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

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(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 four persons present at the Public Forum.

The first to speak explained that all four of them had come to the meeting to make the Parish Council aware of a Planning Application on South Kesteven District Council (SKDC) website for a change of use from a dwelling house at 9a School Lane, Colsterworth to a Children's Care Home for two children between the age of 8yrs and 18yrs requiring 24/7 care.

Cllr C Hainsworth advised the members of the public to submit their own individual representations to SKDC and thanked them for attending the public forum and bringing the Planning Application to the attention of the Parish Council.

Cllr D Bellamy advised that they would call in the application to go before the Planning Committee in their capacity as an SKDC Cllr.

The Public Forum was extended to 7.45pm to allow all those present to speak.

CHAIR'S REMARKS:

Cllr C Hainsworth (Chair) welcomed the return of Cllr R Brocklebank and invited all Cllrs to introduce themselves. They acknowledged former Cllr G Henton's resignation from the Parish Council.

Lincolnshire County Council and South Kesteven District Councillors Report.

LCC Cllr C Vernon Reported:

- 1. They urged Clirs to register and attend the A1 Road Safety Workshop Invitation Wednesday 12th March 2025, 19.00 21.00.
- 2. Fix My Street (FMS) Cllr R Chatterton commented that FMS was good for reporting pot holes and grit bin refill requests but did not fit for damage to vehicles. Cllr C Vernon advised this should be reported to the Police by way of a 101 report and that dashcam footage is proving useful using Operation SNAP. Cllr D Bellamy questioned why there is no CCTV at hot spots such as Ponton.
- 3. The overnight A1 road works would be changing the following week to Northbound to Southbound.
- A Business Hub is being created at Grantham Library.
- 6. Changes to the Parish Grass Cutting Agreement 2025/2026. They will take forward the concerns raised by the Clerk with LCC Highways.

SKDC Cllr D Bellamy Reported:

- 1. Local Plan Consultation The next consultation will be in June/July 2025.
- 2. Devolution Debate in April 2025: The Leadership of SKDC want SKDC to merge with Rutland.

- 3. Mayoral Elections: These are going ahead in May which will be complicated if the proposed devolution areas are merged.
- 4. If SKDC is merged with Rutland Council Tax may increase as Rutland pays a higher Council Tax than SKDC.
- 5. The quarry on Crabtree Lane, Skillington is almost exhausted and will be moving to restoration of the quarry at a future date. Cllr C Hainsworth commented that the Parish Council need to be alert to this as the area was covered by Skillington Parish Council.
- 6. The 'No HGV's' sign had been installed at Stainby by LCC Highways.

SKDC CIIr B Green sent their apologies: Cllr C Hainsworth read out the following main points of Cllr B Greens report circulated earlier that day.

- 1. An increase in Council Tax, with a 2.98% rise for Band D properties and a 2.7% increase for Housing Revenue Account (HRA) rents on social housing.
- 2. £100,000 has been secured for the flooding reserve.
- 3. A1 Litter Clearance: It has been agreed to take advantage of the nighttime closures for safe litter collection.
- 4. Cllr L McShane said they had noticed the A1 Slip Road which regularly floods having some work carried out suggesting Cllrs monitor this.

Annual Parish Meeting

It was resolved to hold the Annual Parish Meeting on Tuesday 22nd April 2025 at The Colsterworth Methodist Church Hall, Back Lane, Colsterworth.

Updates for Council administration

It was resolved to renew the Lincolnshire Association of Local Councils LALC) Membership subscription and (LALC) annual training scheme membership.

Update on the Community Car Park. (The Clerk)

Enquiries with Companies House and National Archives had not provided any further information. Awaiting an update from the SKDC Legal Team on the original transfer of the Colster Way land to the Parish Council.

Finance - Accounts for payment were approved by Council.

Environment & Amenities Working Group Report.

Lectern for War Memorial Restoration. Cllrs C Rowland and M Childs agreed to volunteer to install the Lectern on the War Memorial Gardens the first week of April 2025 once the position had been agreed.

Nature Trail

On Monday 10/03/2025 the volunteers helped Martin Kew with Butterly Conservation at Twyford Wood helping with scrub clearance on the reserve.

Clerks Report & day to day business.

- 1. The Colsterworth and District Parish Council Coronation Community Orchard fruit trees were planted 15th February 2025.
- 2. Two incidents of fly tipping on Stamford Road reported to SKDC. Empty builders bags & an arm chair.
- 3. Request to install a stone memorial on plot Z1 Old Post Lane Cemetery. This was approved by the Parish Council at their meeting on 4th July 2023.
- 4. Fix My Street report 2818559 Gapping tarmac on Ash Close, no further action by Highways.
- 5. Colster Way play area repairs completed as agreed at the December 2024 PC Meeting.

6. Fly tipping on Skillington Road reported to SKDC. Confectionery and condiment bottles.

7. Missing Water Lane street nameplate reported to SKDC. Location, Water Lane junction Old Post Lane.

8. LCC Highways 2025-2026 Parish Grass Cutting agreement received. Changes to contractors Public Liability Insurance from £5 Mil to £10 Mil communicated to the contractor. An agenda item for Parish Council meeting 1st April 2025.

Correspondence received.

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

SKDC Planning Applications

S25/0181 - Erection of an earth sheltered dwelling house with associated soft/hard landscaping. Land To West of B6403/A1 Slip Road, Colsterworth, Lincolnshire.

S25/0309 - Extension to garage. Location: 9 Ingle Court, Woolsthorpe By Colsterworth, Lincolnshire, NG33 5PB. S25/0203 - Change of use from Use Class C3 (Dwellinghouse) to Use Class C2 (flexible use under Part 3, Class V of GPDO) as a children's care home.

Location: 9A School Lane, Colsterworth, Lincolnshire, NG33 5NW. Referred to SKDC Planning Committee.

SKDC Planning Permission

S24/1858 - Provision of replacement roof to the single storey part of the dwelling with new side window and removal of the internal, division wall between the kitchen and dining rooms. Porters Lodge Farmhouse Morkery Lane, Castle Bytham Lincolnshire NG33 4SR

S24/1863 - Provision of replacement roof to the single storey part of the dwelling with new side window and removal of the internal division wall between the kitchen and dining rooms. Porters Lodge Farmhouse Morkery Lane Castle Bytham Lincolnshire NG33 4SR

SKDC Planning Refusal

S25/0075 - Application for Certificate of Lawful Development for extension of balcony adjacent to kitchen. The Old Stables Woolsthorpe Road, Woolsthorpe By Colsterworth SKDC

Planning Enforcement now Permitted

S24/1221 - Land To The South Of, 9 Woolsthorpe Road, Woolsthorpe By Colsterworth, Lincolnshire, NG33 5NT. ENF20/0166: Erection of stables and two storage containers

Date of next Parish Council Meeting

Date of the next Parish Council meeting is Tuesday 1st April 2025. Methodist Church Hall, Back Lane, Colsterworth.

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COLSTERWORTH AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY ORCHARD COLSTER WAY GREEN

Thank you to ClIrs Ellis O'Neill and Mike Childs for planting the Colsterworth and District Parish Council Coronation Community Orchard, with volunteers Alix O'Neill, Sue Grant (The Clerk) and Steve Grant assisting on a very cold and wet Saturday afternoon 15th February 2025.

The Orchard was funded by a Grant of £513.66 from the SKDC Community Orchards Scheme.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Tuesday 22nd April 2025 7.30 pm

Methodist Church Hall, Back Lane, Colsterworth.
Please check the Parish Council website

https://colsterworth.parish.lincolnshire.gov.uk/councilbusiness prior to the meeting or contact the Clerk Sue Grant by Tel: 01476 861888 (office hours only please) or email clerk@colsterworthanddistpc.co.uk

AGENDA

- 1. Introduction and welcome
- 2. To Approve the Minutes of meeting held Thursday 23rd April 2024
- 3. Chairman's Annual Report
- 4. Clerk's Financial Report
- 5. Colsterworth Festival of Remembrance update by David Heath-French.
- 6. Nature Trail update by Mo Taylor
- 7. Update on the St John the Baptist Church by Peter Wheatley (Church Warden).
- 8. Any Motions by Electors (must be proposed 10 days before the Annual Parish Meeting)
- 9. Any other business

The Parish Meeting is an opportunity for parishioners on the Electoral Roll for Colsterworth and District to raise any matters of concern to them that relates to their local community. For any queries, please contact the Clerk to the Parish Council (Sue Grant,

Tel: 01476 861888

Email: clerk@colsterworthanddistpc.co.uk)

All presentations/reports are subject to confirmation.

The order in which the presentations/reports are to be given is subject to change.

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Colsterworth WI Meeting, February 18th 2025

After what seemed like weeks of unending grey skies and low cloud, the sun suddenly burst through giving a clear and bright day as the ladies of Colsterworth WI gathered at the Village Hall for their February meeting. Unavoidable absences meant a new team occupied the top table this month. Acting president Sonia Warby ably supported by Gillian Dexter and Rosemarie Everitt waited in anticipation for the clock to reach 2pm. With the competition and tea tables ready and the added attraction of a Bring & Buy stall, members settled ready for proceedings to start.

After the bell, Sonia began by welcoming our quest speaker, 23 members and one visitor. There were no birthdays to celebrate this month, as Sonia said nobody wanted to get any older. She then introduced Rev. Canon Alan Haydock whose talk was called 'Confessions of a Country Vicar'. Alan who, before retirement, was Rector of Bingham and a Canon at Southwell Minster, has over the years raised more than £125,000 for various charities through his speaking engagements. His charity for February 2025 was the Motor Neurone Disease Association and the fee for this afternoon's talk would be added to this very worthy cause. Without any notes or prompts Alan entertained members for 45 minutes with a seemingly endless stream of very amusing tales. A master of the anecdote against himself, he took the audience from his childhood home in Wigan to retirement in Bingham via tales of woe in Eastbourne, a house of ill-repute in Nottingham,

unfortunate telephone conversations with his Bishop. talks to various organisations (including many WIs) and some of the many church services and school lessons he had taken. Every story had an unexpected punch line which left the audience rocking with laughter as our antihero bounced from one disastrous encounter to another, where with the best of intentions, he always seemed to end up as the butt of someone else's humour. As Alan sat down to very warm, appreciative applause June Jessop stood up to give a super vote of thanks. Time for tea!

During the break with members visiting the tea table, where Sue Taylor, Sandra Quinsee and the ever-busy Sonia Warby were standing by to serve drinks and delicious looking cakes, biscuits and fruit. Ladies visited the Bring & Buy stall organised once again by Liz Clark and voted for the Flower of the Month competition. A harbinger of spring this time, there were examples of cyclamen, iris, hellebores and several shrubs on display. As time was pressing, members were called back for the second half of the meeting, the business section.

Names were taken for the visit to Springfields, Spalding for the Federation Annual Meeting in March. Seven members expressed an interest. This is an enjoyable event with the opportunity to meet Federation leaders and members from other WIs in the area. There is also the opportunity to walk round the beautiful gardens and do some shopping at the retail outlet. Dates of other events, outings and workshops were given with members being reminded that full details were on the notice board if anybody was interested, the glass fusion and copper beating workshops to be held in Sleaford in April attracted the attention of several members.

Annual subs will soon be due. For the year April 25 to March 26, the subs have been increased by £3 to £51. The committee has decided to cap this increase at £50 payable at the April meeting. Nominations for the new committee were invited and members' choices were posted into the ballot box for Rachel Popham, as secretary to follow up.

Members were advised of the candidates for the new NFWI board elections. After perusing the resumes of all 14 candidates, 12 were chosen. Criteria included a wide geographic spread and individual candidates' enthusiasm in recognising the importance of grass roots members and the core values of this venerable organisation.

The competition results were announced. The winner of the item of the month (a pretty teacup) which was judged by our speaker, was Rosemarie with Theresa in second place. The flower of the month competition resulted in a tie for first place between Rosemary Haw and Liz Clark. The raffle was called. After thanking members and our guest for attending, Rosemarie reminded everyone that the next meeting will be the AGM on March 18th at the Village Hall at 2 pm, with 'Weather Related' being the competition subject and our April 15th meeting we meet speaker Caroline Bingham CEO of the Lincolnshire Life publication. The meeting closed at 4pm.

Colsterworth Women's Institute

Diary Dates

April 15th 2 pm Colsterworth Village Hall

May 20th 2pm Colsterworth Village Hall



Festival of Remembrance

Military Plaques Required

Have you ever served in the Armed Forces or have a family member that has in the past? If so then we would love your contributions to our military wall within the White Lion.

If you have any Unit, Division, Corps or Single Service plaque then we would love to see them placed on the village military wall.

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This is in support of the Colsterworth Festival of Remembrance (CFoR).

Any questions to David Heath French at

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Services for April at St John the Baptist Church:

6 th April	11:00am Morning Prayer	Peter Wheatley Churchwarden
13 th April	11:00am Palm Sunday Morning Prayer	Steve Potts
20th April	11:00am Easter Day Holy Communion	Reader Revd Jill Potts
27 rd April	11:00am Morning Prayer	Hilary Winstanley ALM

Other Events

Church Cleaning: 8th April 9:30am with coffee and chat after

Coffee Morning: 1st April 10:00 – 12:00 Host: Arthur Marshall 10 Meadow Close Colsterworth

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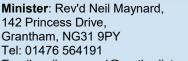
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Date	Time	Service	Preacher	Flowers
6 th	10:30am	Holy Communion	Rev'd Neil Maynard	Gill Dexter
13 th	10:30am	Morning Worship	Worship Leaders	Helen Scorror
20 th	10:30am	Easter Sunday Service	Deacon Ruth Hinch	Margaret Winn
27 th	10:30am	Morning Worship	Jennie Fytche	Gill Šenescall

Open Door – Wednesday 9th & 23rd April - 11:45am – 1:30pm.

We will be serving filled rolls with 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

Games/Craft & Chat Group – Wednesday 2nd & 16th April – 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 April 2025

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Tue	1st 10am-12	Coffee Morning	10,meadow Close,C'worth
	7:30pm	Parish Council	Methodist Church Hall
Wed	2 nd 2-3:30pm	Games/Craft & Chat	Methodist Church Hall
Wed	9 th 11:45 -1:30pm	Open Door Lunch	Methodist Church Hall
Mon	14 th 7:30pm	Garden Club	C'worth Village Hall
Tue	15 th 2pm	Women's Institute	Colsterworth Village Hall
Wed	16 th 2-3:30pm	Games/Craft & Chat	Methodist Church Hall
Wed	23 rd 11:45 -1:30pm	Open Door Lunch	Methodist Church Hall
Thu	24 th 12-12:30pm	Mobile Library	Colster Way
		May	
Tue	20 th 2pm	Women's Institute	Colsterworth Village Hall

Weekly

Mondays	10am-noon	FOCUS Kurling	Village Hall
	12:30pm	Merry Widow(er)s (1st Monda	ay) White Lion
	6:30pm-7:30pm	Pilates	North Witham Village Hall
Tuesdays	10am	Free Wellbeing Walk (3rd Tueso	lay) 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
	12:30pm	Lunch (3 rd Wednesday)	North Witham Village Hall
	2pm-3:30pm	Craft & Chat (1st & 3rd Weeks)	Methodist Church
Thursdays	10am-noon	Rolling Stones Kurling	Village Hall
	1pm	Free Chair Yoga (2 nd Thurs	day) Methodist Church
	6pm - 7:15pm	Cubs (Term time)	Village Hall
	6:30pm-7:30pm	Pilates	North Witham 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
	10am-11am	Breakfast (1st Sunday)	North Witham Village Hall