



COLTISHALL PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of Coltishall Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 1st April at 6.30pm in Coltishall Church Rooms

Present

Chair: Cllr R Germany, Vice Chair: Cllr J Haschak

Councillors: Cllr M Spinks, Cllr H Sands-Moore, Cllr G Young, Cllr N Chaney and Cllr E Young

Also, Sue Marsh – Locum Parish Clerk, District Councillor Jo Copplestone, County Councillor Fran Whymark and 8 members of the public

Public Participation

District Councillor Jo Copplestone read report, and this can be found at the bottom of these minutes.

A Parishioner asked whether any information had been received from Highways regarding the installation of a zebra crossing and the consultation that had been mentioned. District Councillor Copplestone confirmed that she would take this up with highways.

Main Meeting

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies received and approved from Cllr J Baxter

2. Declarations of interest and request for dispensations

Cllr Germany and Cllr Sands Moore are tenants of Coltishall Allotments.

Cllr Chaney, Cllr Germany and Cllr Spinks are trustees of Coltishall Commons Management Trust.

3. Minutes

The minutes of the last Parish Council meeting held on 4th March 2026 were APPROVED and SIGNED as a true and accurate record.

4. Matters Arising

None

5. Financial Statement

a.

a. Payments received and NOTED - none		
b. Payments APPROVED		
Staff costs and expenses	Clerk, village hall staff and expenses	£3,778.40
Broadland District Council	Rates – football pavilion	£178.14
Broadland District Council	Rates – Village Hall	£635.04
Broadland District Council	Emptying of dog bins	£1,333.80
RLS Computers	New website	£576.00
Norfolk PTS	Annual Subscription	£690.00
Norfolk PTS	Whole Councill Training	£354.00
Campbell Jones	SAM2 Administration	£30.00
Peter Croot	Tree Warden Expenses	£19.50

Norse Eastern	Ground Services	£952.97
MG Fencing	Install mesh fencing at cricket nets	£3,160.00
c. Payments for information only – previously agreed direct debits and standing orders		
EE	Clerks Mobile	£6.88
Scribe	Accounts Package December	£44.40

6. Planning

To consider a response to any current planning applications including those received after the agenda was published

No planning applications

7. Asset Management

- a. Allotments – No issues to report and the Summer House has been installed
- b. To receive an update on the village hall including new signage - New signage has been ordered, playground annual inspection has taken place
- c. To receive an update on the cricket nets – mesh fence has been installed at the bottom of the cricket nets and any loose nets have been retied

8. Highway and PROW matters

Item mentioned in public participation above

9. Items for inclusion on the next agenda

- Neighbourhood plan
- Grass Cutting at the Church

10. Date and place of the next Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday 6 May 2026 at 6:30 pm

With no further business the meeting closed at 7.01 pm.

News from Broadland District Council- April 2026.

On 16th February the Government announced that it was withdrawing its decision to postpone the county council elections - which means elections will now take place, as originally planned, for all 84 county council divisions in Norfolk.

The elections had originally been postponed enabling the council to focus on preparations for local government reorganisation and devolution.

Norfolk County Council Leader Councillor Kay Mason Billig said: "I note the Government's change of mind. We had already budgeted for and were planning for elections, so we can now proceed."

The Government asked councils here - and across the country - to put forward proposals for Local Government Reorganisation. The aim is to create simpler, more sustainable local government structures.

Under the new model, county and district councils will be replaced by new unitary authorities. That means there will be just one council in your area that runs all services, instead of two.

The Government consulted on proposals from 19 November 2025 to 11 January 2026. The County Council was invited, as a named consultee, to respond to the proposals submitted for both Norfolk and Suffolk. In total, there were five separate proposals: three for Norfolk and two for Suffolk. This includes the proposal submitted by the County Council for a single unitary council for Norfolk.

Norfolk County Councillors have examined the evidence, the costs, and what residents and stakeholders told them matters most, and they believe one council for Norfolk is the best option:

It saves the most money - £39.8m every year

It joins up services, no matter where you live

It creates strong, county-wide leadership, while keeping services local

This is the biggest shake-up of local government in Norfolk for half a century - and a once-in-a-generation opportunity to build something better.

Kind regards, Cllr. Jo Copplestone

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