £720 a year, and asked that a copy of their accounts be provided for Council to look over at the next meeting. Proposed by Cllr Parsons, seconded by Cllr Daniels and agreed unanimously.

The £30,000, on deposit matures in December. Council to decide at the November meeting if it should be re invested for another three months.

Council decided not to increase the precept to cover the budgeted shortfall. Cllr Daniels proposed the precept remain at £23,000, seconded by Cllr Parsons and agreed unanimously.

8.05 The Chairman proposed that the Council buy a wreath for the remembrance service, on Sunday 10th November, this was seconded by Cllr Prangnell and agreed unanimously.

9.00 Planning Matters.

9.01 **Application No. 19/01975/FUL** - Orchard View, Earith Road, Colne - New 3 bed dwelling. The Clerk contacted planning and they have confirmed that the application has changed and is now a 2 bed as the drawing/layout suggests.

Council Recommend Approval – Proposed by Cllr C. Pomfret, seconded by Cllr CA. Pomfret and agreed unanimously.

Councils comments – The dwelling is in keeping with the surrounding area, with the existing bungalows, and it will not be overbearing to any of the neighbouring properties. There is a need for smaller properties within the village for our older generation to downsize to.

The application supports Policy LP9 Small Settlements
4.102 The potential benefits of promoting some growth within Small Settlements include helping to create a more balanced and diverse local population; enabling young people to stay in the communities they grew up in; and providing opportunities for older people seeking to move into more accessible housing within the community.

LP17 Parking Provision and Vehicle Movement

A proposal will be supported where it incorporates appropriate space for vehicle movements, facilitates accessibility for service and emergency vehicles and incorporates adequate parking for vehicles and cycles.

9.02 **Application No. 19/02051/FUL**– Land Adjacent Seatonhurst Bluntisham Road Colne. - Planning permission for the erection of 4 dwellings in pursuant of permission in principle application - 18/02025/PIP.

Council Recommended Refusal on the 16th October 2018. The permission in principle application was for up to 8 dwellings - All Councillors were against this development, see comment below:

Councils comments - The map is very misleading as the new development of social housing, opposite the site, is not shown on the map. One entrance in the middle of the development would be the less dangerous option. It is not a brown field site, it is agricultural land, which is outside the village envelope. This development does not meet the criteria for affordable housing.

Cllr C. Pomfret declared an interest, as a neighbour, and abstained from the vote.

Council Recommend Approval – Proposed by Cllr Parsons, seconded by Cllr Fergus and agreed unanimously.

Councils comments – Council agree the layout is an improvement on the previous application, however, Council would prefer a mix, with some smaller dwellings to support:

LP9 Small settlements.

Reasoning.

4.102 The potential benefits of promoting some growth within Small Settlements include helping to create a more balanced and diverse local population; enabling young people to stay in the communities they grew up in; and providing opportunities for older people seeking to move into more accessible housing within the community. It can also help sustain the available services and facilities by maintaining population numbers helping to address the particular challenge of declining rural populations relating to falling household sizes.

LP 25 Housing Mix.

Reasoning.

7.20 The majority of older people live in general housing as opposed to specialist housing. Certain general housing types and sizes, such as smaller bungalows, can play a role in providing appropriate accommodation into old age. Using the SHMA and other documents identified in the policy as a guide, proposals should demonstrate how the types and sizes of homes being proposed will address the changing age structure of Huntingdonshire's population.

9.03 **Application No. 19/01661/FUL** - Brook Farm Earith Road Colne - Demolition of existing Class B1 and B8 buildings and redevelopment for seven dwellings. Amended plans received 27 September and 11 October.

The Chairman read out Council's comments from the 24th September meeting.

Council Recommend Approval – Proposed by Cllr Parsons, seconded by Cllr C. Pomfret, 6 in favour and 2 against the application.

Councils comments – This is an improvement with regards to the number of parking bays which supports policy LP17 Parking Provision. However, Council still considers the design is not in keeping with other dwellings in the area, as per policy LP12 Design Implementation and Council would prefer not to have more 4-bedroom town houses built in the village.

9.04 Planning Decisions.

- 18/02378/FUL Field View Somersham Road Colne– has been approved
- FMW/044/19 – Land at Colne Fen Quarry, Chatteris Road, Somersham – the applicant withdrew the application on the 22nd October.

Cllr Neish left the meeting at 8.45pm

10.00 Highways & Byways.

10.01 The Clerk reported the broken manhole lids along East Street

The reply received from Highways was, 'Following your recent report, works will be carried out to rectify the issue you raised with us but could take up to 3 months depending on the location and severity. However, if the issue is deemed to present a safety concern, it will of course be attended to much quicker.'

The new manhole covers were fitted within a few days.

10.02 The Clerk contacted Highways again, regarding the removal of the broken VAS, Earith Road, Colne, this should be removed week commencing 11th November.

10.03 Analyse SID data – Cllr Daniels reported that he hadn't had the time to download the October SID information and would update Council at the next meeting.

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10.04 Council asked if the white lines at the junction of Howgate Grove onto the Bluntisham Road could be chased up. The Clerk will contact Hastoe.

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10.05 The 'Have your say' traffic survey information is on Facebook and the Council's website.

10.06 Cllr Heylen asked if the Clerk had received any feedback from Cllr Criswell regarding the Galley Drove issue and the clearing out of the gravel in the drains along the B1050. The Clerk said she would contact him.

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11.00 Open Spaces & Village Playing Field.

- 11.01 Highways have erected the new signage in Drury Lane. The installation of 2 playground signs.
- 11.02 The Clerk has invited 4 contractors to tender, for the ground's maintenance contract commencing in Spring 2020 for a 3-year period, for the grass cutting within the village. Council will decide who to award the contract to at the November meeting.
- 11.03 The Chairman asked Council to consider fitting an AstroTurf surface around the two goal mouths, instead of refurbishing the grass every other year. To be decided in the new year.
- 11.04 The Clerk will purchase two new goal nets and another basketball net to be installed in the new year.
- 11.05 Cllr CA Pomfret reported that residents using the playing field were struggling to close the gate, because of the lock being in the way. The Chairman said he would take a look.
- 11.06 Cllr CA Pomfret asked if Council could refurbish the roundabout as it was in a poor state. The Chairman said he would ensure it is removed and refurbished in the new year.

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12.00 Bluntisham Road Amenity Land.

- 12.01 The architects have produced a drawing of the layout of amenity land, for Council to submit to planning. Council agreed on a few alterations to the drawing to be made, before submitting it to planning.
- 12.02 Cllr Prangnell reported on the Tree charter, stating that she had now placed a request for the copse of 30 trees and that the request had been accepted. The trees would be delivered to Cllr C. Pomfret in March 2020.

13.00 Village Hall.

- 13.01 The Chairman reported that the VH Committee had agreed to purchase 12 new wall soundboards for the main hall and 8 ceiling soundboards for the small hall. The committee have also agreed the purchase of new LED lighting in the small hall and the kitchen, as the present lights are now obsolete.

Cllr C Pomfret thanked the Village Hall committee for updating the soundboards and hoped this would improve the experience for residents who struggle to hear.

- 13.02 The next Village Hall meeting is on Monday 4th November 2019.

14.00 3Cs - Colne Caring Community Report.

14.01 Cllr Cheryl Pomfret updated Council on the progress of the scheme and thanked Council for their continued support.

The next trip out is the Xmas market on the 22nd November, at Bury St. Edmunds.

The committee are organising another visit to the musical extravaganza at the St. Ives Corn Exchange.

The garden gang will be re installing the poppy swag on the memorial in time for the remembrance service.

Tuesday the 19th November is the 3Cs AGM, all welcome to attend.

15.00 Playing Field Wall update.

15.01 The contractor, who was awarded the project at the 8th October meeting, is expecting to commence the rebuild in the spring of 2020. Date to be confirmed nearer the time.

16.00 Date of the next Ordinary Meeting – 26th November 2019.

17.00 Matters for Future Consideration.

17.01 The Clerk has just received a further planning application, too late for this meeting, this will be discussed at an extraordinary meeting, agenda to follow.

17.02 The Chairman reminded Councillors to be on the green by 10.50am, to line up for the remembrance service on the 10th November.

18.00 Close of Meeting.

18.01 The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.15pm.

ALL

Chairman's
Signature.....

Min – 29th October 2019.

Date.....

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