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Your headlines from the Parish Council (PC) Meeting 4th February 2025

Full minutes and reports are available on the Colsterworth and District Website

(Search "Colsterworth and District Parish Council" and find the agendas and minutes under "Council Business": Council business – Colsterworth and District Parish Council (lincolnshire.gov.uk)

PUBLIC FORUM:

Below is a summary of the Public Forum, full details can be found on the Parish Council website under council Business.

Cllr C Hainsworth (Chair) welcomed everyone to the meeting and acknowledged the three persons present at the Public Forum.

The first member of the public spoke in support of their application to become a Parish Councillor for Colsterworth.

The second member of the Public spoke thanking the Parish Council for opposing planning application S24/0568 for the proposed Anaerobic Digester (AD) plant at Gunby which had been refused at the South Kesteven District Council (SKDC) Planning Committee meeting on 23rd January 2025. They acknowledged that official notification had yet to be received and thanked Cllrs C Hainsworth, SKDC Cllrs D Bellamy and B Green for speaking at the SKDC Planning Committee meeting.

They requested that the Parish Council consider forming a Collective with Buckminster and South Witham Parish Councils in anticipation that the applicant will appeal against the refusal decision and apply for a Rule 6 Status as an interested party allowing them to question the applicant.

The third member of the public spoke informing the Cllrs that they had recently done a litter pick and noticed some fly tipping along Bourne Road roadside. Clerk to the Parish Council Sue Grant advised they would report the fly tipping to SKDC. Cllr C Hainsworth thanked the member of the public for their continued litter picking activity before moving on to the first agenda item.
*Post meeting note: Issue reported as fly tipping to SKDC 5th February 2025.

CHAIR'S REMARKS:

Cllr C Hainsworth (Chair) on behalf of the Parish Council acknowledged the very sad loss of Cllr Ken Vickers and the Cllrs thoughts are with his family

Lincolnshire County Council and South Kesteven District Councillors Report.

SKDC Cllr B Green Reported: -

1. SKDC had reviewed its fees and charges as part of their budget setting for 2025/2026 and proposed an increase on Council Tax of 3%. A £2 increase had been proposed on the 1st and 2nd Green Bin.
2. Progress with litter clearance on the A1 had come to a head with the safety improvement works planned. They reported that SKDC Street Scene services had agreed to work in conjunction with National Highways.
3. There had been recent press reports about Code of Conduct complaints. A SKDC Cllr had been found in breach of the code of conduct but remains in the post.
4. The Local Government Review will be looking at SKDC,

Rutland and Peterborough. There will be a consultation in due course.

LCC Cllr C Vernon Reported: -

1. They were unsure if the County Council elections would go ahead in May 2025. The Mayoral Elections on 1st May 2025 will take place.
2. A1 Night Closure Traffic Issues: - They suggested people contact 'LCC Lorry Watch' with the name of the road, number plate, any identifying marks, date and time.
3. It is important to register any electrical appliance or device with the manufacturer. If there was a re-call due to a fire risk you would not be notified if your device is not registered with the manufacturer.
4. Citizen of the Year – They encouraged the Parish Council to nominate someone.

SKDC Cllr D Bellamy Reported: -

1. The SKDC Local Plan Review housing allocation had been increased from 701 to 890 per annum.
2. The proposed development for five houses off Bourne Road, Colsterworth had been refused.

Co-option for Councillor for Colsterworth

Mr Tony O'Regan and Mr Roy Brocklebank were Co-opted as Cllrs for Colsterworth.

Updates for Council administration

It was resolved to donate the old Parish Council Computer to the 1st Colsterworth Scout Group in line with the CAD Asset Register and Disposal Policy.

Policies:-

CAD Scheme of Delegation, CAD Highways and Footpaths TOR and CAD Environment & Amenities Terms Of Reference were adopted.

CAD Media Policy, CAD Remote Meeting Policy and CAD Co-Option Policy were renewed.

Finance - Accounts for payment were approved by Council.

Environment & Amenities Working Group Report.

War Memorial Lectern Project – It was resolved to approve the final proof design for the Lectern style information board.

Nature Trail

Thank you to Jane Ostler who gave an interesting a wild flower talk to the volunteers at the Strawberry Meadow.

Clerks Report & day to day business.

1. SKDC have advised that the Community Cleaning Grant will not be increased at this time. While there may have been initial discussions or intentions to increase the grant, this has not been implemented.
2. Defective streetlight number 82 on Woolsthorpe Road, Woolsthorpe by Colsterworth reported to SKDC who bare responsible for the streetlight.
3. Thank you to Cllr Chris Rowland for re-attaching the child's swing at Colster Way Play Park following its repair under guarantee.
4. Play Areas – Moss removed by the Clerk and areas treated with a domestic algae remover as recommended by the Wicksteed Leisure Inspection team.

5. Request from Nature Trail leader to purchase 4 pairs of heavy-duty gloves and 3 x pairs of secateurs out of remaining budget.

6. The defibrillator on the outside wall of the White Lion, High Street, Colsterworth was found to be defective on 28/01/2025. New battery required. Defibrillator reported out of service to Community Heartbeat and The Circuit, new battery ordered.

Correspondence received.

Council received details of correspondence received relating to speeding vehicles, lack of police presence, fly tipping and potholes.

SKDC Planning Applications

S24/1505 – Conversion of an existing outbuilding to form one separate dwelling

Witham Cottage, 46 High Street, Colsterworth, Lincolnshire, NG33 5NF. Change to red line.

SKDC Planning Permission

S24/1988 - Submission of details reserved by condition 9 (noise validation) of planning permission S21/1906 in relation to plots 23 and 33 only. Centre Of Pond 80M From 68 Bourne Road 23M From A151, Bourne Rd, Colsterworth.

S24/2011 - Extension to existing farmyard area, including formation of perimeter bund and surfacing. Manor Farm Church Street, North Witham Lincolnshire NG33 5LH

SKDC Planning Refusal

S24/0568 - Development East Of Sewstern Industrial Estate South Of Sewstern Road, Gunby, Lincolnshire, NG33 5RD. AD Plant. Pending confirmation.

S24/1487 - Construction of 5 No. dwellings (2 no. bungalows and 3 no. houses), removal of 1 no. tree, hedgerow and formation of associated car parking and landscaping. Land Off Bourne Road Colsterworth.

Date of next Parish Council Meeting

Date of the next Parish Council meeting is **Tuesday 4th March 2025. Methodist Church Hall, Back Lane, Colsterworth.**

Defibrillators

The Parish Council is responsible for the five defibrillators around the villages, they are located at: -

- Little Legs Nursery, Colster Way, Colsterworth, NG33 5JT. On the outside wall next to the Parish Notice Board.
- The White Lion Public House, High Street, Colsterworth, NG33 5NE. On the outside wall next to the main entrance door.
- North Witham Village Hall, Post Lane, North Witham, NG33 5JZ. On the outside wall in the porch.
- Woolthorpe by Colsterworth Telephone Box, Woolthorpe Road, NG33 5NU.
- Colsterworth Village Hall, Old Post Lane, Colsterworth, NG33 5PG. On the outside wall next to the Village Hall entrance.

All of the defibrillators are registered with 'The Circuit'.

<https://www.thecircuit.uk/>

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Colsterworth WI Meeting, 21st January
2025

Any last lingering hopes (or dreams) of losing those Christmas lbs, of getting into shape, of being 'beach ready' went right out of the window as the ladies of Colsterworth WI gathered for their first meeting of 2025. As members walked through the carpark to the Village Hall, the clue was there before them on the van parked by the door:

BREAD+CHEESE.

The committee, ably assisted by Pete W, had been busy setting out the hall for the meeting. Chairs and tables ready for members, tea tables ready for goodies and Liz ready to greet old friends and new at the welcome table. This month's president, Rachel Popham, rang the bell at 2pm to open the meeting and began, as ever, by handing out birthday cards and good wishes to Angela Miller and Rosemarie Everitt. Moving swiftly on (she could see the anticipation on the members' faces) to introduce this month's speaker, Adam O'Meara owner/proprietor of BREAD+CHEESE from Lincoln.

Adam began by talking a little about himself and explaining how he came to be a bread maker and cheese monger. Until 2019 he was a lecturer at Lincoln University. During Lockdown he noticed how empty the streets of the city were. Having taken lessons in bread making, he purchased a van and went around the local villages selling his produce. Worried at first the nobody would turn up, he was amazed at the interest shown, selling out in 20 minutes. In January 2021 he started his own bakery 'Grain of Truth'. His slowly fermented products take up to two days to make. Adam uses wholemeal and rye flours which contain a wild yeast. This creates carbon dioxide which gives the bread its lift. Adam began selling cheese alongside the bread. He is clearly as passionate and knowledgeable about the cheeses he sells as he is about the bread he makes. Historically, he explained, the majority of cheese produced in this country was made by Farmers' wives and sold at local markets and shops. During the war, all milk produced on farms was, under emergency regulations, sent to a central pool, some being used to make

National cheddar. Now, after 80 years, we have over 1000 different types of cheese made in this country, more than France! There is a theory Adam explained that cheese, like so many of our great discoveries, was originally produced by accident. Long ago animals' stomachs were used as a means of storing and carrying food. The rennet needed to make cheese is found in said stomachs. Maybe milk was stored this way and somehow cheese happened. Originally, sheep and goat's milk were used to make cheese, cow's milk was used much later.

The first cheese we sampled was 'Sykes Fell' cheese made by Peter & Grace Proctor in Lancashire. Sheep's milk is used to make this cheese and a vegetable rennet, sometimes thistle. It is classed as a semi-hard cheese. Members enjoyed this and appreciated the tangy flavour. Second helpings were taken and an empty platter was passed back to Adam.

Next came 'Baron Bigod'; made in Bungay, Suffolk and named after Baron Hugh Bigod, a French nobleman who arrived on British soil in 1066 with William the Conqueror. The Baron built a castle on the banks of the River Waveney, the remains of which can be seen from the farm where the cheese is made today. Milk from a herd of French cows called 'Montbeliarde' is used to make this delicate brie-like cheese. This cheese was very popular with the members who enjoyed the soft, slightly gooey flavour. It complemented the crackers which Adam provided. Another empty platter was passed back.

The next cheese was 'Blue Monday'. Created by Alex James who, in a previous life sang with the band 'Blur'. Apparently named after his favourite 'New Order' song, it is a blue cheese, creamy but with strong blue veining. It tasted smooth with some piquancy. Members who like blue cheese enjoyed this sample, not everyone tried it, but the platter still went back empty! The final cheese was 'Open Air Cheddar', produced in Dorset and named because the cows are milked by a mobile milking parlour out in the open air. It is a strong, crumbly cheddar with a salty crunch and a distinct tang. Adam explained that the curds made in this cheese making process are called cheddars- hence the name. Cheddar, which has no Protected Designation of Origin can and is made anywhere in the world. It is the best seller at Adam's shop. As Adam was left among the debris of 4 very empty platters and a handful of cracker crumbs, Jil Watson stood up and gave a graceful vote of

thanks. More boxes were opened and members queued with their purses ready to buy some of the cheeses they had sampled.

Tea Hostesses Christine Whittle, Lynn Patte and Gillian Dexter were ready with cups of tea and a super spread of goodies on the table. During the break, members had plenty to chat about and catch up with friends. Rachel called members back to their chairs for the business part of the meeting, the main part being that as the 2025 Resolutions season is upon us, members were given voting slips containing the 4 resolutions, one of which will be presented at the Annual Meeting in June. Briefly, they were:

Let's talk about incontinence.
Bystanders can be lifesavers.
Join the repair revolution.
Eliminate landfill of medication packaging.

Members votes were collected and results will be sent off to Federation office. More details will follow in the coming months about this superbly organised and democratic procedure which begins as an idea from one member in one Institute and culminates in a vote by the entire movement via representation at the Annual Meeting.

Moving on, ladies were advised that as from February each committee member would wear a lanyard giving her name and position. This is to assist newer members. Liz reminded everyone of the Bring & Buy stall she is organising at the next meeting. The competition results were announced. Winner of the Flower of the Month (lots more entries this month, spring is on its way) was Sandra Quinsee with Liz Clark in 2nd place. The 'Something Square' competition was won by Helen Scorer with Sonia Warby as runner up. The raffle was called. Our next meeting is our AGM to be held on 18th March and the April 15th meeting the speaker is Caroline Bingham talking to us about the Lincolnshire Life Publication. After a very enjoyable and very busy meeting Rachel thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 4pm. Members, clutching their cheese purchases, departed into the fading afternoon light.

Colsterworth Women's Institute

Diary Dates
18th March Colsterworth Village Hall at 2 pm
15th April Colsterworth Village Hall at 2 pm

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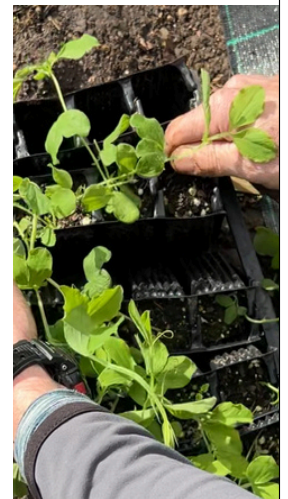


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Butterflies and the Colsterworth Nature Trail

The ongoing mission of the Nature Trail volunteers is not just the maintenance of a safe and pleasant route for walkers but also to improve biodiversity along the entire length of the trail.

Part of this strategy involves the planting of native trees and shrubs in some areas and the removal of overcrowded small trees and scrub in others. The removal of this scrub, by allowing more light to reach the ground, provides an opportunity for native plants to germinate and grow in the cleared areas. This will provide food plants for the caterpillars of more butterfly (and moth) species.

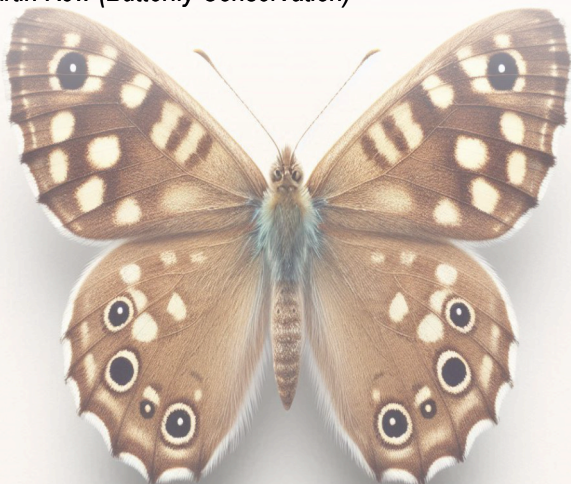
Additionally, the existing meadow areas are carefully mown and raked at the right time of year to allow wild flowers to proliferate. The volunteers also collect wild flower seeds and sow them in other parts of the Nature Trail to assist this process. More wild flowers mean more nectar for butterflies, bees and numerous other insects.

The number and variety of butterflies seen on the Trail during last year's season alone, is a sign that all this hard work is proving beneficial. As early as April, Peacock butterflies were on the wing along with Brimstone and Speckled Wood. These species could be seen all along the Nature Trail. By the beginning of May, Orange Tip and Green-veined White butterflies were appearing, followed in June by Common Blue and Small Heath, particularly in the meadow areas.

The number of butterflies peaked in August, with the Volunteers' Butterfly Count recording an impressive eleven different species. These included the Marbled White which has established a colony at the Wild Flower Meadow. This is a species whose range is expanding northwards with rising temperatures. Other less well known butterflies recorded were Gatekeeper and Brown Argus.

Butterflies are not just important in their own right but indicators of a healthy environment for all wildlife. Unfortunately, in the UK, most species of butterfly (and moth) are in worrying decline due to climate change and habitat loss. It is gratifying therefore that the work started by Jane Ostler and the continuing efforts of Mo Taylor and the Nature Trail team is, at the very least, having a positive impact on a local level.

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Services for March at St John the Baptist Church unless otherwise stated:

2 nd March	11:00am Morning Prayer	Hilary Winstanley ALM
5 th March	7:00pm Ash Wednesday Holy Com.	Revd Jill Potts
9 th March	11:00am Morning Prayer	Steve Potts Reader
16 th March	11:00am Holy Communion	Revd Jill Potts
23 rd March	11:00am Morning Prayer	Peter Wheatley Churchwarden
30 th March	10:30am Mothering Sunday	Joint Service at Methodist Church

Other Events

Church Cleaning: 11th March 9:30am with coffee and chat after

Coffee Morning: 4th Mar. 10:00 – 12:00 Host: Rosemarie Everitt, 7 Walnut Grove Colsterworth

80th Anniversary VE Day Concert with Cranwell Military Wives 7:30pm 29th March
Tickets £10 Contact Jackie Taylor 07535 691136 or Peter Wheatley 07765 126402

As we are without a resident vicar, our services are led by visiting clergy or lay volunteers, with tea, coffee and biscuits after each service. Baptism, Wedding or Funeral Services can be arranged, please contact Peter, Churchwarden.

For more information on services, or the church, please see social media, our website www.achurchnearyou.com/St-John-the-Baptist-Colsterworth or Peter, Churchwarden.

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COLSTERWORTH METHODIST CHURCH

March 2025

Our services will be in the church, however we will also be zooming 2 services a month from the building internet permitting. If you are interested in joining our services by zoom, please email helenscorror@outlook.com or phone 01476 860126 for more details.

Date	Time	Service	Preacher	Flowers
2 nd	10:30am	Morning Worship	Marion Hingley-Hickson	Lynn Lewis
9 th	10:30am	Morning Worship	Rowena Ward-Barrow	Betty Neal
16 th	10:30am	Holy Communion & Baptism	Rev'd Neil Maynard	Cheryl Sutcliffe
23 rd	10:30am	Morning Worship at Skillington	Rev'd Tony Pick	
30 th	10:30am	Mothering Sunday United Service	Jane Wakerley	Pamela Harrison

Open Door – Wednesday 12th & 26th March - 11:45am – 1:30pm.

During the Winter months we will be opening over lunchtime and serving soup and a roll plus either a hot pudding or cake plus of course offering lots of chat. We welcome people of all and no faith to join us and of all ages. Our book and jigsaw library will be available for you to browse and borrow from.

Games/Craft & Chat Group – Wednesday 5th & 19th March – 2:00-3:30pm.

Bring your own craft along and join our group for a cuppa, a chat and maybe an opportunity to learn new skills. Or alternatively come and have a chat over a game of dominoes. Everyone welcome.

Villages Diary March 2025

Tue 4 th	10am-12:30pm	Coffee Morning Parish Council	7, Walnut Close, C'worth Methodist Church Hall
Wed 5 th	2-3:30pm	Games/Craft & Chat	Methodist Church Hall
Mon 10 th	7:30pm	Garden Club	C'worth Village Hall
Wed 12 th	11:45 -1:30pm	Open Door Lunch	Methodist Church Hall
Tue 18 th	2pm	Women's Institute	Colsterworth Village Hall
Wed 19 th	2-3:30pm	Games/Craft & Chat	Methodist Church Hall
Wed 26 th	11:45 -1:30pm	Open Door Lunch	Methodist Church Hall
Thu 27 th	12-12:30pm	Mobile Library	Colster Way
April			
Tue 15 th	2pm	Women's Institute	Colsterworth Village Hall

Weekly

Mondays	10am-noon	FOCUS Kurling	Village Hall
	12:30pm	Merry Widow(ers) (1 st Monday)	White Lion
Tuesdays	10am	Free Wellbeing Walk (3 rd Tuesday)	Methodist Church
	6pm-7pm	Yoga	Methodist Church
	6pm-7pm	Beavers (Term time)	Village Hall
Wednesdays	11:45am -1:30pm	Open Door (2 nd & 4 th Weeks)	Methodist Church
	2pm-3:30pm	Craft & Chat (1 st & 3 rd Weeks)	Methodist Church
Thursdays	10am-noon	Rolling Stones Kurling	Village Hall
	1pm	Free Chair Yoga (2 nd Thursday)	Methodist Church
	6pm - 7:15pm	Cubs (Term time)	Village Hall
	7:30pm-8:45pm	Scouts (Term time)	Village Hall
Fridays	7:30pm-9:30pm	Weekly Bingo	Sports & Social Club
Saturdays	10am-12noon	Football Coaching	Sports Field

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