

## MINUTES OF THE COLLINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 25 JULY 2013 AT THE YOUTH AND COMMUNITY CENTRE, LOW STREET, COLLINGHAM

### 1. Apologies for absence

M Dowell      G Norcott

### Present

C Allen	S Dove	D Evans	C Moody	T Ozbourne	M Parkin
R Scott (Chair)		V Wright	NSDC M Shaw		NCC M Dobson
J Guest (Clerk)					

### 2. Declarations of Interest:

- (a) To declare any personal interests in items on the agenda and their nature – Mrs Scott declared and interest in item 13 on the agenda. Mr Ozbourne declared an interest in item 5 on the agenda.
- (b) To declare any prejudicial interests in items on the agenda and their nature – none declared

**3. Minutes:** to consider for approval the minutes of the meeting of 27 June 2013 – a query previously raised has been resolved. Proposed by Mr Allen, seconded by Mrs Wright and agreed unanimously.

Mrs Dobson asked to speak as she was due to attend another meeting. Mrs Dobson advised that she hopes to report on further progress with traffic issues on the A1133 at the Parish Council's meeting in September. Collingham had escaped lightly compared to other villages during the storm on 23 July. Mrs Dobson had encountered a fallen tree on her way to a meeting during the storm. Mrs Dobson requested details of the following item on the agenda, gullies on Low Street. Mrs Dobson left the meeting at 7.40pm.

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

- (i) NCC Highways – gullies on Low Street – gullies are due to be cleaned following work by NSDC in mid-August. Flash flooding on Station Road was reported by Mrs Parkin on 23 July during a storm.
- (ii) Footpaths – a revised cutting plan is to be agreed with NCC. Mrs Parkin asked who has the right of way at the entrance to the Lafarge quarry at Besthorpe, Mrs Scott will check with NCC.
- (iii) Best Kept Village Competition – Collingham are runners up in their class behind Radcliffe-on-Trent, which reflects the efforts of our volunteers as Radcliffe has several paid employees. The support of residents was again acknowledged.
- (iv) Local Improvement Scheme grants – Alexandra Smith from NCC is sending information about the styles of design of planters and interpretation boards.
- (v) Back 2 Netball – support seems to be growing, the Football Club are sharing their facilities.

(vi) Reply from Nottinghamshire Association of Local Councils regarding council tax support – latest update from Nottinghamshire Association of Local Councils has previously been circulated; this matter is on-going.

(vii) Speeding Royal Mail van – the driver is leaving so the problem should cease.

(viii) Police coverage in the village – Inspector Gan's reply was discussed. It was agreed that Inspector Gan would be asked about 999 response times whilst coverage in the village has been reduced.

(ix) Smells from Village Fish Bar and litter at Village Centre – the issues have improved, the smells are noticed only when the equipment is first used. Parking problems were discussed outside the shop and opposite.

## 5. Income and Expenditure

Mr Ozbourne left the room.

AEB Landscapes	Community Park Inspections June	£120.00	£0.00	£120.00
Hill Holt Wood	2 new benches, 2 noticeboards and repair to bus shelter	£1000.00	£200.00	£1200.00
Terry Ozbourne	Reimbursement of cost of new flags	£14.97	£0.00	£14.97
D Lyne	Weed spray Cross Site Burial Ground	£20.00	£4.00	£24.00

Concerns over the backing board used on the new noticeboards were expressed. The Parish Council will monitor.

The above payments were proposed by Mr Allen, seconded by Mrs Scott and unanimously approved.

Mr Ozbourne re-joined the meeting.

## 6. Correspondence

Email from Giles Dixon regarding the speed of traffic through the village – it was agreed to discuss this with item 12.

Email from Collingham Football Club requesting a donation towards catering at charity football match in September. Following a lengthy discussion amid concerns that the Parish Council may be setting a precedent that it cannot afford to maintain, it was agreed to send a donation of £50 to the Football Club for help with the event they are planning in September. This was specifically agreed in view of the continuous help and support the Parish Council

has received from the Football Club. Proposed by Mrs Wright, seconded by Mr Evans and agreed by the majority.

**7. Community Park** – to discuss and agree as necessary the purchase of closers for park gates. From the research Mr Ozbourne has conducted, there is no guarantee that closers bought now could be fitted to new gates which it is anticipated could be bought next year. NSDC will be consulted for further advice.

**8. Erection of wind turbine, land north of Brills Farm, Newark Road, Norton Disney** – it was agreed that the comments submitted recently regarding another wind turbine application close to the site of this proposed turbine be revised in principle and submitted to NSDC.

**9. Visit by Nottinghamshire Police Commissioner on August 15** – It was agreed that the Parish Council will have a short meeting from 3-3.15pm with Mr Tipping, followed by a walk to the Village Centre along the High Street. Time permitting, the walkabout will extend to the Community Park. The group will return to the Youth and Community Centre by 4pm when the public will join the meeting.

**10. New noticeboard outside Jubilee Road, Swinderby Road** – It was proposed by Mrs Wright, seconded by Mrs Parkin and agreed unanimously to apply for a NCC Local Improvement Scheme grant for a new noticeboard.

**11. Substance Misuse Services Consultation** – it was agreed that the Parish Council supports the work of the substance misuse services across Nottinghamshire and also by its funding of the DARE scheme at John Blow Primacy School.

**12. Traffic within the Village** – It was agreed to write to local groups and ask for their support in requesting an extension of the 30mph speed limit at all entrances and exits to the village. A petition will also be set up which residents will be asked to sign in local shops. The deadline for submission of the petition to NCC is 16 September. Proposed by Mrs Scott, seconded by Mrs Moody and unanimously agreed. Mrs Wright reported a speeding motorbike; further instances will be reported to the Police non-emergency number 101. Mr Dove reported seeing a mobile speed camera at the entrance to the Cricket Club within the last week.

Mrs Scott left the room.

**13. 71 High Street** – Mr Allen reported that a survey had been carried out today. When received it will be circulated to all Councillors. Further information will be gathered for discussion at the Parish Council's meeting at the end of September.

Mrs Scott returned to the room.

**14. Letter from Entrust for approval and signature** – following changes to planned grant works, deleting secondary glazing to large windows and instead fit more easily maintainable light fittings. Proposed by Mrs Wright, seconded by Mrs Parkin and unanimously agreed.

**15. Local Government Boundary Commission Consultation on Ward Boundaries** – to agree any comments to be made before the consultation end date of 5 August. Agreed comments have already been submitted. More information on the boundary changes will be distributed later this year and the opportunity to comment on these will be made from 15 October to 6 January 2014.

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

Mrs Wright would like to attend the first aid training arranged by the Emergency Committee but cannot attend on the dates agreed. The Clerk will look into this.

Mr Allen reported that the post box close to One-Stop could do with being repainted. Mr Allen also checked that the Council are considering the formation of a charitable trust for land and property owned by the Parish Council.

Mr Ozbourne reported that the gully at the corner of Vicarage Close and the High Street has sunk; the Clerk will report this to NCC.

Mrs Scott advised that a memorial pot on a grave had been damaged at the churchyard at St John the Baptist Church. The grounds maintenance contractor has been contacted and has apologised for the damage. The grave will now be left uncut as requested by the family.

Mrs Scott visited Holme Sluices near Colwick on 18 July which was an informative visit.

Mrs Scott has read about a new project called D2N2 concerning social inclusion and hopes that this may benefit Newark and the surrounding area.

The meeting closed at 9pm.

7 members of the public present

0 members of the press

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