

Colsterworth and District Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 5th September 2017

Public Forum

There were two members of the public present.

Present:

Councillors: C Atter, D Cox, J Walden, C Russell, C Hainsworth, J Weston, F Selby, D Bellamy, G Henton, M Cooper, Bill Scorer.

District Councillor Bob Adams, District Councillor Andrea Webster

Parish Clerk: John Hannam

All Parish Councillors are reminded that by law they are summoned to attend all Parish Council meetings. If they are unable to attend they must advise the Parish Clerk with a reason for non-attendance preferably before the meeting from which they will be absent – failure to forward this information means a Parish Councillor is shown as absent.

POLICE REPORT Helen Bill presented the police report on behalf of PCSO Stuart Bowden

- a) thefts from works vans in the area and attempted theft from a van parked at the Travel Lodge services
- b) thefts from sheds and outbuildings
- c) a male was reported drunk and abusive in the Colster Way play area – he had left the area by time police arrived – no similar reports received
- d) damaged gate and bin Colster Way play area
- e) hare coursing is a regional policing priority – recent incident in the Ropsley area has been dealt with.

General advice: If there are door knockers in the area, suspicious people or vehicles then report it. It is important to report **all** incidents of crime to 101 as this provides an incident log. This influences the amount of police coverage provided to the area.

The council raised concerns at the level of policing and the lack of visibility compared to the past and the clerk has made a request to Sgt Ian Cotton to provide the council with information as to future police cover for our villages.

1. Apologies for absence and reasons given

Cllr Dean Colyer (family) Cllr Arthur Carsley (holiday)

2. Chairman's remarks

Chairman thanked John Hannam for acting as temporary parish clerk.

3. To receive declaration of interest in accordance with LGA 2000

None

4. Minutes of the previous meeting

Please note the minutes are distributed in note form each month to all Parish Councillors so that they may make comments and alterations via the Parish Clerk thus saving valuable time at the Parish Council's next meeting when approving the minutes.

- a) Meeting 6th June 2017 – deferred to next meeting
- b) Meeting 4th July 2017 – none .. meeting was void due to lack of legal notice of meeting
- c) Extraordinary meeting 8th August 2017 – approved with change from self-employed to temporary employment (PAYE) of clerk

5. Clerk's Report and items arising from the Minutes

- a) North Witham speed restriction of 40mph. LCC Highways: The legal period of public notice has been completed with no objections received therefore work will now be scheduled for installation.
- b) Colster Way Recreational Park. The pedestrian gate on the south side has been vandalised and is awaiting repair. The rubbish bin was also vandalised and has been removed for repair. The police have been notified and will investigate.
- c) North Witham Village Hall – grass cutting. Cllr Bellamy will discuss with the NNVH Committee options available for grants.
- d) Nottingham Housing Association – overhanging trees Stephenson Close. The parish council has no responsibility for maintenance - NHS have been advised to contact Barratt Homes in this regard.
- e) Stoke Rochford Estates/tenant farmers have been requested to "harvest" the ungrazed fields in and around Woolsthorpe.
- f) Centrebus have been requested to reinstate the "Bus STOP" sign at Bridge End.
- g) Derelict building – High Street. Council's solicitors are progressing.

- h) The Surgery Back Lane have been requested to cut back hedge overhanging the footpath
- i) Larkfleet Homes have advised that the process for applying for community grants has been simplified

6. Co-option of Councillor

Andrea Walden was selected to fill the casual vacancy for the Colsterworth Parish by a majority vote.

7. Council Meetings

The council meets on the first Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm (excluding January and July). Councillors debated whether the number of meeting and time of meetings should change. It was agreed that the time of meetings should remain at 7.30 pm. The decision to reduce the number of council meetings was deferred to the October meeting.

8. Allotments/field

Cllr Fran Selby explained that the Amenity Group (Cllrs C Russell/J Walden/F Selby) had met to discuss an incident at the Stamford Road Allotments. The field gate had been padlocked by the council's tenant Mrs S Cox who rents the field behind the allotments thereby blocking access to the council's allotment holders. **The track provides access for both the tenant of the field and council's allotment holders.**

Letters were written to:

- a) the field tenant Mrs S Cox to remove the padlock - this has been complied with.
- b) allotment holders advising them that they have access rights along the track but no waiting rights – that is to say deliver to and collect from.

9. Nature Trail – deferred to next meeting

10. Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr Colin Russell reported that the NP is awaiting approval by SKDC who will meet on the 21st September 2017. The NP is available for parishioners to view:

www.southkesteven.gov.uk/colsterworthanddistrictneighbourhoodplan.

11. Group Reports

Road Traffic Group (RTG). Cllr Hainsworth updated the council on progress - report is appended

12. Correspondence

LALC	Annual Report 2016/17
Mr S Jowitt	Complaint walnut tree on verge entrance to Ingle Court
Ms L Frampton	Complaint grass verge adj. 26 Back Lane
LCC Highways	Temporary road closure B676/A151 Bourne Road Essential maintenance works

13. Planning Applications

The following applications were received:

LCC Planning – there were no LCC planning applications.

SKDC PLANNING

The following applications were received:

S17/1041	Mr & Mrs P De Voil	57 High Street, Colsterworth	Alterations to gates
S17/1558	Mr J Thompson	Stainby Farm, Colsterworth Road, Stainby	Erection of agricultural building to house livestock and equipment
S17/1246	Ms V Fitt	5 Ash Close, Colsterworth.	Tree surgery
S17/0941	Ms C Taylor	Cut back overhanging branches 2.6m to Ash Tree by Colsterworth	22 Newton Way, Woolsthorpe
S17/1132	Mr R Thompson	55 Newton Way, Woolsthorpe by Colsterworth	Change of use from agriculture to equestrian land including erection of stables, hay store and menage area with floodlights
S17/1279	Mr & Mrs D Penty	Manor Barns, Church Street, North Witham.	Conversion of ancillary accommodation to a separate dwelling house
S17/0068	Mr A Watmough	4 Walnut Grove, Colsterworth.	Fell Copper Beech and Horse Chestnut trees. Crown lift Veteran Beech tree to 5 m from ground level

SKDC Planning Permission Approval

S17/0970	Mr D Bland	9. Colster Way, Colsterworth	Single storey rear extension
S17/1167	Mr M Ellis	13 Back Lane, Colsterworth	Formation of a new car parking area and provision of two floodlights

S17/1132 Mr R Thompson 55 Newton Way, Woolsthorpe by Colsterworth Change of use from agriculture to equestrian land including erection of stables, hay store and menage area with floodlights
 S17/1388 Ms L McDonald Compliance of compliance with conditions of S08/0005,S10/0653,S12/3147 & S14/0727 Daraton. 36 Newton Way, Woolsthorpe by Colsterworth
 S17/1019 Mr B Fawcett 8 Newton Way, Woolsthorpe by Colsterworth. Two storey rear extension to dwelling
 S17/0856 Mr B Day Gunby Road Sewsten. Erection of new shed for storage of timber and unpacking/packing machine
 S17/0902 Mr G Stewart 14 Ingle Court, Woolsthorpe by Colsterworth. Single storey extension

SKDC Planning Appeal

None

14. FINANCE: Accounts for Payment

CHEQUE NUMBER	SUPPLIER	DETAILS	VALUE £'s
103430	K Atter/M Robertshaw	Community Cleaners	432.94
103431	JR Hannam	Clerk's salary and expenses	843.34
103432	D B Ostler	Memorial bench foundation/paving	350.00
103433	G Brumpton	Village maintenance	817.50
103434	Getmapping plc	Annual subscription	33.60
103435	WG Harrison Ltd	In Touch	250.00
103436	D B Ostler	Culvert wall repairs	820.00
103437	J Hill & Co.	Railings	2400.00
DD	British Telecom	telephone	53.98
TOTAL			6001.36

APPROVED by Parish Council

Summary of Accounts:

Income	33,950.11
Expenditure	27,378.61
Surplus/Deficit	£ 6,571.50

Bank balances at 31 August 2017

HSBC: Community Account	44,811.76
Community Savings Account	4,160.62
Total	£ 48,972.38

Included in the above balances:

Community Fund	169.81	
Newton Project	1,000.00	
TOTAL		£1,169.81

15. Any Other Business

Road condition: Stainby-Colsterworth

Weight limit sign – High Street

Faulty street light (77) Old Post Lane; Faulty light Newton Way; Street light 13 Bourne Road broken

Community Lincs.. road signs cleaning scheme (Cllr Hainsworth will investigate)

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.35 pm

Signed

Chairman

**THE DATE OF THE NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING IS AT
7.30PM ON THE 3rd October 2017**

Attendance to date (May to April – annual maximum 10)

	<u>Attended</u>	<u>Apologies</u>	<u>Absent</u>
C Atter	3		
M Cooper	3		
A Wood	0	1	

J Weston	2	1
A Carsley	2	1
D Cox	3	
D Bellamy	3	1
C Russell	3	
J Walden	3	
F Selby	3	
G Henton	3	
B Scorrer	3	
C Hainsworth	3	
D Colyer	1	2

Note: July meeting was void – only 9

ROAD TRAFFIC GROUP REPORT Report to Parish Council Meeting 05 September 2017

The report submitted to the Parish Council meeting on 04 July 2017 has been included due to the status of that meeting being null and void.

1. **North Witham Speed Restrictions**

Consultation period ended 31 May 2017. Cllr Bellamy is unaware of the outcome of this.

2. **High Street**

Ongoing monitoring of problems already reported relating to parking, traffic calming, etc. A proposal was agreed at May 2017 which still requires action by the Parish Clerk

“...a proposed scheme of works with LCC for yellow lines or Keep Clear markings for the statutory 10 metres from the Back Lane junction to improve safety for drivers, pedestrians and property. This will particularly assist those long wheelbase vehicles in safely emerging from the junction”

Cllr Bob Adams offered to raise the issues at a meeting he had on other matters with LCC on 14 July 2017. (See appendix 1 provided to Cllr Adams for discussion).

Verbal feedback from Cllr Adams to Cllr Hainsworth advised that all County Councillors are no longer able to raise issues directly with Officers of the Council and have to process issues via the new automated arrangements in the same way Parish Councils and individual residents are. This was extremely disappointing and Cllr Adams attempts to represent the Parish were very welcome.

Members of the Road Traffic Group were informed and expressed concerns about the way that communication with elected representatives were being managed by LCC bearing in mind:-

“All county councillors are accessible to resolve issues and problems brought to them by their constituents. Councillors represent all people in their area including those who did not vote for them. In addition, county councillors are appointed by the county council as the county council’s representative on other bodies/groups”

PROPOSED:

Parish Council to support an approach to the relevant Departments/Officers of the Local Authorities responsible to look at arranging a meeting to take all these issues further within the wider context of future developments in the Parish and impact on road traffic management.

The development at the Co-op has also been delayed so updates would be appreciated via the Acting Parish Clerk.

3. **B676 AND STAINBY**

Signage survey has not been undertaken in June 2017 as agreed. Advice has already been received from DVSA around state of some of the signage and also positioning, particularly at the B676/High Street/Stamford Road junction.

There has been ongoing speed monitoring at Stainby by volunteers in June, July and August 2017 maintaining an important presence in the village however, these have been suspended due to serious incident of abuse directed at the volunteers. PCSO has not responded to request from Acting Parish Clerk and Cllr Hainsworth for police intervention/advice.

4. **Future Developments and impact on the Parish**

- There remain acute concerns around the potential housing/industrial/commercial developments in and around the Parish and the lack of any robust impact assessments by planners on the road traffic management of the area.
- Councillors are urged to consider the impact the SKDC Local Plan etc. which requires close scrutiny and monitoring against our Neighbourhood Plan.
- Cllrs and members of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group attended the consultation in July 2017 arranged by Cllr Bob Adams and have some assurances regarding an opportunity to be consulted on future planning by SKDC.

5. Other issues raised and to be considered on priorities list for Parish Council

The 50mph speed limit on the B676 has been implemented from Melton to our border. There is no clarity as to whether Lincolnshire are considering this or whether there is any “joined up” communication about this? It would be useful to gain any information relating to impact on accidents and HGV usage as a result of this?

In the absence of any meaningful communication mechanism with LCC Highways as a Parish and the perceived obstacles for Cllr Adams the Road Traffic Group members are considering using Freedom of Information Act to obtain specific information from LCC regarding their schedule of works and priorities.

The accidents over the summer on the A1 has caused concerns, particularly with the diverted traffic. The concerns regarding poor planning on developments around Grantham and Stamford in terms of traffic management and “joined up working” with LCC will no doubt impact on our Parish.

Suggestions put forward by residents regarding improvements are still “on the table” for the Parish Council to consider including any funding streams that may be available to apply for.

- Improved automatic signage for speed monitoring on B676 and Woolsthorpe
- Signage survey regarding adequacy and state of signage around the parish
- Road calming measures on High Street
- Learning from other areas (such as Leicestershire) regarding innovative and community supported measures. For example:

“New scheme to stop HGVs going through Leicestershire village

Work is nearing completion on an £8,000 scheme to stop HGVs illegally travelling through the centre of a Leicestershire village.

Leicestershire County Council has installed three bell bollards and is set to put up new signs in High Street, Desford, in a bid to stop HGVs using the main route and keep pedestrians safe.

*The road already has a 7.5 tonne weight restriction which has been in place for more than 20 years, but the council is introducing the additional measures after residents expressed concerns that the **restrictions were being ignored by some drivers.***

“Hopefully the bell bollards will deter lost HGV drivers or those violating the weight restrictions from going through the village which in turn will improve the quality of life of residents.”

The traffic calming scheme, was drawn up following a safety review of the village. The report found that HGVs were mounting footpaths, damaging properties and getting stuck on the local roads.

It is expected that the all of the work will be complete by September”

Cllr Caroline Hainsworth
30 August 2017

Appendix:

<p>ROAD TRAFFIC GROUP Update for Cllr Bob Adams 12 July 2017</p>
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1. At the Parish Council meeting on 04 April 2017, the proposals presented to the Council were accepted and priorities agreed for 2017/2018.
2. This report outlines an update against those priorities for the Parish Council whose objectives are to promote community engagement in the management of the road infrastructure and address concerns relating to safety, pollution, the environment and cultural and historical priorities for the Parish.
3. There has been active and positive involvement by the Police and DVSA

PRIORITY	AREA	ISSUES	UPDATE SINCE LAST MEETING	ACTIONS REQUIRED
1	All	Engaging with LCC and SKDC regarding issues raised in the Parish which fall outside the remit of the Parish Council.	There have been many changes in 2017 including a new Parish Clerk for Colsterworth & District and changes, changes to personnel in the Local Authorities and also reporting processes and communication channels.	It is the desire of the Parish Council to forge links with the Local Authorities to understand how these issues can be managed. Specifically, to understand priorities and restrictions for the Local Authorities but also to have some knowledge about how some of these issues may feed into existing workstreams (e.g., public engagement and consultation, planning, Local Plan and other initiatives etc)
2	North Witham	Implementation of a 40mph speed limit	Public notices are being put out 14 July 2017; further consultation taking place until 11 August 2017	Continue monitoring progress.
3	Stainby	Speeding Poor signage/lack of signs HGV traffic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monitoring at Stainby has continued by volunteers. PSCO has installed temporary speed warning notices in and out of Stainby Have learned from a Parish Councillor in Leicestershire that a 50mph speed limit from Melton to the county boundary at Water Tower crossroad is becoming active in September 2017. Average speed camera's are also hoped to be installed one at Lag Lane and Thorpe Arnold and the other before the turn to Wymondham dependant on cost. 	<p>All existing signage needs cleaning. Consultation with residents and local authorities for assistance regarding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Installation of permanent Speedwatch Area signs Installation of flashing speed signs to capture data as recommended by Road Safety Partnership.RoSPA Liaise with Leicestershire County Council and investigate possibility of continued restrictions along B676?
4	B676	Speeding Poor signage (including placement) Road maintenance (flooding in particular)	Continued monitoring by volunteers. Advice received from DVSA to feed into signage survey which has still to be carried out. Cllr Hainsworth will ask volunteers to do this but assistance from Local Authorities would be most welcome.	<p>Signage still needs to be reviewed consultation required with residents and local authorities regarding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Installation of flashing speed signs to capture data as recommended by Road Safety Partnership.RoSPA Maintenance programme Liaison with Leicestershire County Council and investigate possibility of continued restrictions along B676 into Colsterworth (through Stainby)
5	High Street	Parking Speeding Road calming measures General maintenance	<p>Continued concerns being identified and solutions being put forward (particularly junction on High Street with Back Lane, Houghton Lane and School Lane). New issues raised regarding footpath School Lane/Brunel Avenue</p> <p>Also creative ideas regarding land for parking off High Street being put forward for consideration (e.g., back of flats, garage area)</p> <p>Parish Council has supported double yellow lines on Back Lane/High Street junction.</p>	Whilst the relocation of the Co-op will hopefully relieve a lot of the congestion on the High Street suggestions have been put forward by residents regarding road calming. Wider view from the Local Authorities of the "big picture" appreciated. Police support has come forward for this.
6	Woolsthorpe	Speeding, HGVs and farm traffic	No proposals put forward to date but	Need to consider involving volunteers to monitor and identify specific concerns and options

PRIORITY	AREA	ISSUES	UPDATE SINCE LAST MEETING	ACTIONS REQUIRED
7	Neighbourhood Plan	Various comments were submitted via the Neighbourhood Plan Consultation that could be considered by the Road Traffic Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Concerns regarding large vehicles turning from Rectory Lane into Church Street Footpath and cycle paths need to be extended over the flyovers on the A1 24 hr CCTV monitoring on the A1 Revetement Protection to protect the Woodlands Estate from the noise of the A1 Gates and verges on entrances to the villages Gravel in drains and risk from flooding Calming traffic initiatives particularly if there are new developments HGVs on B676 with increased mineral and waste facilities Increased traffic on A1 resulting in noise and pollution Large areas adjacent to A1 expanding storage and lorry parking facilities General road maintenance/potholes 	<p>A lot of issues raised in the consultation have already been expressed or are directly in line with issues already collated by the Road Traffic Group</p> <p>There needs to be further discussion with local authorities around a large number of these issues</p> <p>It was particularly highlighted via the Neighbourhood Plan Consultation that LCC needs to explain what actions are being taken in relation to the Rural Priorities Initiatives introduced by them.</p>
8	Small roundabout near Truckstop on Bridge over A1	This is not fit for purpose and is continuing to be damaged by lorries.	This was an issue put to the Authorities by the outgoing Parish Clerk on many occasions and not resolved.	Response from LCC regarding this longstanding issue.
9	Flooding	<p>The northbound A1 access to the village is still flooding</p> <p>B676 flooding/blocked gullies that have not been cleared of soil/plants/debris and also the blocking of drains from road dressings in 2017 not rectified</p>	These issues are known but not clear if the Authorities have had these reported to them recently?	<p>Works carried out have not been appropriate/sufficient to address the flooding in this area</p> <p>Persistent issue for several years not addressed as soakaways insufficient/non-existent. Flooding now observed to be getting worse running down between Colster Way and Bourne Road Estate; not classed as urgent (i.e., not to the centre of the road) but preventative measures could be taken to minimise risks of more serious flooding in the future?</p>

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