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Summer Tree Walk with Monty Cholmeley



20 tree enthusiasts have the opportunity to join Monty on Sunday 5th July 2025. Tickets are £20 each and include welcome coffee & pastry in Easton Walled Gardens' Coffee Room.

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Parish Council Report

Your headlines from the Parish Council (PC)
Meeting 3rd June 2025

Parish Clerk - 01476 861888
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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: A summary of the Public Forum, full details can be found on the Parish Council website under council Business.

Cllr E O'Neill (Chair) welcomed everyone to the meeting and invited the one member of the public to speak.

The member of the public introduced themselves as the Chair of North Witham Village Hall (N.W.V.H.) Committee, thanking the Parish Council for the opportunity to speak to them in support of their Grant application towards the National Grid costs of £4,745.83 to install Three Phase Electricity in the N.W.V.H. They described the recent refurbishments that had been completed including new toilets, kitchen, outside panelling and heating system which had all been funded for with Grants from FCC Communities Foundation, SK Prosperity Fund and funds raised by their own committee. They said they were at the meeting to ask for help towards funding the Three Phase Electricity to separate the heating system because their current supply was reaching capacity and the National Grid had already warned them; they will be charged if they exceed the 80amp limit. The full report can be found on the website above.

Cllr E O'Neill thanked the member of the public and invited them to stay for the meeting if they wished, which they accepted.

The public session was extended to 7.45pm to allow discussion.

CHAIR'S REMARKS:

Cllr E O'Neill (Chair) welcomed everyone stating that it was a busy meeting and moved on to the business in the agenda.

Lincolnshire County Council and South Kesteven District Councillors Report.

LCC Cllr C Vernon reported: -

1. They were pleased to be back again. LCC now have a Reform run Council. They were not yet sure how it would work but their role is to support the Parish Council. The first County Council meetings take place after the Purdah period.
2. They shared some Police and Crime Commissioners fraud prevention information packs asking the Clerk to put the information on the Parish Notice boards.

SKDC Cllr D Bellamy reported: -

1. Their report would be discussed under correspondence later in the meeting.

SKDC Cllr B Green sent their apologies with the written report below: -

1. UK Shared Prosperity Fund – Parish and Community Grants
2. Applications are now open for the 2025/26 UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) Parish and Community grants.
3. Expression of Interest by 20 June 2025. Successful applicants will then be invited to submit full applications.
4. Grants of £5,000 or more are available for:
 - Improvements to community assets (e.g. halls, parks, libraries)
 - Decarbonisation and green initiatives (e.g. solar, rewilding)

Updates for Council administration

Finance and Administration Meeting Minutes 29/05/2025 approved.

Approved HSBC Bank Mandate update.

The following Policies were reviewed and adopted.

CAD Code of Conduct Policy, CAD Social Media Policy, CAD Communications Policy and CAD Standing Orders NALC Update 2025

Finance - Accounts for payment were approved by Council.

Planning Committee Report (No report this month)

Update on Planning Application S/24/0568 AD Plant Gunby.

Cllr D Bellamy said they were expecting an appeal as the end of the 6-month time limit was approaching and they were preparing for this with the Action Group.

Agenda item 2025.28 SKDC Cllr D Bellamy Report:

The Public Pack Agenda document for Cabinet Meeting 03/06/2025 contained new housing allocations including Colsterworth.

Cllr D Bellamy gave some background to the changes in the housing allocations. A discussion took place regarding the 8-week consultation period and process. Cllr E O'Neill suggested the Planning Committee prepare in readiness for the Consultation period. Cllr D Bellamy said they would follow up with an email after the meeting to be circulated to all Cllrs. More information can be found ([Public Pack](#)) [Agenda Document for Cabinet, 03/06/2025 14:00](#) Agenda item 7.

Highways & Footpaths Working Group

There was discussion and unanimous support for all recommendations from the H & F report 27/05/2025 to be followed up with LCC Cllr C Vernon.

Environment & Amenities Working Group Report.

It was resolved to comment on the Environment Agency January 2025 Main River Flood Review - North Witham.

Cllrs T O'Regan and R Brocklebank volunteered to join the Clerk for the allotment inspections.

Nature Trail

On Tuesday 10th June the volunteers will visit the re-wilding site at Boothby Pagnell hosted by Nattergal the company that owns and manages the site.

Clerks Report & day to day business.

1. Contact made with National Grid who confirmed ownership of the land on which the electricity sub-station next to the Community Car park on Colster Way sits. Previous investigations to identify ownership had been unsuccessful due to the Land Registry document referring to the sub-station on Bourne Road and Colster Way.
2. Defective streetlights numbered SKDC 62 through to 67 reported as not working on the footpath linking old post lane to School Lane, Colsterworth.
3. Parish Council property relocated from U-Hold the key on A1 to the Village Hall. Thank you to Cllr R Brocklebank and volunteer Steve Grant who assisted the Clerk to re-locate the items.
4. DMMO/426/Colsterworth – Confirmation received that this will be progressed until the outcome is known of a 42-day statutory consultation period to add the route as a public footpath to the Definitive map and Statement.
5. Premier Estate Management for Newton Grange Estate contacted to establish grass cutting responsibilities at the play area with their contractors.

Correspondence received.

Council received details of correspondence received relating to speeding vehicles, lack of police presence, fly tipping, litter, damaged grass verges following the A1 closure and potholes.

SKDC Planning Applications

S25/0823 - Replacement of existing window which consists of 4 frames. The Old Rectory, 14 High Street, Colsterworth, Lincolnshire, NG33 5NF.

S25/0752 - Compliance With Condition 1 (Time Limit For Commencement) of planning. permission S18/1335. Jubilee Park, Honey Pot Lane, Colsterworth, Lincolnshire, NG33 5LZ.

SKDC Planning Permission

S25/0442 - Extension of garden access balcony from kitchen and lower floor at rear of property. The Old Stables Woolsthorpe Road, Lincolnshire NG33 5NX

S24/1505 - Conversion of an existing outbuilding to form one separate dwelling. Witham Cottage 46 High Street, Colsterworth Lincolnshire NG33 5NF

SKDC Planning Refusal

S25/0480 - Certificate for Lawful use or development (Proposed). Application for a Certificate of Lawful Development for single storey extension, Ingle House Back Lane, Colsterworth.

SKDC Notification of withdrawal / non determination / Planning Application.

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

SKDC Provisional Tree Preservation Order

T25/0011/TPPC1 - Land at 9a School Lane, Colsterworth.

**Date of the next Parish Council meeting is
Tuesday 1st July 2025.**

Methodist Church Hall, Back Lane, Colsterworth.

Temporary traffic restriction: Colsterworth

Reference: TTRO/TTR011392

Nature and location of restriction:

Road closure Order - Honey Pot Lane (Between A1 & Ling Lane)

No waiting and no loading at any time Order - Honey Pot Lane (Between A1 & Ling Lane)

Period of restriction:

23/06/2025 - 21/07/2025

19:00 to 06:00

Alternative route or access arrangements:

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Colsterworth WI meeting 20th May 2025

The sun was shining and the birds were singing as the ladies of Colsterworth WI gathered for their May meeting. 10 .All were in agreement about how splendid the new frontage to the Village Hall building looked. Smart paintwork, planters packed with colourful flowers and picnic benches have transformed the area into an attractive and inviting space. Well done Colsterworth Sports and Social Club committee for all your planning and hard work, and thank you.

Into the hall where all was bustle and movement. Shirley was on duty at the Welcome table greeting members and visitors, distributing the new lanyards and selling raffle tickets. The competition tables were filling up, lots of entries this time for the Flower of the Month competition. As 2 o'clock approached members settled into their places and Helen stood up to open the meeting. After welcoming three visitors, she presented birthday cards and good wishes to five members: Margaret, Jenny, Shirley, Lynne and Pamela.

The May meeting is always a game of two halves. Business first then social activities second. Because May is Resolutions month. A bit of backstory here: the WI isn't just Jam and Jerusalem, cake and a cup of tea, chat and laughter. It is a democratic, non-party political campaigning organisation with a long and proud history of raising awareness and driving change on a number of issues of national importance. The resolutions are very much at the heart of the matter. Each year, the National Federation of WIs hold a meeting. This year, to save money, the meeting is to be virtual. The resolution that is presented to this meeting for discussion and hopefully adoption has already undergone a long and democratic process. During the autumn, WI members send in to the NFWI headquarters resolutions on social issues about which they are concerned. A delegation of members decides on a shortlist of resolutions, usually about 4 or 5. Once this list is published individual WIs discuss the shortlisted resolutions. All members can select the resolution they most support. The NFWI Board of Trustees reviews the results and agrees the final resolution. The chosen resolution is sent back to WIs for detailed discussion which determines the way they want their delegate to vote at the annual meeting. It is not a done deal. With keynote speakers and subject experts for and against, the discussion is intense and the debate lively. If a resolution is adopted it will go on to form the basis of a WI campaign. Some

notable past campaigns have been concerned with equal pay for equal work, limiting the use of harmful pesticides, AIDs and obesity. One campaign led to the setting up of the Keep Britain Tidy organisation.

Back to Colsterworth WI. This year's campaign is (paraphrased) "There are over 30,000 out of hospital cardiac arrests annually in the UK and less than 1 in 10 people survive. Women have a lower chance of surviving. Early CPR and defibrillation can more than double the chance of survival. We call on WI members to work together to increase public confidence and training in the delivery of CPR and to improve access to defibrillators in all areas". Helen, one month into her presidency has hit the ground running. Having undertaken a lot of research on the subject she distributed a 5-point questionnaire to test members knowledge and generate discussion. Nobody was surprised to hear that nearly 50% of adults in the UK have never learnt CPR but it was interesting to hear the research carried out by the British Heart Foundation concluded that between the years 2003 and 2013 - 8200 women could have survived had they been given the same treatment as men.

With the figure of less than 1 in 10 surviving and out of hospital cardiac arrest ringing in our ears, there was unanimous support for the motion to go forward to the annual meeting. The gender disparity caused some discussion among members. Helen reported that a third of people, when questioned, said they would be reluctant to perform CPR on women for fear of comeback, but training and support might help them feel more confident. No member present, who had received training, had ever practised on a female mannequin. This led to discussion and future fund-raising activities for Colsterworth WI, opportunities to invite trainers to teach techniques and the availability of female mannequins for practice.

After all the serious stuff it was a relief when Helen called upon Pamela Harrison to lighten the mood by introducing members to the basics of tap- dance. Pamela, who explained that she had been tap dancing since a young child began by performing a short demonstration dance using a variety of tap steps. As she tapped her way lightly and expertly across the stage members were seen eye-balling each other because they knew what was coming next. Sure enough, when the music ended, with a big smile and an encouraging nod, Pamela invited members to stand up and find a space. It looked so easy when Pamela performed, whatever could go wrong? So, about a dozen members stood up ready to tap their way to stardom. Pamela demonstrated a first basic step. So far so good. Heel, toe, heel toe, toe heel, toe heel. Most could manage

that and were soon moving around the room more or less in time following Pamela's expert lead. The ladies then progressed onto a more complicated step that had members counting out loud and concentrating hard. Then onto step, ball, change or was it step, shuffle, hop or even step, trip, fall! The willing volunteers spent more time laughing than dancing. However, they gamely continued round the room performing tap dance as it has never been seen before until Pamela realised her students had reached peak performance and amid gales of laughter called time. Jil Watson stood up and gave a lovely vote of thanks which was endorsed by all members who had watched with envy the skill and musicality Pamela had demonstrated. The session was hugely enjoyable and just what members needed. Somehow, I don't think Colsterworth WI will be auditioning soon for a chorus part in '42nd Street' anytime soon!

Tea hostesses Margaret, Gillian and Pamela were kept busy filling tea cups as members chose from the selection of delicious cakes and biscuits. During the tea break members voted for their favourite flower and two of the visitors were asked if they would judge the Item of the Month competition. After the tea interval Helen brought members back together for the final part of the meeting. Rosemary gave a short report about the successful outing to Wymondham Mill the previous week which 12 members had enjoyed. Helen then reminded ladies of the visit to Easton Walled Gardens on June 26th to see the sweet peas. Other dates were noted down in members' diaries. Prospective visits to Grantham Operatic Society's performance of Calendar Girls, an evening at Pinchbeck WI with Vince Eager as guest, 'Christmas in July' craft day at Cranwell where our very own Sandra will be leading an activity. There was a huge variety of events on offer.

The results of the competitions were announced: Flower of the Month winner was Brenda with Rosemary in second place and the Item of the Month- an insect was won by Pamela with Helen in second place. The raffle was called. Our next meeting on 15th July is a Strawberry Tea. Advance notice - On September 16th our speaker is Sharon Hall Fraud Prevention Officer from Lincolnshire Police who will talk to us about Fraud Prevention which will be an Open meeting for everyone. You will be made most welcome.

After a busy and enjoyable afternoon, the WI at its best- serious topics first followed by fun and laughter, Helen stood and thanked members for attending, wished everyone a good afternoon and closed the meeting.

Colsterworth Women's Institute