

Colsterworth and District Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 6th June 2017

Public Forum

There were no members of the public present.

Present:

Councillors: D Cox, J Walden, C Atter, C Russell, C Hainsworth, A Carsley, F Selby, G Henton, M Cooper, Bill Scorer, D Colyer

District Councillor Bob Adams

Parish Clerk: Dawn Redmile

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.

1. Apologies for absence and reasons given

Jon Weston, David Bellamy, Alan Wood

2. Chairman's remarks

The Chairman announced the retirement of Councillor Alan Wood. The Parish Council thanked Alan Wood for all his work and considerable contributions to the Councils activities over the years and he was wished a long and relaxing retirement.

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. The minutes 2nd May 2017 were approved.

5. Neighbourhood Plan

Colin Russell reported that we have had our plan approved with minor changes, which were approved by the Parish Council. It will now pass to the elections team to organise a referendum this is expected to be September.

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

- a) Playground inspection reports were distributed to Councillors
- b) Churches together conference – it was decided not to attend on this occasion.
- c) Received quotations for fence extension to Youth Club play area. This was approved in principle pending the Youth Club committee approval.
- d) A quote to put slabs near the memorial bench of £150 received and was approved.

7. Projects/Priorities 2017/18

The stone garage on the High Street has fallen into disrepair and remedial works estimated £600 are needed to make the building safe. The Parish Council has asked our solicitor to write to all interested parties, giving 30 days' notice before these are approved.

8. Group Reports

Road Traffic Group (RTG) report is appended at the foot of these minutes

9. Correspondence

- a) Call to Action – Plunkett Foundation re community cooperatives.
- b) Two NALC Policy Consultations were received today. Future of Localism Commission we are unable to respond as the deadline for response was before we received. Parkrun – as a Parish we do not have facilities relevant to this Consultation so did not feel able to comment as a response.

10. Planning Applications

S17/0979 Mr & Mrs Hart - Proposed 2 storey dwelling rear 15, Stamford Road Colsterworth
 S17/0856 Mr Barry Day- Erection of new shed for storage of timber, Gunby Rd, Sewstern
 S17/0914 Oliver Wood & Jenny Elson – Single storey extension 16 Bourne Rd, Colsterworth
 S16/0870 Mr K Marks – Proposed Totem Sign. The Fox Great North Rd, South Witham.

There were no Appeals or Approvals received.

11. Finance

Accounts for Payment

Cheque No	Supplier	Details	Value £
103440	Mr J Hannam	Leaving Gift	1500.00
103401	LCC	Vehicle Activated Signs	300.00
103402	Parsons Containers Ltd	Document Storage	54.82
103403	Harrison Print	In Touch Printing	500.00
103404	Sir Issac Newton M Hall	Rent	22.50
103405	Rick Webster Garden Maint	Grass Cutting	1305.60
103406	Watmough's Forestry Ltd	Culvert Trees	360.00
103407	Gra's Handyman	Grass Cutting	765.00
103408	Aon Insurance	PC Insurance	709.45
103409	Kevin Atter	Community Cleaners	432.94
103410	Dawn Redmile	Clerks Paye & Expenses	743.05

APPROVED by Parish Council

Summary of Accounts:

Income	573.20
Expenditure	5293.36
Surplus/Deficit	4620.16

HSBC: Community Account Estimated	49975.43
Community Savings Account	4,160.62
Total	£ 54136.05

Included in the above balances:

Community Fund	169.81	
Nature Trail (I Hart tree removal and steps)	1,820.00	
Nature Trail (D Ostler culvert repairs)	1,000.00	
Newton Project	1,000.00	
TOTAL		£3,989.81

Note: Cllr Selby queried that the cheque values had not been totalled and that the income and expenditure seemed not to reflect the year to date position. Clerk assured councillors it would be corrected for the July meeting.

12. Any Other Business

Look at the possibility of children crossing signs on Colster Way with the increased use of the play park.

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.31 pm

Signed

Chairman

THE DATE OF THE NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING IS AT 7.30PM ON THE 4th July 2017

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

	<u>Attended</u>	<u>Apologies</u>	<u>Absent</u>
C Atter	2		
M Cooper	2		
J Weston	1	1	
A Carsley	2		
D Cox	2		
D Bellamy	1	1	
C Russell	2		
J Walden	2		
F Selby	2		
G Henton	2		

B Scorrer	2	
C Hainsworth	2	
D Colyer	1	1

NOTES OF MEETING WITH DVSA – 03 MAY 2017
Colsterworth Police Community Support Office 10.30 – 12.00 noon

Present: David Unsworth, Senior Vehicle Examiner, DVSA
 PCSO Stuart Bowden
 VPCSO, Darren Bills
 Cllr Caroline Hainsworth

- David summarised the role of the DVSA (formerly VOSA). Our Parish sits in the Eastern Traffic Area. Their role is to carry out driving tests, approve people to be driving instructors and MOT testers, carry out tests to make sure lorries and buses are safe to drive and carry out roadside checks on drivers and vehicles.

Essentially the main focus for the DVSA is road safety.

They have the powers to investigate and refer to the Traffic Commissioner. The Police are also able to make direct referrals to the Traffic Commissioner if they so wish and this may affect an Operators Licence.

- Issues discussed included:-

HGV's using roads with a 7.5t limit (e.g., High Street)

DVSA have no direct powers to enforce this. The police do but there are some ways to ensure that educating drivers can minimise some of the problems experienced. Also, the signage was looked at on the B676 approaching the cross roads and some advice was provided re positioning and state of the signs

Sat Navs for routing HGVs

There is currently no requirement to monitor the type of sat nav used (unless they are obscuring the vision of vehicles) but if this is used as an excuse/reason for a contravention of road restrictions this should not be accepted as the driver has the responsibility to drive safely and within the law.

Also, the issue about lorries using the restricted roads for access should also be specific about where they are delivering to.

Size of lorries using "B" roads – Again, there would be issues about enforcement by the police, but it is obvious that large lorries should go more slowly negotiating narrow and winding roads. Advice was provided regarding the criteria to consider and can be found on the internet:

- Environmental impact
- Structural impact
- Other factors such as width of the road, weight limits and nuisance
- Freight planning/recommended routes

Pollution, dirt and debris from lorries

There were particular concerns regarding quarry and waste vehicles.

The pollution aspect is covered by the annual test where the emissions are checked. Between tests, if there are excessively smokey vehicles, then we can call the "Smokey vehicle hotline" on 0300 123 9000 (option 6).

The issues about traffic movements were discussed especially in relation to management plans which should be stipulated at planning stage for specific operations (such as quarries at South Witham and Skillington) and it was acknowledged that access to the A1 was problematic on other routes other than the B676. However, there was an opportunity for communications with contractors around this.

The issue about the build up of grit in the gutters over the southbound bridge was discussed. Unfortunately, this would be considered low priority unless there were accidents as a result of this.

Signage

A walkaround at the crossroads of High Street/Stamford Road and B676 took place and recommendations were made regarding an additional angled sign, cleaning or replacing signs and review instructions for "no turning" on the approach into Colsterworth.

- Other issues were discussed including the signage, particularly at Stainby and recommendations made regarding utilising the moveable signage available across all villages (including North Witham).
- DVSA would consider roadside checks and Mr Unsworth would take a further drive around the areas, particularly around Stainby to look at the feasibility of this.

Cllr Caroline Hainsworth
04 May 2017