

Colsterworth and District Parish Council

Notes of the meeting held on Tuesday 2nd December 2014

Public Forum

There were 4 members of the public present.

Present:

Councillors: C Atter, D Hamilton-Hinds, M Cooper, C Russell, A Wood, A Carsley, B Scorrer, J Walden, D Cox, J Clark, J Weston

District and County Councillor Bob Adams

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.

1. Apologies for absence and reasons given

Councillors F Selby (medical), I Greenwood (work)

District Councillor Martin Wilkins (South Witham PC meeting)

Absent: Councillor P Cox

2. Chairman's remarks

The Chairman wished all a Happy Christmas and New Year.

PCSO Stuart Bowden updated the council as to police matters in the villages.

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

Councillor J Weston declared an interest in Agenda item 7.

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. St John the Baptist Church "Newton Project"

Peter de Voil updated the council on progress of the project and provided insight to the aims and objectives of the committee.

6. Set Parish Precept 2015 - 2016

The clerk recommended a modest inflationary increase of 1.3% in the precept in line with the reported October Consumer Price Index (CPI). Current annual precept is £28,760 and would move to £29,133 (Band D equivalent from £38.70 to £39.20 per year). All agreed.

7. Public footpaths 14 and 1

Lincolnshire County Council has issued a proposed to modify the Definitive Rights of Way map. The proposal will delete Colsterworth footpath No 14/Gunby & Stainby Footpath 1 (part) and realign Gunby & Stainby Footpath 1 (part). Public footpath 14 runs from Water Lane, Woolsthorpe by Colsterworth westwards to the Skillington Road to join with public footpath 1 to Buckminster. The parish council will object to the proposal. It is important that our public footpaths are retained. This will result in an independent public enquiry. The onus is on the landowners to prove that public footpath 14 should not be on the Definitive Rights of Way map.

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

a) Colster Way green. Land Registry – legalities are taking slightly longer than expected. New swing seat in the children's playground has been fitted.

b) Larkfleet Homes. A meeting with Larkfleet Homes representative to discuss the latest plans for the Bridge End development was not productive. However SKDC Planning department has apparently had several meetings with Larkfleet Homes over the last 16 months but have NOT had the courtesy to involve the parish council to seek our views. The clerk has written to the Chief Executive Beverly Agass SKDC regarding the lack of consultation by SKDC Planning department.

c) Bridge End hedges. Quotes to cut the hedges on the east side of the High Street/Bridge End are being sought.

d) Office filing cabinet. The clerk's request for an additional filing cabinet was approved.

9. Neighbourhood Plan

Madeleine Smith and Ann de Voil briefed the council on the progress of the Neighbourhood Plan. In particular they recommended that a "Landscape Character Assessment" should be carried out and is considered to be an essential part of the Neighbourhood Plan. The cost would be in the region of £4,500. The council has requested at least two quotations.

Of the original government Community Development grant of £4338 there is £688 remaining. The parish council will need to reapply for further funding. If unsuccessful this may have to be funded from parish funds.

10. Group Reports

Councillor Alan Wood regrettably informed the parish council that the Youth Club will close at the end of the year due to lack of members and adult volunteers.

11. Correspondence

LCC Traffic Orders Temporary Road closure, Water Lane, Woolsthorpe by Colsterworth 5 Dec 2014
Lincolnshire Police Restorative Justice

12. Planning Applications

LCC PLANNING

The following applications were received:

None

SKDC PLANNING

The following applications were received:

S14/1921/HSH Mr Ken Smithers Erection of outbuildings and terracing and garden, 33a Newton Way
Woolsthorpe by Colsterworth

S14/3272/HSH Mr & Mrs C Tombs Roof alterations, re-cladding building in natural stone, replacement
windows. Stonebridge House, Main Street, Gunby

S14/3248/HSH Mr Andy Walker Single storey rear extension to dwelling, 19 Back Lane, Colsterworth

S14/3187/HSH Mrs M Dekanski Single storey rear extension to dwelling, 34 Colster Way, Colsterworth

SKDC Notification of Appeal

Mr G Henton, Daraton 2000 Ltd Revisions to dwelling (amended version of dwelling on plots 5, 4, and 3)

SKDC Planning Permission Approval

S14/1446/DC Mr John Wand, Colsterworth Properties Ltd. Approval of details required by Condition 3
(drainage), 4 (materials, 5 (landscaping) and 10 (Archaeological Watching Brief) of
S14/0055/FULL. Travelodge, Great North Road, Colsterworth

S14/2691/HSH Mr Ray Cox, single storey side and rear extensions with roof lights, 8 Northern's Close,
North Witham

SKDC Planning Refusal

None

SKDC Planning Withdrawal

None

LCC Planning Approval

None

13. FINANCE:

Accounts for Payment

CHEQUE NUMBER	SUPPLIER	DETAILS	VALUE £'s
103075	K Atter/M Robertshaw	Community Cleaners (Nov)	374.26
103076	JR Hannam	Clerk's salary & Expenses	854.88
103077	Festive lights (JH)	Bulbs/cable	80.68
103078	Mrs M Smith	Neighbourhood Plan	70.00
103079	Mrs A de Voil	" "	257.78
103080	Ross Thain & Co Ltd	" "	984.00
103081	Eurooffice Ltd	Stationery	6.94
103082	Twyford Coach Works Ltd	Nature trail information board	540.00
103083	Royal Mail Group	Postage (NP)	6.01
103084	Rick Webster	Grass cutting	306.00
103085	Grantham & District Neigh. Watch	grant	500.00

103086	WG Harrison Ltd	In Touch/Neigh Plan leaflets	298.00
103087	Fenland Leisure Ltd (JH)	Play area swing spares	196.80
103088	Gunby PCC	grant	150.00
103089	Stainby PCC	grant	150.00
103090	D Hamilton-Hinds	Chairman's annual allowance	50.00
103091	G Brumpton	Village maintenance	370.00
103092	Post Office Ltd	400 2 nd class stamps (NP)	212.00
		TOTAL	£ 5,407.35

APPROVED by Parish Council

Summary of Accounts:

Income	47,466.57
Expenditure	53,799.55
Excess Income over Expenditure	£ - 6,332.98

Bank balances at 30th November 2014

HSBC: Community Account	22,901.34
High Interest Account	34,083.93
Total	£ 56,985.27

Included in the above balances:

Neighbourhood Plan Fund	688.13
Community Fund	914.31
Recreational Fund	5,865.75
Newton Project	1,000.00
TOTAL	£ 8,468.19

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

- footpath tree root damage – Chestnut Grove and Woodlands Drive
- flooding B6403/A1 junction
- Jitty – grass cut back
- Woolsthorpe Road (nr River Witham bridge) – grip needs replacing
- Reeds Lane – verge repairs
- Middle Street, Stainby trees
- Brunel Avenue - repairs to road narrowing section and reflective signs required

15. Any Other Business

None

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.15 pm

Signed

Chairman

**THE DATE OF THE NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING IS AT
7.30PM ON THE 3rd February 2014**

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

	<u>Attended</u>	<u>Apologies</u>	<u>Absent</u>
C Atter	6		
M Cooper	6		
A Wood	6		
I Greenwood	5	1	
D Hamilton-Hinds	6		
J Weston	5	1	
A Carsley	5	1	
D Cox	5	1	
P Cox		3	3
B Palmer	1		
C Russell	6		
W Scorrer	6		
J Clark	2	4	
J Walden	4	2	
F Selby	2	1	