

MINUTES OF THE PLANNING MEETING OF COLLINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 9 JANUARY 2014 AT THE YOUTH AND COMMUNITY CENTRE, LOW STREET, COLLINGHAM

A resident spoke about his plans to open a 64 bedroom dementia care home on Potter Hill Road and the support from politicians and health authorities he has for the project. He anticipates it will provide 50 to 65 part and full time jobs.

Another resident spoke about the Parish Council's purchase of 71 High Street and asked what the property would be used for. Mrs Scott declared an interest in this matter. Mr Allen answered saying that several options were being looked at. The resident asked if the Council would be borrowing money to buy the property. Mrs Scott advised that the purchase would take place at the same time as sale of land at the Village Centre and was dependant on that; there will be no loan or mortgage. The same resident asked why the money was not being spent on the Community Park. Mrs Scott said that the Council is restricted in what it can invest in and that advice had been taken from the National Association of Local Councils who advised that land and property are preferred types of investment. Mrs Moody replied that the plans already in place for the Park would be going ahead and were separate to the purchase of 71 High Street. The resident asked why the decision to buy 71 High Street was made without all Parish Councillors being present. Mrs Scott replied that the meeting where the decision was made was quorate, meaning that decisions could legally be made. All Councillors know a year in advance when meetings are held and receive the agenda for meetings several days in advance.

Present: C Allen S Dove M Dowell D Evans G Norcott
 C Moody R Scott (Chair) J Guest (Clerk)

1. Apologies for absence

T Ozbourne (unwell) M Parkin (in hospital) V Wright (holiday) NSDC M Shaw (another meeting)

The Parish Council sends its best wishes to Mrs Parkin for a speedy recovery

2. Declarations of Interest:

- (a) To declare any personal interests in items on the agenda and their nature – none declared
- (b) To declare any prejudicial interests in items on the agenda and their nature – none declared

Regarding the news received this week about funding for a permanent building for the Men in Sheds group, Mrs Scott stated that she is also on the Village Care committee. When she received the agenda for the Village Care meeting where the matter of a new building for the group was agreed, she sent her apologies and did not attend the meeting because of the conflict in interest with her position as a Parish Councillor. When Mrs Scott received the minutes of that meeting the relevant sections had been removed so she had no prior

knowledge of this decision. Mr Evans who is on the Men in Sheds committee had no knowledge of a permanent building until he saw the plans for the Planning meeting.

3. Minutes: the minutes of the meeting of 12 December 2013 were proposed by Mr Allen, seconded by Mrs Moody and agreed by those present at that meeting.

4. Progress reports: (for information)

(i) Tent on Low Street and (ii) Shed on High Street - Adrian Adams, the Enforcement Officer from the Planning Department at NSDC will be visiting both sites next week.

(iii) Village Fish Bar – the problem with smells is ongoing and is being monitored by Environmental Health who are making regular visits. Rubbish is still a problem.

5. Planning Applications

13/1801/FUL	Collingham Cricket Ground, Newark Road - New safety netting to Junior Football Pitch	Application supported
13/01719/FUL	14 Cottage Lane - Householder application for proposed two storey rear extension to house following demolition of single storey rear extension and outbuilding to house	Application supported
13/01763/TWC A – for information only	Vine Farm, 121 High Street - Pollard row of 6 No. lime trees as they are encroaching onto the church yard	For information only
13/01795/FUL	8 Church Lane - Demolish existing boundary wall and existing bungalow and erect new 2 storey cottage with carport to front (resubmission of 13/01252/FUL)	Application supported
12/00895/OUT M	Braemar Farm, Station Road - Additional Planning Application Consultation - Outline application for mixed use development comprising up to 90 dwellings (including affordable housing) up to 60 class C2 extra-care units, up to 0.75ha use class B1 (a) (b) & (c) employment development; and public open spaces; together with associated roads and car parking, drainage, utility services and green infrastructure, with vehicular accesses from Station Road and Swinderby Road	Application is unanimously NOT Supported – concerns include the risk of flooding to other parts of the village and that the properties are not being built to the Code of Sustainable Development. The Head of the NSDC Planning Department is to be invited to attend a future meeting.
13/01761/FUL	13 Vicarage Close - Householder application of demolition of existing flat roofed garage and erection of a two storey and single storey extension	Application supported

6. Planning Decisions

13/01332/FUL	10 Rio Drive - Householder application for proposed single storey extension to the rear	Application permitted
13/01688/TWC A – for information only	3 Oaklands Close	Remove branches on birch tree.

7. Correspondence

Email from resident about traffic situation on Swinderby Road at its junction with the High Street – Notts CC Maureen Dobson and a Notts CC Highways Officer are visiting the site next week. A notice is to be placed in 'The Fleet' magazine about the legal distance for parking away from a junction. Nearby residents will be asked if notices can be placed on drainpipes asking for considerate parking.

Freedom of Information request from a resident – a request has been received from a resident about dangerous walls in the village; this has been answered in accordance with Freedom of Information regulations.

Email regarding proposed withdrawal of the central Lincolnshire Core Strategy – the contents were noted.

8. Local Improvements Scheme Grants – Interpretation Boards, Planters and Green Corridor

Mrs Scott and the Clerk have met with Notts CC regarding the green corridor next to the Community Park and this matter is progressing. Mrs Scott thanked the Clerk for her work in obtaining a Greenwood Trust grant for trees for the green corridor.

(i) to agree draft design and wording of interpretation boards and consider priorities of the grant scheme - Mrs Scott has met with the History Society, she circulated draft wording to be sent to Notts CC.

(ii) to agree to obtain quotes for removing part of hedging at Village Centre and reseeded grass to edge of pathway - This is the area where one of the interpretation boards is to be sited. It was agreed that two quotes would be obtained for the work, proposed by Mrs Scott, seconded by Mrs Moody and agreed unanimously.

9. Councillor's Reports and items for future agendas.

Mr Evans reported that the dyke at the top of Woodhill Road had been dredged.

The Memorial Hall Committee will not be organising the May Fair this year and had been asked if the Parish Council wishes to run it.

Mr Evans is disappointed at what he considered was the underhand way the Parish Council put through the vote on 71 High Street. He considered it was not necessary to vote on the matter that night. Having spoken to councillors not present he considered the matter would not have gone through.

Mrs Moody disagreed vehemently with Mr Evans and asked him to retract his statement.

Mrs Scott advised that any decision can be made if the meeting quorate, which it was and

the decision is legal. Mrs Moody questioned whether Mr Evans had read previous minutes which stated that Co-op hoped to sign the Village Centre agreement before Christmas, which was why a decision had to be made. All Councillors are aware of meeting dates at least a year in advance and receive the agenda for meetings several days in advance. Mr Dowell expressed his support for Mr Evans.

Mr Allen reported that the wall at All Saints Church was saturated; the Parochial Church Council will be contacted to see if a joint approach can be made to the Highways Department.

Mrs Scott attended the Safer Neighbourhood Group (SNG) meeting on 6 January. PCSO Harriet Samson-Bailey advised that 3 new PCSOs are to start in the Newark area in March. The next SNG meeting is on Monday 17 March at 6.30pm in the Jubilee Room.

Residents are disappointed at the proposed removal of the Saturday night bus service from Newark to Collingham, a letter will be sent to Notts CC.

Mrs Scott spoke about the May Fair and the possibility of holding it at the Cricket Club to avoid the costs and time involved in organising road closures. The Cricket Club will be contacted.

The benches at the Cross Site are more badly damaged than first thought. Mrs Scott has reported this to the Police and has a crime number. It may be necessary to make an insurance claim. A variety of people including the police, Youth Justice Team and youth workers are coming to the village to help with combating anti-social behaviour. This matter will be discussed at the Full Council meeting at the end of January. The use of diaries for residents to record anti-social behaviour will be considered.

Regarding statements made to the Press recently, Mrs Scott stated that as recorded in the minutes of the meeting of 22 September 2011, all press statements are to be made through the Clerk or Chair. If a Councillor does speak to the Press he/she should advise the Chair and Clerk of what was said, Members were reminded that it was agreed that unless matters had been discussed at a meeting they are speaking as a private individual, not as a Parish Councillor and that a majority decision binds all Councillors.

The meeting closed at 9.02pm

0 members of the press present

4 members of the public present

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