

MARLINGFORD & COLTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

held at Colton Village Hall, 10th March at 7pm

Minutes

Present

John Morse	JM	Chairman
Debbie Perfect	DP	Councillor
Mark Pfeiffer	MP	Councillor
Maria Hutson	MH	Parish Clerk
Derren Wyatt	DW	Councillor (from item 3)

Margaret Dewsbury MD Parish and District Councillor
3 members of the public

1. To consider accepting apologies for absence
None
2. To receive declarations of interest on items on the agenda and consider any requests for dispensations
John Morse declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 10 as his wife is treasurer of the Village Hall committee.
3. To consider Co-opting a Councillor
Derrin Wyatt was co-opted as a Councillor
The declaration of acceptance was completed and the Clerk will send on another additional information including the code of conduct and register of interests after the meeting.
4. To agree the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 13th January 2026
DP proposed and MP seconded, all in agreement that they were a true record.
5. Open forum for Public Participation: an opportunity to hear from the public
2 members of the public raised concerns regarding speeding. MP had prepared a data analysis of the SAM 2 data 2022-2025 which was discussed. Data to be shared with PC Royall and also added to the website where other data is available to view. Continue to monitor data from SAM 2s.
6. Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting
None
7. Any time limited correspondence – for information only
A47 updates
South Norfolk Community Awards
Big South Norfolk litter pick 2026
Armed forces day grants
Environment Agency Maintenance work
South Norfolk in Bloom
Review of the Greater Norwich Local Plan - Call for Sites
These were noted

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8. To receive a Highways update
 - Speeding – item 5
 - A47 – the recent road closure caused issues in Colton with traffic getting stuck.
 - JM has received correspondence from Graham Plant at NCC which confirms that the verges will be reinstated once work has been completed on the A47 to the pre October 2023 state
 - Google maps was continuing to show the A47 was closed following the road closure, however this appears to have now been rectified.
9. To receive a footpath update
Nothing significant to report.
10. To agree the purchase of SD cards for CCTV at Colton Village Hall
All in agreement to contribute £74.07 for the SD cards for the CCTV at the village hall which will also cover the amenity area. The money ringfenced from the fundraising for the amenity area to be used for this expenditure.
11. Planning
 - a) Any received after the publication of the agenda
None
 - b) Response since the last meeting;
None
 - c) To hear of any planning decisions made by South Norfolk Council.
None
12. Financial matters
 - a) To authorise payments for March 2026

NPTS Subscription (for payment 01/04/26)	240.00
Maria Hutson, March Salary and Expenses	454.87
Norfolk Pension Fund, March	151.60
HMRC, PAYE month 12	92.47
Colton Village Hall Hire	37.50
CPRE Membership	60.00
Colton Village Hall (SD cards for CCTV)	74.07
Justin Ritchie, Grass cutting	840.00

These were agreed and will be added to the banking for authorisation

- b) To note payments made since the last meeting

Unity trust, service charge, January	6.00
Norfolk Pension Fund	151.61
Clerk Salary and Expenses February	454.87
HMRC Month 11	92.47
Unity Trust, service charge, February	6.00

These were noted

- c) To note receipts received

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This was noted

d) To receive asset register

This was noted There were no changes from last year.

e) To note the Pension Fund valuation

The note the decrease in the employer contribution for the next year.

f) To agree the amount to be moved into the savings account

It was agreed to transfer £5000 before the end of the financial year.

13. To receive an update on Play area maintenance

Emails and voicemails to Action Play Leisure that installed the new equipment in Colton have not been responded to. Clerk will continue to try to get in contact however it seems clerks across the county are struggling to get in contact with the company.

14. To discuss options for the future of Grapevine publication

The increased number of houses in Easton means that new residents may not be aware of the Parish magazine.

JM to speak with Easton PC chairman on how Grapevine can be promoted.

15. Any other urgent business to be noted

DP concerned that the Colton litter pick will be held on the weekend of the rearranged litter pick. Mitigation and risk assessment to be updated with this in mind.

Clerk to remind Justin Ritchie to submit a quote for the fencing at Colton amenity area

16. To confirm that the Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Parish Council Meeting which will be held on 12th May 2026, 7pm, Colton Village Hall

Meeting close 20:22

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Date