

**COLSTERWORTH and DISTRICT PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2019**

**Public Forum**

- The Chairman John Walden opened the meeting for the public forum at 19.30 hrs. Two members of the public were present. Mr Michael Thompson introduced himself as the agent for planning application S18/2337 for five dwellings on Stamford Road, Colsterworth. Mr Thompson offered to take questions from the Councillors. A Cllr commented that it was an impressive application with good reference to the Neighbourhood Plan but questioned whether there was need for more executive houses in the village. It was suggested that 1 or 2 pairs of semi-detached houses should be replaced by one or two of the executive houses for families to buy. It was suggested that the applicant be prepared to re-consider the type of houses to be built. References were made to the poor visibility from the junction at Stamford Road and Bourne Road. It was suggested that adequate arrangements under a S106 agreement be made to improve the pavement on Stamford Road.

**Present**

Councillors: C Hainsworth, C Russell, A Walden, J Walden, G Henton, L McShane, B Scorrer, F Selby, D Bellamy, L Bennett, J Weston. D Bellamy left the meeting at 21.25hrs

**In Attendance**

Sue Grant Parish Clerk, Bob Adams District Councillor arrived at 19.48hrs and left at 21.00hrs.

**1/19 Apologies for absence and reasons given.**

Cllr A Carsley.

**2/19 Chairman's remarks.**

The Chairman John Walden opened the meeting and announced that he would not be standing for Chairman or Councillor in May but would continue as Chairman until May.

**3/19 To receive declarations of interest in accordance with the LGA 2000.**

**4/19 Approval of the Minutes of the previous meeting.**

**It was proposed, seconded and**

**Resolved**

That the official minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 4<sup>th</sup> December 2018 be approved as a correct record and duly signed and dated by the Chairman.

**5/19 To agree what action is to be taken with residents extending garden boundaries onto the Nature Trail. (Cllr Bennett)**

**It was proposed, seconded and**

**Resolved**

To send a letter to the landowner informing them of the situation and letters to individual home owners requesting that their boundaries are moved back to their original position. Fly tipping will be reported to SKDC and a note will be placed in the In-Touch magazine reminding residents of the hard work that the Nature Trail Volunteers do in keeping the Nature Trail path clear.

**6/19 Nature Trail Constitution for ratification (Previously circulated):-**

**It was proposed, seconded and**

**Resolved**

Unanimously agreed.

**7/19 To agree date for Annual Parish Meeting. Date, time, venue & format.**

**It was proposed, seconded and**

**Resolved**

A date in the fourth week of April subject to the availability of the Village Hall. The agreed date

Will be publicised in the April In Touch magazine edition. Local groups will be invited to take part in the meeting.

- 8/19 To agree Clerk's request to attend LALC Burials Course** (10am – 4pm 26.03.19 Kirton Town Hall). Cost of course covered by Apr 18-Mar 19 Annual Training Scheme. Refreshment £8.50.

**It was proposed, seconded and**

**Resolved**

Unanimously agreed.

- 9/19 Allotment and Field Rents: -**

9.1 To agree whether there is a need to increase the current allotment and field rents prior to their Annual Renewal in April.

**It was proposed, seconded and**

**Resolved**

Unanimously agreed to keep the allotment rates at the current rate, no increase.

9.2 To arrange for the overdue allotment inspection from September 2018.

**It was proposed, seconded and**

**Resolved**

The Clerk and the Environment and Amenities Working Party will agree a date for the inspection.

- 10/19 In Touch Advertising Rates: -**

To agree whether there is a need to increase the current In Touch advertising rates to cover its costs.

**It was proposed, seconded and**

**Resolved**

Unanimously agreed due to the increase in printing costs to increase the advertising rates by £3 for a small ad, £6 for a double ad & £12 for a double x double ad from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019.

- 11/19 Colsterworth and District Youth Centre issues have not been settled with respect to Solicitors advice. To agree the next steps. (Cllr J Walden)**

**It was proposed, seconded and**

**Resolved**

The Parish Council stands by the legal advice shared with the YC Trustees in December 2018 regarding the status of the YC Constitution.

The PC would also reiterate its intention to ensure that the assets for youth activities are protected to remain within the Parish by working with the YC to review how the charity is set up for the future to meet this objective including the role of the Custodian Trustees.

**It was proposed, seconded and**

**Resolved**

To invite a member of the Colsterworth and District Youth Centre Committee to attend a Charity Law training course together with the Clerk provided by LALC on 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2019.

- 12/19 Woolsthorpe Play Area Lease. (Previously circulated)** To review the response from NALC

on the contents of lease before agreeing to sign the lease.

**It was proposed, seconded and**

**Resolved**

Unanimously agreed to forward agenda the item to the March meeting due to the response from NALC not yet being received.

**13/19 To agree to support a grant application to the War Memorials Trust to renovate and repair the Colsterworth War Memorial. 25% of the funds will need to be funded by the PC. Closing date 31/03/19. (Cllr Ramage)**

**It was proposed, seconded and**

**Resolved**

Unanimously agreed to support the Grant application

**14/19 Risk Exception Report.**

**It was proposed, seconded and**

**Resolved**

There were no changes from the December meeting. The Clerk to continue to control and manage the risks towards the target RAG status of low risk (Green).

**15/19 Clerk's Report.**

	<b>Report</b>	<b>Actions</b>
1	Hand rail and postcrete purchased from the Nature Trail grant for repairs to the steps at the Nature Trail, Bridge End entrance.	Handrail at the steps on the nature trail repaired by nature trail volunteers
2	A new farm gate has been fixed at the entrance to the track on Stamford road allotments.	Completed no further action.
3	The Clerk spent an afternoon with Graham Brumpton who showed the Clerk all of the village areas which he is responsible for maintaining.	The verges on the Rope Walk have been added to Mr Brumpton's schedule of works as SKDC are not responsible for this area.
4	The SKDC Big Clean for Colsterworth and Woolsthorpe will be from 12 <sup>th</sup> of February 2019 to the 15 <sup>th</sup> of February 2019. The big clean for Stainby will be on 11 <sup>th</sup> of February 2019.	The Clerk has requested that Gunby is included in the Big Clean.
5	A Grant has been applied for from the SKDC member grant scheme to assist with funding for equipment to continue traffic monitoring within the villages as part of the Community Speed Watch campaign.	Thank you to District Councillor Bob Adams who kindly supported a grant of £200.
6	Lincolnshire County Council highways in conjunction with Lincolnshire Police are arranging a seminar on the 22 <sup>nd</sup> of June 2019 for people involved in arranging for temporary road closures such as for the annual Remembrance Parade.	The Clerk will be attending the seminar. If you feel this seminar will benefit you then just let the Clerk know.

7	The Parish Council submitted objections to the Skillington quarry consultations PL/0076/18 and PL/0121/18 to Lincolnshire County Council planning department.	Full details can be seen on the parish council website
8	War Memorials Trust Grant. The pre-application form has been submitted.	The application process can take up to 6 weeks to find out if the project is suitable for the grant.
9	Following litter monitoring at Gunby SKDC do not consider there is a sufficient litter problem to warrant placing a litter bin in the village.	SKDC said they will monitor the area again in the Spring when there may be more people out walking.
10	Village Hall Committee and the Social Club Committee awaiting further update.	Awaiting further update following the December 2018 meeting.
11	WG Harrison printers have increased their printing costs from £262.50 to £271.50 from January 2019.	Agreed to increase the In-Touch advertising rates to take into account the increased printing costs.

## 15.1 Correspondence received.

	<b>Correspondence December 18 &amp; January 19</b>	<b>Actions</b>
1	Email received regarding blocked drains on Back Lane and the high street. Also, street light out outside 3 Stamford Rd.	Blocked drains and street light reported to fix my street.
2	Email received from Colsterworth and district gardeners Association to reconsider request for grant previously submitted December 2018.	Agreed to give a further Grant of £50 to make the total Grant of £150 which was the amount of Grant given in 2018.
3	Phone call and email received regarding parked car on Stainby Road close to crossroads at the high street.	PCSO Stuart Bowden is following this up and arranging to speak to the vehicle owner.
4	Reports of fly tipping at Bridgend.	Reported to SKDC reference number 1438629 remove promptly.
5	Several emails received regarding concerns to the Skillington Quarry consultation.	Public meeting was arranged for Friday the 28th of December 2018. Over 112 people attended the meeting.
6	Colsterworth and District youth centre inspection report received.	Filed with youth club documents.
7	Email message from Skillington Parish Council offering defibrillator training.	Date of training to be confirmed by Skillington Parish Clerk.
8	Reported motorcycles on the nature trail and Woolsthorpe Road play area.	101 report made.
9	Information received though lottery funding for sports clubs in the summer.	Further information to follow.
10	Confirmation received from South Kesteven District Council that Parish elections will be held on 2 <sup>nd</sup> May 2019.	Further information to follow.

11	Telephone complaint regarding dog poo near 46 Woolsthorpe Rd.	Clean it up notices to be displayed in the area.
12	Email received requesting for the foot path from Colster Way to Bourne road estate be up graded for wheel chair access.	Report raised with LCC Rights of Way. FS-Case-104336159.
13	Information on Lincs Environment awards received.	The Nature Trail Volunteers group will be nominated. Closing date 31.03.19.
14	Email received regarding HGV lorries driving through North Witham causing damage to properties.	Resident contacted and incident added to H&F next report to the Parish Council.

15. 2 Planning applications.

### **LCC Planning**

PL/0138/18 - **LCC REFERENCE: PL/0138/18**

DEVELOPMENT: TO VARY CONDITION 9 OF PLANNING PERMISSION S60/1951/16: TO INCREASE THE HEIGHT MATERIALS ARE PERMITTED TO BE STORED FROM 3M TO 4M

LOCATION: MID UK RECYCLING LTD, LAND OFF HONEY POT LANE, NORTH WITHAM, GRANTHAM  
GRID REFERENCE: 494002 321675

NOTIFICATION OF CONSULTATION - LINCOLNSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL DRAFT STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT – Comments from 21.01.19 – 04.03.19

### **SKDC Planning Applications**

S18/1855 – The Old Rectory, Rectory Lane, North Witham. Internal alterations. Listed building consent.

S18/2337 – Wood yard, rear of Stamford Road, Colsterworth. Erection of 5 x dwellings. 06.02.19

**Representation by Parish Council submitted to SKDC Planning Department.**

S18/2370 – 2, Water Lane, Woolsthorpe by Colsterworth. Change of use of activity space to café.

S18/2371 – Conversion of activity space into café providing educational content and discussion room.

Woolsthorpe Manor, 23 Newton Way, Woolsthorpe by Colsterworth.

S18/2379 – Erection of up to 70 dwellings, associated acoustic bund, vehicular & pedestrian access, public open space, landscaping & drainage. Land West off A1 & North of Bourne Road, Colsterworth.

**Representation to S18/2379 submitted by Parish Council to SKDC Planning Department on 06.02.19.**

S19/0050 – Erection of single storey side extension. 9 Colster Way, Colsterworth.

S19/0048 – Erection of new enclosed porch. Cedar House, Woolsthorpe Road, Woolsthorpe by Colsterworth.

S19/0136 – 16 Watt Avenue, Colsterworth. Erection of single storey extension.

S19/0141- Mc Donald's Restaurants. Installation of 2 no digital Customer Display Orders. Former Travel Lodge, Little Chef. A1

S19/0133 – McDonalds Restaurants. Alternative Digital site signage including 4 x free standing signs.

Former Travel Lodge, Little Chef, A1. **Representation to S19/0133 submitted by Parish Council to SKDC Planning Department on 06.02.19.**

S19/2363 – McDonalds Restaurants. Installation of free standing internally illuminated 12 M totem sign. Former Travel Lodge, Little Chef, A1.

### **SKDC Appeal**

S18/1048 – 2 Colsterworth Road, Stainby. Erection of two storey extension.

### **Submission of the South Kesteven Local Plan to the Secretary of State for Examination. Local Plan Proposed Submission – Public Notice**

The Local Plan and supporting evidence can be viewed online via the link below:

[www.southkesteven.gov.uk/newlocalplan](http://www.southkesteven.gov.uk/newlocalplan)

Reference copies of the Proposed Submission Local Plan, Policies Maps, Sustainability Appraisal, Habitat Regulations Assessment and Statement of Community Consultation are available to view in local libraries

and Council offices during normal opening hours.

### **Planning Consent SKDC**

S18/1243 – Manor Barns, Church Street, North Witham. Erection of replacement fencing between shared boundary with listed building.

S18/1596 – McDonalds Restaurants. Free standing single storey restaurant with drive through. Former Travel Lodge, Little Chef, A1.

S18/2160 – T1 Sycamore Fell, 55 Newton Way, Woolsthorpe by Colsterworth. Work allowed 18/01/19.

S18/1902 – Construction of seed processing. Openfield Limited, Honey Pot Lane.

### **16/19. Group Reports**

#### **16.1 Highways and footpaths working group.** (CH, DB, JW & LB)

Item 1 – Monthly Update Report previously circulated. (Appended to these minutes)

Item 2 – Update on meeting 24 Jan 2019 (Appended to these minutes)

Item 3 – ROW: Proposal

#### **Resolved**

On-going monitoring of the footpath.

#### **16.2 Environment & Amenities Sub-Committee Report.** (FS, CR, AW)

Woolsthorpe Road Allotment vehicle access.

**It was proposed, seconded and**

#### **Resolved.**

The Clerk to write to the allotment holder advising that the vacant allotment plot cannot be turned into a car park as this would be a change of use and require planning permission to be applied for by Colsterworth Trust Estate who lease the allotments to the Parish Council.

#### **16.3 Finance and Administration Sub-Committee Report.** (JW, CH, JonW & L McSh)

(Appended to these minutes)

#### **16.4 District Councillor Bob Adams Report.** No report this month.

### **17/19 Finance:** Approve Accounts for payment.

## **COLSTERWORTH AND DISTRICT PARISH COUNCIL ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT DECEMBER 2018 & January 2019**

### **ONLINE PAYMENTS**

<b>Date of payment</b>	<b>Payee Name</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Amount</b>
05/12/2018	Buildbase	Padlock	£15.43
05/12/2018	LALC	Training day lunch x 4 14/11/18	£34.00
05/12/2018	Caroline Hainsworth	Travel Exp 14/11/18	£10.80
05/12/2018	Stuart Whitcombe	In Touch Editing December Issue	£60.00
05/12/2018	Lorna McShane	Travel Exp 03/10/18 & 13/11/18	£70.65
05/12/2018	Lucienne Bennett	Travel Exp 14/11/18	£13.50
			<b>£204.38</b>
06/02/2019	Stuart Whitcombe	In Touch Editing January Issue	£60.00
22/02/2019	Buildbase	Postcrete for Nature Trail & Rail	£28.47
			<b>£88.47</b>
			<b>£292.85</b>

### **CHEQUES**

CHEQUE NUMBER	SUPPLIER	DETAILS	VALUE
103686	Harrison Print	In Touch Printing	£262.50
103687	Rick Webster Ground Maint	LCC Grass Cut & Village Grass Cut	£444.00
103689	CAD Allmnt & Gardn's Ass	Grant for Church Troughs - Plants & Compost	£100.00
103692	J Walden	Chairman's' Annual Allowance	£100.00
103694 & 103695	Staff wages & expenses	Clerk & Community cleaners	£1,204.61
103696	Graham Brumpton	Village Maintenance	£390.00
			£2,501.11
103705	Colsterworth PC	Xmas Lights Electricity contribution	25
103706/103707	Staff wages & Expenses	Clerk & Community cleaners	1176.35
103708	Harrison Print	In Touch Printing	262.5
103709	Graham Brumpton	Village Maint & Stamford Road All gate	145
			<b>1608.85</b>
			<b>£4,109.96</b>
<b>DD's</b>			
DD	BT	OFFICE PHONE	£52.79
DD	BT	OFFICE PHONE	£66.02
DD	Wave	Water bill Stamford Road	£59.35
DD	Wave	Water bill Woolsthorpe Road	£63.41
			<b>£241.57</b>
			<b>£4,644.38</b>

Approved by Parish Council

<b>Income</b>	<b>£48,303.29</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>£41,807.86</b>
<b>Surplus/Deficit</b>	<b><u>£6,495.43</u></b>

Reconciled	<b>Community Account 31/01/2019</b>	<b>£26,163.01</b>
	<b>Deposit Account 31/01/2019</b>	<b>£29,193.20</b>
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>£55,356.21</u></b>

**Included in balances above**

Community Fund	<b>£193.11</b>
War Memorial Maintenance	<b>£2,000.00</b>
Nature Trail	<b>£1,000.00</b>
Highways & Footpaths Min Ref 18/48.5	<b>£5,000.00</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>£8,193.11</u></b>

**18/19 Matters requiring attention such as potholes and faulty street lights.**

Report of cars parking on the grass verge outside the Co-op.  
Litter – Honey Pot Lane, Lobthorpe. The Clerk to write to business owners.  
Newton Way road breaking up and badly in need of repair. Report to be made.  
Blocked drains B676 reported Fix My Street.

**19/19 Date of next Parish Council meeting is Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2019.**

**There being no other business Chairman J Walden closed the meeting at 21.35hrs.**

**SIGNED:**

**CHAIRMAN**

**DATE:**

**Attendance to date (May 2018 to April 2019) – annual maximum 10 (No meeting August & January)**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Constituency</b>	<b>Attended</b>	<b>Apologies</b>	<b>Absent</b>
D Bellamy	North Witham & Lobthorpe	7	1	
A Carsley	Colsterworth	5	3	
Vacancy	Colsterworth	-	-	
C Hainsworth	Stainby (Co-opted)	8	-	
G Henton	Colsterworth	8	-	
L McShane	Colsterworth	7	1	
L Metcalfe *	Woolsthorpe	2	1	
C Russell	Woolsthorpe	8	-	
L Bennett	Colsterworth	4	-	
F Selby	Colsterworth	7	1	
B Scorrer	Colsterworth	4	4	
A Walden	Woolsthorpe	8	-	
J Walden	Woolsthorpe	8	-	
J Weston	Stainby	7	1	
M Ramage	Colsterworth	1	-	
Vacancy	North Witham & Lobthorpe	-	-	
M Cooper*	Colsterworth		1	
*	No longer Councillor			

**HIGHWAYS & FOOTPATHS WORKING GROUP**

**Report to Parish Council 5<sup>th</sup> February 2019**

**Lead Cllrs: C Hainsworth (Co-ordinator), D Bellamy, L Bennett and J Walden**

**1. RESOLUTION CARRIED FORWARD FROM JULY 2018**

- £5,000.00 ringfenced in Council Reserves to take this forward in accordance with identified Powers and Duties for road safety
- Expenditure to date: £40.00 registration fee for licence with Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership
- Anticipated expenditure for clothing (with logo) for volunteers and additional speed gun - £800.00
- Currently there are no plans to purchase an additional VAS until the current one has been installed and tested. Costs may be incurred for maintenance and software

**2. UPDATE ON AGREED PRIORITIES – HIGHWAYS**



	<b>Proposal</b>	<b>Update at 26 January 2019</b>														
1	Meeting with LCC Officer Rowan Smith to discuss Parish concerns around all areas of traffic management including suggestions for traffic calming measures on High Street and Bridge End (as agreed at March 2018 Parish Council meeting)	<p>Meeting held on 24 January 2019 with Mr Smith and Graeme Butler from LRSP with Clerk and Cllr Hainsworth in attendance. Update provided separately on the agenda.</p> <p>This was an excellent opportunity to meet face to face with Officers and advice provided regarding the process and restraints on achieving any of the schemes put forward.</p> <p>Further communication was invited by Mr Smith so that a formal response could be provided to assist the PC in managing future issues.</p> <p>All communications must be through the automated services at LCC and also Cllr Bob Adams to ensure that issues are then signposted by him to the appropriate officers/departments.</p>														
2	Sign up to the Community Speedwatch Programme	<p><b>Phase 1: Complete</b></p> <p>Passive signs have been installed More can be purchased at £10 each</p> <p><b>Phase 2: January to May 2019</b></p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Arrange for site visit from Dave Mitchell (LRSP volunteer co-ordinator)</td> <td>To check existing speed gun calibration and look at proposed monitoring sites – mainly B676 through Stainby and Colsterworth Get clarity on how data is collected and returned so that enforcement letters can be sent out</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Volunteers to be identified and contacted to confirm interest</td> <td>Need to secure commitments from about six volunteers for roadside checks to undertake local training – see below</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Equipment to be purchased</td> <td>Potential contribution from District Cllr Award Scheme but otherwise this has been approved in reserves previously</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Local Training to be provided by Neighbourhood Police Teams</td> <td>Cllr Hainsworth has already made contact. They will come once we have volunteers co-ordinated and equipment in place. This will probably be March/April time depending on volunteers availability, equipment etc.</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>VAS</b> - This is currently at North Witham</td> <td>We need to test out whether there is actually any data being collected and how this can be retrieved. It is anticipated that this can be used to support enforcement. Cllr Hainsworth will liaise with Cllr Bellamy and Cllr Walden and the Clerk to look at how this will be done in the future and where the data is stored/handled.</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>VAS</b> – Placement in Stainby</td> <td>LRSP has put in the request for the lamp post to be installed in Stainby so that the VAS can be placed there for monitoring. It is hoped that this work will be completed in February 2019</td> </tr> </table> <p><b>Phase 3: Ongoing</b></p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Sustainability</td> <td>Once set up there needs to be a planned programme of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Volunteer monitoring – where and when</li> <li>• Data returns and outcomes regarding enforcement</li> <li>• In Touch updates promoting the scheme</li> </ul> </td> </tr> </table>	Arrange for site visit from Dave Mitchell (LRSP volunteer co-ordinator)	To check existing speed gun calibration and look at proposed monitoring sites – mainly B676 through Stainby and Colsterworth Get clarity on how data is collected and returned so that enforcement letters can be sent out	Volunteers to be identified and contacted to confirm interest	Need to secure commitments from about six volunteers for roadside checks to undertake local training – see below	Equipment to be purchased	Potential contribution from District Cllr Award Scheme but otherwise this has been approved in reserves previously	Local Training to be provided by Neighbourhood Police Teams	Cllr Hainsworth has already made contact. They will come once we have volunteers co-ordinated and equipment in place. This will probably be March/April time depending on volunteers availability, equipment etc.	<b>VAS</b> - This is currently at North Witham	We need to test out whether there is actually any data being collected and how this can be retrieved. It is anticipated that this can be used to support enforcement. Cllr Hainsworth will liaise with Cllr Bellamy and Cllr Walden and the Clerk to look at how this will be done in the future and where the data is stored/handled.	<b>VAS</b> – Placement in Stainby	LRSP has put in the request for the lamp post to be installed in Stainby so that the VAS can be placed there for monitoring. It is hoped that this work will be completed in February 2019	Sustainability	Once set up there needs to be a planned programme of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Volunteer monitoring – where and when</li> <li>• Data returns and outcomes regarding enforcement</li> <li>• In Touch updates promoting the scheme</li> </ul>
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### 3. UPDATE ON FOOTPATHS

#### 3.1. Footpaths 11 and 15 (Honeypot Lane)

Representations were made to LCC (12 November 2018) regarding footpaths 11 and 15 (as agreed by Parish Council November 2018).

Response received:

**“Colsterworth PF 11 – The Public Path Order was made on 17<sup>th</sup> August 2018 and advertised between 31<sup>st</sup> August and 1<sup>st</sup> October. No formal objections were received and works are now under way to make the alternative route available before the order is confirmed in the coming months.**

*The signage and infrastructure has now been removed on the original section of footpath between Honey Pot Lane and Witham Special Vehicles (WSV). WSV vehicles are surfacing the alternative section of footpath the trailer beds which were obstructing the footpath have now been removed. Additional works to reinstate the section of footpath between the disused airfield and the A1 will be completed by the end of March at the latest.*

**Colsterworth PF 15 – The National Trust has been contacted regarding the stiles on this footpath and LCC will contact us in due course to provide an update”.**

### 3.2. Footpath 3 (SK9224)

Access issues raised by Cllr Bennett in January 2019 have/is being addressed by Cllr Scroror

### 3.3. Footpath 14 and 1 (Stainby)

As part of the Skillington Quarry application, concerns were raised regarding [Footpath 14] and Footpath 1 (Stainby)

*“In 2016 a Public Inquiry (PI) was held into LCC’s proposal to close Colsterworth FP14 and divert Stainby FP1. The Inspector agreed to the closure of FP14, but also determined that FP1 should remain on its Definitive Map line, which means that the legal route of this path is within the Southern edge of all 3 phases of the proposed site. Having been to PI this is a final, indisputable and legally binding decision.”* This footpath is a valuable and well-used amenity for the residents of the parishes.

## 4. ISSUES ARISING

### 4.1. Individual incidents

There have been few reports of individual incidents referred to the Parish Council during December and January 2019. The situation with the parked vehicle at the crossroads (Stamford Road and High Street) has improved. Parishioners will be advised to report any non-emergency concerns to the Police as these matters are outside of our jurisdiction.

### 4.2. Incidents impacting on our area (accidents, delays, tailbacks/diversions) on A1

(Source: <https://www.newsnow.co.uk/h/UK/Travel+&+Transport/Road/A1>)

Sat 29 Dec 2018	South Witham to the Woolfox Depot A flock of sheep were involved in a collision with a number of vehicles. The road was closed for several hours and blocked between South Witham to the Woolfox Depot after the sheep were first spotted at about 11.30pm. A spokesman from Leicestershire Police said officers were authorised to put down the sheep to prevent any ‘unnecessary suffering’. The road completely reopened at 5.40am on Sunday morning.
Sat 05 Jan 2019 0100hrs	The road was temporarily closed northbound between the A607 and A52 near to Grantham due to the incident Emergency services rushed to the scene of a severe lorry fire which closed part of the A1. A diversion was put in place at the time by Highways England while emergency services dealt with the incident. The road re-opened at around 2.30am this morning.
Fri 11 Jan 2019 0500 hrs	Colsterworth: Lorry carrying sulphuric acid has overturned. It is believed the tanker collided with the central reservation in the collision Road closed in both directions with multiple delays throughout the day. Lincolnshire Police Force Control room tweeted: "A1 southbound at North Witham. Road closed until 1700 hrs with heavy congestion in Grantham and Melton causing major disruption Potential for poisonous gases and contamination. Specialist recovery was required.
Thurs 17 Jan 2019	A1621 turn-off at Stamford : two-vehicle crash on the A1 which caused delays for

1415 hrs	commuters heading into Lincolnshire. Affected traffic heading northbound with a lane closed and delays. Officers attended but there were <b>no injuries</b> .
Weds 23 Jan 2019 0800 hrs	<b>Boothby Pagnell turnoff on the southbound carriageway</b> , closing one lane and causing tailbacks of up to seven miles after a car overturned on an A1 sliproad south of Grantham before 8am. The car was removed and the tailbacks had disappeared by 10.10am. A police spokesman confirmed that the car ended up on its roof and no other vehicles were involved. <b>There were no injuries</b> .

#### **4.3. Impact of Planning Applications on Highways**

There have been several planning applications that have caused concern regarding the impact on the Parish in terms of road safety, noise and pollution. These include:

- Skillington Quarry application
- 70 new build homes on the A1 Bourne Road
- 40 new build homes (Bridge End – application still open)
- 5 new build homes – Stamford Road (dangerous crossroads)

Representations are invited by Planners to raise this as part of the consultation and the Parish Council is a statutory consultee.

#### **Highways & Footpaths Working Group 26 January 2019**

<b>FEEDBACK FROM MEETING 24 JANUARY 2019</b> <b>At Colsterworth Community Police Office, Back Lane, Colsterworth</b>
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Present: Rowan Smith, LCC Highways  
 Graeme Butler, LRSP  
 Sue Grant, Clerk  
 Cllr Caroline Hainsworth

Apologies: Cllr Bob Adams

1. The meeting was as a result of the formal proposal submitted by the PC when Cllr Adams was away on sick leave. It was explained that this was a collection of issues and suggestions around the High Street and Bridge End.
2. It was a very productive meeting with Rowan taking on board a number of other issues causing concerns such as the traffic on B676, A1, verges, signage, flooding and maintenance. We were also able to express heightened levels of concerns around recent planning applications and the impact on the roads and community.
3. It was explained by Rowan and Graeme that LCC priorities and the limited resources available will determine what is considered along with quantitative data to support (e.g., injuries caused by traffic accidents). So, requests for crossings are unlikely to be considered unless there has been evidence of accidents/injuries. It has also been shown that priority traffic systems can cause traffic to speed up rather than slow down.
4. We also discussed how decisions made in neighbouring Leicestershire may be good practice such as extending the 50mph speed limit from Buckminster to Stainby to see if that may bring some benefits in moderating the speeding behaviour; this may depend on accident data however but can be considered.
5. Other factors that would inform any decisions, would include the rate of pedestrian travel so a small rural community with less movement compared to a town like Grantham would not be given any priority due to the costs.
6. It was explained that the constraints in place would for example mean that the sign that has fallen/been knocked down on the approach to the roundabout to the A1 on Bourne Road and which has been reported is unlikely to be replaced as it is not a priority sign (e.g. speed sign). It will, however, eventually be taken away.

7. It was also suggested that individual issues are better raised than big schemes as different teams and regulations will apply. So the request for a review along the whole of the High Street/Bridge End to try and assist in determining what the priorities may be will not be offered.
8. We were also advised that Richard Davies and Leader of the Council are now insisting that everything is reported via the automatic reporting systems (although there are some teething problems being sorted out) and directly through the County Councillor to ensure that they are aware of what is happening in their constituency. This will ensure that County Councillors will signpost issues/requests to the correct team. Whilst issues raised may not be supported by the County Cllr, Officers will look at things on their own merit and whilst always seeking the views of the County Cllr there is no power of veto over a Parish Council to raise issues/requests.
9. The advice from Rowan and Graeme about how to proceed was very helpful and it was confirmed that as this was in process the Clerk could summarise the priorities that the Parish Council would like Rowan to consider he can formally respond once he has taken it back to his Team.
10. We would suggest to Council therefore, that the priorities are:
  - Community Speed Watch (as reported in the H&F Working Group reports to Council)
  - The specific issue about the double yellow lines Back Lane/High Street junction to be pursued separately by Rowan Smith as this is, we understand, subject to a Traffic Order
  - Encourage the automatic reporting to LCC by residents of any issues on an individual basis and also refer them to Cllr Adams for action
  - Continue to monitor issues but advise Parishioners that there is little opportunity for improvements at this time as there is little evidence that this will be supported (Houghton Lane/High Street area)

Thanks must go to Rowan and Graeme for taking their time to meet with us and this is very much appreciated. Their support and explanations and suggestions were very helpful.

-End-

**FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE**  
**Notes of the meeting held on 15 January 2019 At the Village Hall 7.30pm to 8.40pm**  
**This report to be submitted to Full Council on 05 February 2019 with full assurance**

Present: Cllrs C Hainsworth, L McShane and J Weston and Clerk S Grant

1. **APOLOGIES:** Cllr John Walden

2. **NOTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (09 OCTOBER 2018)**

Approved and submitted to Parish Council November 2018

3. **RECONCILIATION OF Q3 ACCOUNTS (OCTOBER TO DECEMBER 2018)**

Accounts and bank statements were submitted by Clerk for scrutiny  
 These were reconciled to 31 January 2019 at £54,298.35 (to take account of unrepresented cheques at £2,654.07)

4. **MONITORING RECOMMENDATIONS/ACTIONS FROM INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL AUDIT**

- 4.1. Cllr Hainsworth now has view only access to the bank account
- 4.2. All other recommendations made from the last internal audit in October 2018 have been taken on board and are now in process.

5. **BUDGET SETTING FOR 2019/2020 AND PRECEPT**

5.1. Budget

- Clerk reported that there has been improved budget setting for this year due to the implementation of the Scribe software. This has allowed much more rigorous breakdown against correct categories of expenditure.
- Cllrs present agreed that the reports provided gave better information and assurances regarding income and expenditure and the management of public funds. Clerk also reported more efficient processes for things such as VAT management.
- The accounts were well balanced against the set budget (which included the additional expenditure of the temporary increased hours of the Clerk this financial year); it was noted that expenditure and income for February and March 2019 would be balanced with Employee and In Touch being the main costs offset by a VAT return due and In Touch advertiser income.

#### 5.2. Precept

- This was agreed at full Council October 2018, however, due to the potential costs of an election in May 2019, it was agreed by full Council in December 2018 that the budget (and therefore, Precept) had to be increased. SKDC advised minimum cost would be £100.00 if there was no election up to £2000.00 if there was.
- Precept has to be submitted by the Clerk by 18 January 2019 so adjustments made raising the precept per household by £2.76

### 6. TO REVIEW RISK AND ASSET REGISTERS

#### 6.1. Risk Register

Following observations by internal audit in October 2018, the Council's Risk Register will be updated and simplified by the Clerk for next financial year to ensure that priorities are clear. Exceptions/additions will be reported on the standing agenda item at Full Council.

#### 6.2. Asset Register

Not considered – to be presented to Council for review March 2019

**ACTION: Clerk**

### 7. PROJECTS AND GRANT APPLICATIONS

#### 7.1. Nature Trail

- Clerk finalising costings for submitting an application for £500 to SKDC Community Fund "To improve the access of the Nature Trail by repairing and installing handrails and steps".
- Whilst this is an ongoing schedule of works (as noted in the Nature Trail Plan), the funding cannot be used for retrospective work; this has been covered under the annual grant from the Parish Council but forms the basis of the estimated costs of improvements in 2019.

#### 7.2. War Memorial

It was understood that Cllr Ramage has experience of War Memorial Grant Schemes, so it was agreed to ask him to investigate possibility of applying particularly due to the problems experienced with the stonework and attempts by Council to rectify this over the years. There are ring-fenced monies in reserves for this project.

#### 7.3. Highways and Footpaths

Cllr Adams was approached regarding the Ward Allocation Scheme and he was happy to support to fund equipment and clothing required by volunteers for the LRSP initiative once he had established that Parish Councils were eligible. Clerk and Cllr Hainsworth will make the application.

#### 7.4. Community Office/Land Purchase Bridge End

Correspondence had been received about this (Minute 18/112.1.5); Clerk confirmed that this was a suggestion rather than a request. It was agreed however, that there could be opportunities for better amenities and Cllr Hainsworth agreed to make investigations with the Big Lottery about this.

### 8. CLERK'S PAY, HOURS AND PENSION

Not discussed – no outstanding issues

**9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

None

**10. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

Next routine meeting to be confirmed in April 2019

End.

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