

## **Colsterworth and District Parish Council**

### **Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 1st December 2015**

#### **Public Forum**

There were three members of the public present.

#### **Present:**

Councillors: J Weston, A Carsley, C Atter, D Hamilton-Hinds, M Cooper, A Wood, D Cox, F Selby, D Bellamy, J Walden, C Russell, G Henton

District and County 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.

Prior to the meeting:

- a) John Barker (Tillbridge Developments) briefed the council on the CO-OP exhibition to be held the following day in the Colsterworth Village Hall.
- b) PCSO Stuart Bowden updated the council on local crime (report in the “In Touch” magazine).
- c) Liz Kunen (Project Coordinator – Neighbourhood Plan) gave an update on progress. The work group recently met with Bob Keith to review the draft aims and policies. Subsequently it was agreed for Bob to use the input collected to write the draft plan. This will be reviewed by the work group on 14<sup>th</sup> December.

#### **1. Apologies for absence and reasons given**

Councillor E Chapman (work)

**Absent:** None

#### **2. Chairman’s remarks**

None

#### **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. These were agreed.

#### **5. Co-option for casual vacancy**

Mr Bill Scorrer was co-opted as councillor for Colsterworth Parish.

#### **6. Queen’s 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebrations – 12<sup>th</sup> June 2016**

Councillors confirmed that the council would be pleased to support events being organised by various groups in the village.

#### **7. Set Precept 2016 – 2017**

The basis for the calculation of the local council tax base changed following the introduction of the Localised Council Tax support scheme. This scheme has the effect of reducing the tax base in the parish by removing those residents who received this support. Given that the Council Tax base has reduced, this will also impact on the Council tax charge that we precept locally as there will be less average Band D properties from which to levy the charge upon. In addition the Central Government Revenue Support Grant (RSG) designed to mitigate this is being phased out between now and 2021. Therefore in considering the makeup of the precept the council should allow for the reduction in grant. The clerk recommended that the precept increase by 1.95% which will allow for this and compensate for increases in maintenance costs next year.

#### **8. Clerk’s Report and items arising from the Minutes**

- a) Defibrillators. The new defibrillator for the Youth Club/Littlelegs building on Colster Way has been installed – it will be activated shortly by Community Heartbeat Trust.
- b) Work to reduce the height and width of the Yew trees at St Mary’s church North Witham will be completed over three years as advised by the Lincoln Diocesan arboriculturalist. The yew trees will look a “little sad” but will recover. It is important thereafter that they are maintained regularly. Being a “closed cemetery” the parish council will recover the costs from SKDC.

- c) War memorial. Remedial repair work is awaited from Skillington Workshop Ltd. Clerk will chase again.
- d) Christmas lights have been put on the Yew trees in St John the Baptist church. Switch on will be Friday December 4<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm.
- e) Larkfleet Homes development on land at Bridge End 48 dwellings. The Larkfleet Homes/SKDC Section 106 agreement "Head of Terms".
- i) £34,460 to be used towards upgrading existing recreational facilities in the village
  - ii) 35% affordable housing (16 dwellings) to be provided on site
- These obligations are considered to fit the statutory tests of Section 122 of the Community Infrastructure Levy Regulations (2010) (AS Amended).
- The NHS has requested a S106 contribution of £45,200 towards healthcare facilities in the area. However, following recent case law and changes to government guidance on planning obligations, it is considered that such a contribution would not fit the statutory tests of Section 122 of the Community Infrastructure Levy Regulations (2010) (As Amended) and therefore cannot be justified.
- f) Pensions Regulator – Workplace Pensions. The clerk has advised staff of eligibility.
- g) Colster Way green. Wicksteed Leisure have been asked to provide ideas for upgrade of the play area and provision of junior football arena/play equipment.

## 9. Neighbourhood Plan – report made prior to the meeting.

## 10. Group Reports

Youth Club - Councillor Alan Wood and the parish clerk will meet in January to discuss ongoing administration.

## 11. Correspondence

LCC Minerals and Waste Local Plan Consultation on proposed modifications to the core strategy and development management policies

LCC Highways Temporary road closure Brunel Avenue postponed. New dates to be advised.

## 12. Planning Applications

### LCC PLANNING

The following applications were received:

None

### SKDC PLANNING

The following applications were received:

S/15/3051 Mr G Henton Retention of and alteration to existing unauthorised dwelling including attention to roof (hips instead of gables), additional landscaping and revised boundary treatment. Daraton, 36 Newton Way, Woolsthorpe by Colsterworth

### SKDC Planning Permission Approval

S15/2614/TCA Mr W Senescall Pruning of two apple trees, reducing height of boundary hedge and re-pollarding of one Holy tree and Yew tree, 39 Newton Way, Woolsthorpe by Colsterworth

S15/2634 Mr P Southerington Erection of 2.4metre high palisade fencing to eastern, southern and western side boundaries. Bourne Road, Colsterworth

S13/1931/MJRF Mark Mann, Larkfleet Homes Erection of 48 dwellings, garages and associated infrastructure. Land at Bridge End, Colsterworth

### SKDC Public Speaking at Development Control Committee 8<sup>th</sup> December 2015 with regard to:

S/15/3051 Mr G Henton Retention of and alteration to existing unauthorised dwelling including attention to roof (hips instead of gables), additional landscaping and revised boundary treatment. Daraton, 36 Newton Way, Woolsthorpe by Colsterworth

### SKDC Planning Refusal

None

### LCC Planning Approval

None

## 13. FINANCE:

### Accounts for Payment

CHEQUE NUMBER	SUPPLIER	DETAILS	VALUE £'s
103197	K Atter/M Robertshaw	Community cleaners	387.60
103198	JR Hannam	Clerk's salary and expenses	713.97
103199	Liz Kunen	Neighbourhood Plan expenses	158.94

103200	G Brumpton	Village maintenance	100.00
103201	Brady Corp Ltd (Seton)	Dog signs	103.74
103202	WG Harrison Ltd	In Touch	239.00
103203	Community Heartbeat Trust	Defibrillator – Youth Club	1968.00
103204	Rick Webster Grounds Maintenance	Grass cutting	703.20
103205	Festive Lights (JH)	Christmas light bulbs	74.03
103206	D Hamilton-Hinds	Editor In Touch Aug/Sept/Oct	150.00
103207	D Hamilton-Hinds	Chairman's allowance 2015/2016	50.00
103208	Community Heartbeat Trust	Defibrillator overhead light (YC)	60.00
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£ 4,708.48</b>

**APPROVED by Parish Council**

**Summary of Accounts:**

Income	50,142.86
Expenditure	34,939.38
Excess Income over Expenditure	<b>£ 15,203.48</b>

**Bank balances at 30th November 2015**

HSBC: Community Account	33,619.52
Community Savings Account	34,116.18
<b>Total</b>	<b>£ 67,735.70</b>

**Included in the above balances:**

<b>Neighbourhood Plan</b>	<b>3,896.32</b>
<b>Community Fund</b>	<b>1,779.81</b>
<b>Recreational Fund</b>	<b>5,865.75</b>
<b>Newton Project</b>	<b>1,000.00</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£12,541.88</b>

**Not included in above balances:**

**Memo: reported balance of Youth Club Funds £4,846.35**

**14. Matters requiring attention (e.g. potholes and faulty streetlights)**

**Street light: Woodlands Drive**

**Potholes: B676 Stainby nr crossroads; Post Lane between Colsterworth and North Witham**

**Horse chestnut adj. to 11 & 13 Woodlands Drive**

**A1 Truckstop: HGV car park flood light needs turning away from main road**

**Road sweeping: several roads heavy in fallen leaves**

**PF 19-jitty footpath – leaves**

**PF 13 kissing gates requested**

**Old Post Lane – overhanging hedges**

**15. Any Other Business**

**None**

**There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.22 pm**

**Signed Chairman**

**THE DATE OF THE NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING IS AT  
7.30PM ON THE 2nd February 2016**

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

	<u>Attended</u>	<u>Apologies</u>	<u>Absent</u>
C Atter	7		
M Cooper	7		
A Wood	7		
E Chapman	4	1	2
D Hamilton-Hinds	7		
J Weston	6	1	
A Carsley	5	2	
D Cox	7		
D Bellamy	6	1	
C Russell	6	1	
J Walden	6	1	
F Selby	6	1	
G Henton	4		1