

## MINUTES OF THE COLLINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 27 JUNE 2013 AT THE YOUTH AND COMMUNITY CENTRE, LOW STREET, COLLINGHAM

### 1. Apologies for absence

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D Evans, NSDC M Shaw and NCC M Dobson were attending a meeting of Harby Parish Council and arrived during the discussion on the eleventh item on the agenda.

### Present

C Allen            G Norcott        C Moody        T Ozbourne    M Parkin        R Scott (Chair)  
V Wright        J Guest (Clerk)

### 2. Declarations of Interest:

- (a) To declare any personal interests in items on the agenda and their nature - Mr Allen declared an interest in item 5 on the agenda, the payment of his expenses. Mrs Scott declared an interest in item 11 on the agenda as she lives next door to 71 High Street.
- (b) To declare any prejudicial interests in items on the agenda and their nature – none declared

**3. Minutes:** the minutes of the meeting of 23 May 2013 were accepted. Proposed by Mrs Wright, seconded by Mr Allen and agreed unanimously. Mrs Parkin abstained as she was not present at the meeting of 23 May.

### 4. Progress reports: (for information)

- (i) Reply from Patrick Mercer regarding precept and business rates – nothing new was learned from the letter, the Nottinghamshire Association of Local Councils will be contacted to find out their views.
- (ii) NCC Highways – gullies on Low Street and visit of June 20 – inspection of the gullies has not been completed but is in hand. See separate report from the meeting of 20 June.
- (iii) Green Lanes, South End – work needs to be done to find out the origin of the Green Lanes. A visit to the Archives at Nottingham will be made. The History Society holds some useful information.
- (iv) Best Kept Village Competition – after a fantastic response from residents and community groups, Collingham is through to the next round of the competition which takes place from 1 July to 19 July. The Judge's comments from the first round have been circulated. Street cleaning was completed on Wednesday and should be done every 90 days.
- (v) Date of visits by David and Esther Yabbacome and Mark Roberts – all will be attending the meeting of 25 July.
- (vi) Local Improvement Scheme (LIS) grants – Mrs Scott and the Clerk have a meeting with Alexandra Smith from NCC on 10 July to discuss the location of the interpretation board and planter. Sites suggested were the area to the left of the entrance to the Village Centre and the Cross Site. Thought needs to be given to this year's LIS grants, the deadline for

applications is September. Mrs Wright suggested a new larger noticeboard outside the Jubilee Room.

### 5. Income and Expenditure

AEB Landscapes	Community Park Inspections - May	£120.00	£0.00	£120.00
Society of Local Council Clerks	Training fee for Clerk to attend Working with your Council course	£175.00	£35.00	£210.00
Unipar Services	New Speed gun battery	£57.50	£11.50	£69.00
Robert Townsend Electrical Ltd	Work at the Youth and Community Centre*	£1045.00	£209.00	£1254.00
Elliott News Service	Internal Auditors fees relating to Annual Return	£135.00	£0.00	£135.00
Jane Guest	Reimbursement of Clerk's expenses	£191.54	£0.00	£191.54
Oliver Fabian Decorating Services	Decorating at Youth and Community Centre *	£536.19	£0.00	£536.29
David Clarke	Remedial work at Youth and Community Centre *	£501.00	£0.00	£501.00
Richard Gomm	New doors at Youth and Community Centre *	£484.00	£0.00	£484.00
Chris Allen	Mileage to meeting with NCC Highways 20/6/13 and oil for strimmer	£23.43	£0.00	£23.43
HMRC	PAYE for quarter ended 5/7/13	£204.05	£0.00	£204.05

\*This money will be reimbursed to the Parish Council by the Derbyshire Environmental Trust Limited.

The above payments were agreed, proposed by Mr Ozbourne, seconded by Mrs Moody and approved with one abstention on the grounds of a personal interest in the payment of expenses.

#### **6. Correspondence**

Email from Mr A Glenny regarding a flag for Collingham – it was agreed to reply to Mr Glenny's kind offer of a design and send him details of the Flag Institute's guidelines.

Letter from NSDC about Standards Training course Monday 9 September – the Clerk to be informed by Friday 5 July if any Councillor wishes to attend this training.

Letter from Mr D Tingle regarding Newark Municipal General Charity - Mr Tingle is standing down after 12 years on the charity committee. He was thanked for all his work over such a long term. Mrs Parkin expressed an interest in succeeding Mr Tingle in this role.

**7. Electoral Review of Newark and Sherwood** – to discuss and agree comments to be sent to the Local Government Boundary Commission for England regarding the reduction in the number of councillors. After discussion it was agreed that no further comments needed to be made.

**8. Visit by Nottinghamshire Police Commissioner on August 15** – to discuss and agree the preparations for and format of Paddy Tipping's visit to Collingham. The visit will be used to discuss policy, not specific incidents. It was suggested that a meeting with Parish Councillors could be followed by a walkabout to include the Community Park and Village Centre. The Clerk will liaise with Mr Tipping's office to finalise arrangements.

**9. Planning Application number 13/00682/FUL Erection of a wind turbine at Wigsley Airfield, North Scarle Road, Wigsley** – to discuss and agree the Parish Council's comments to NSDC on this application. It was unanimously agreed not to support this application, proposed by Mrs Parkin and seconded by Mrs Wright. The concerns were the red flashing light on top of the turbine, flooding (in relation to the foundations) and the economic viability of wind turbines. Comments will be sent to NSDC Planning Department.

**10. Proposal for Grant for conservation of brickwork at Youth and Community Centre** – report from meeting with Rural Communities Action Nottinghamshire and to agree choice of three contractors for quotations. A grant is to be applied for repairs to lime mortar pointing and erosion to brickwork. Three quotes will be required. The Clerk will research the appropriate contractors for this work.

Mrs Scott left the meeting.

**11. 71 High Street** – to receive information regarding the possibility of purchase of the property for Parish Council offices and to agree a final decision on the purchase. It was agreed by majority (one against) that an expression of interest in the purchase of the property would be made to Lincolnshire Co-operative Society via Banks Long.

Mrs Scott re-joined the meeting.

**12. Nottinghamshire and Nottingham Waste Core Strategy** – to agree any comments to be submitted to Notts CC before the consultation deadline of 22 July. This item will be discussed at the Planning Meeting on 11 July.

**13. Councillor's Reports and items for future agendas**

Mr Ozbourne reported that the footpath between Station Road and the Football Club needs cutting urgently. Mrs Scott advised that this has been reported to NCC earlier in the day. Mrs Dobson reported on changes to the LIS scheme from next year, the emphasis will be on job creation.

A survey of the HGV's using the A1133 between Spalford and Langford Quarry has been carried out, the analysis will take a month and report will then be sent to Mrs Dobson and the Clerk. There are no funds available for work on a bypass around Collingham.

Mr Evans advised that there had been vandalism on Woodhill Road; a resident had reported that older children had pulled flowers from the front of his property. A reminder was given again that such incidents need to be reported to 101, the Police non-emergency number. Mr Evans also queried the placing of the HMRC payment on the agenda, the Clerk will seek advice on this.

Mr Allen reported on the continuing problem of a speeding Royal Mail van on Low Street at 8am and 5pm. Mrs Dobson reported a similar problem in Winthorpe. Mrs Scott will make enquiries.

Mr Allen and Mrs Scott had attended the Safe Neighbourhood Group meeting on 26 June. Collingham's Police Beat Manager is currently working in Retford and PCSO Harriet Samson-Bailey is covering the Hawtonville area in Newark for six weeks. Mrs Dobson and Mr Shaw have a meeting of the Local Area Group on 9 July with Inspector Gan of Newark Police and will raise the Council's concerns then and the Clerk will write to Inspector Gan.

The importance of the 101 phone number was again reiterated. Calls may be made anonymously. Mrs Scott will write about this in the next Fleet magazine. The Clerk will inform all village contacts. Mr Ozbourne will add details to the village website.

Mrs Wright requested that the noticeboard outside the Jubilee Room was discussed on the next agenda; the present board is too small.

Mrs Scott reported that the Funding Fair on 26 June had been very useful, further details will be placed in the circulation file. There is a water leak outside Mayfield House on the High Street; work to fix this will take place on 2 July. Mrs Scott has requested that NCC cut footpaths 12, 13 and 14 as a matter of urgency.

Following complaints from residents, Mrs Scott and several residents had kept a diary of the strong smells from the Village Fish Shop and this has been passed to the Environmental Health Officer. Litter is also a problem. A letter will be sent to request that the smells are dealt with and a new bin provided.

The meeting closed at 9.10 pm

1 member of the public present 1 member of the press present

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