

News for the villages of Colsterworth, Woolsthorpe, Stainby, Gunby, North Witham and Lobthorpe

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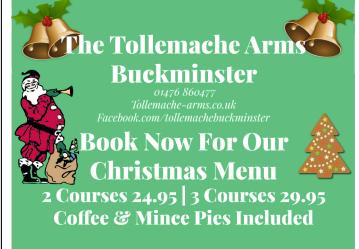
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Parish Council Report

Your headlines from the Parish Council (PC) Meeting

4th November 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

There were no members of the public present.

CHAIR'S REMARKS

Cllr E O'Neill (Chair) thank everyone for attending the meeting saying it was a relatively light agenda with no members of the public present. The main agenda item was the Finance and Administration Committee Report.

Lincolnshire County Council and South Kesteven District Councillors Report

SKDC Cllr Ben Green reported.

1. National Grid Upgrade – Pylon Line

They and Cllr D Bellamy met with senior County Council members—including leader Cllr Sean Matthews and Cllr Danny Brooks—to discuss the pylon line. They noted the countywide spread of solar farms and the proposed Gunby Biogas plant. Completion is unlikely before 2028, but they will advocate for residents' concerns.

A short discussion took place on the size, storage and risk such as fire.

Local Government Re-organisation

South Kesteven District Council is in line to merge with Rutland. A short discussion took place on the costs verses benefits and tax harmonisation.

SKDC Cllr Dave Bellamy said they had nothing to add.

LCC Cllr C Vernon sent their apologies.

Updates for Council administration

F&A Committee Report from the meeting 30/10/2025 was approved.

Cllr M Childs (Chair of the F&A Committee) gave an overview of the report. Cllr E O'Neill (Chair) confirmed that the draft budget would be an agenda item for the December Parish Council Meeting.

Recruitment for a new Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer. Cllr E O'Neill updated Cllrs on the progress of the recruitment of the New Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer.

Finance

Accounts for payment were approved by Council.

Highways & Footpaths Working Group Report (Cllr C Hainsworth) Ad-hoc report

No report this month. All Fix My Street (FMS) Reports can be found at https://fixmystreet.lincolnshire.gov.uk/

Nature Trail

The volunteers continue their work maintaining the Nature Trail for all to enjoy. The Flower Meadow being the current focus.

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Clerks Report & day to day business

Summary below – Full details can be found on the Parish Council Website Council business – Colsterworth and District Parish Council (lincolnshire.gov.uk)

- 1. Streetlights 62 69 on Footpath 21 to Old Post Lane, reported as defective. SKDC Streetlighting department confirmed that this is a power supply issue and have referred the issue to the National Grid.
- 2. Scribe Accounts subscription fee will be increased, from £414.72 to £444 from 1st April 2026. Based on the annual Precept figure for 2025/2026.
- 3. Defective streetlight outside 4-Watt Avenue reported to FMS. The management company for the Newton Grange Estate, Premier Estates, advised that the Streetlights on the estate have been adopted by the County Council. FMS Report made.
- 4. Full change of use Planning Application submitted to SKDC for the Old Post Lane Cemetery extension.
- 5. Report that the footpath and verge providing access to the Notice Board and Defibrillator on Woolsthorpe Road is uneven and in need of repair. FMS Report made by the Clerk Ref: 2859895. On 03/11/2025 Highways confirm work is planned. 6. Fly tipping of cardboard boxes on Stamford Road, Colsterworth reported to SKDC by the Clerk.

Correspondence received

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1. Email received regarding concern over the quarry lorries from the new quarry at Woolsthorpe by Colsterworth using Woolsthorpe Road, travelling over the Grade II listed 1308581 bridge over the River Witham to access the A1 as opposed to using Skillington Road to Stainby. Woolsthorpe Road has a 'Weight Limit' sign clearly visible.

Site Manager contacted, and drivers reminded not to use Woolsthorpe Road.

2. Report of theft from a shed at one of the allotments on Stamford Road. A new cloche in its packaging and one from a vegetable bed were taken.

Council received details of correspondence received relating to speeding vehicles, lack of police presence, fly tipping, blocked drains and potholes. Full details can be found on the website.

SKDC Planning Applications

S24/0568 - AMENDED ACCESS DRAWINGS RECEIVED 12TH AUGUST 2025 Erection of an anaerobic digestion (AD) facility. East Of Sewstern Industrial Estate South Of, Sewstern Road, Gunby, Lincolnshire, NG33 5RD. Comments submitted by the Parish Council on 10/11/2025 as agreed at the Parish Council meeting 04/11/2025.

S25/1484 - Single storey extension. 8 Back Lane, Colsterworth, Lincolnshire, NG33 5NJ,

SKDC Planning Application Disposed

S23/1446 - Replacement windows to dwelling. Site Address: Glebe Farm Cottage Main Street Gunby.

SKDC Planning Permission

S25/1519 - Installation of solar panels to roof of ancillary building, electric charging point to ancillary garage Location: 47 Newton Way Woolsthorpe By Colsterworth Lincolnshire NG33 5NP

S25/1520 - Removal of existing external boiler, oil tank and hot water cylinder. Installation of electric boiler and solar panels to roof of ancillary building, electric charging point to ancillary garage. 47 Newton Way Woolsthorpe By Colsterworth Lincolnshire NG33 5NP

S25/1312 - Change of use of site for workshop and plant hire, erection of workshop building, two site offices and associated hard standing. Location: Land East Of A1 And North Of A151, Colsterworth

S25/1663 - Section 211 notice to fell Goat Willow tree. Location: 26 Newton Way Woolsthorpe By Colsterworth Lincolnshire NG33 5NR

S25/1422 - Replacement windows and doors. Location: 47 Newton Way Woolsthorpe By Colsterworth Lincolnshire NG33 5NP

S25/1662 - Section 211 notice to reduce height and breadth of Ash tree and cut back branches. Location: 26 Newton Way, Woolsthorpe by Colsterworth.

S25/1671 - To remove 4 trees from rear garden, 2 birch, 1 lime and 1 conifer Location: 45 Newton Way Woolsthorpe By Colsterworth Lincolnshire NG33 5NP.

S25/1437 - Installation of three items of interactive equipment for children to the lower farm yard. Woolsthorpe Manor 23 Newton Way, Woolsthorpe By Colsterworth Lincolnshire NG33 5NR

Tree Preservation Order

T25/0011/TPPC2 - Confirmation of Temporary Tree Preservation Order – Land at 9a School Lane, Colsterworth.

Planning Inspectorate Appeal Allowed

APP/E2530/W/25/3368705 - The appeal is allowed and planning permission is granted for 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 at 9A School Lane, Colsterworth NG33 5NW

Matters Requiring attention

New Cllrs D Heath French and S Jordan-Bird raised safety concerns around the community car park, Colster Way and Back Lane. Cllr E O'Neill (Chair) gave a brief background of the history of the car park and C Hainsworth (Vice Chair) agreed to raise these issues again with LCC Cllr C Vernon.

Date of the next Parish Council meeting is Tuesday 2nd December 2025. Methodist Church Hall, Back Lane, Colsterworth.









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