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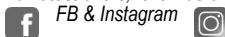
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Public Forum

There were three members of the public present representing Distinctive Developments House Builders who spoke in support of their proposed small housing development at North Witham and answered questions from the Cllrs.

Chairperson Remarks

Chairperson Cllr Caroline Hainsworth welcomed everyone back to the Council for the 2021 year and acknowledged that the year of 2020 had been a difficult year for everyone. She thanked the Clerk for setting up remote Zoom meetings and keeping the Council business going. All Cllr's were reminded of their responsibilities as Cllr's to treat people with respect and kindness.

County/District Councillor Report

District Councillor Bellamy made the following reports: -

- There was nothing to report other than that the SKDC Planning Department was busy.
- Planning application S20/0345 had been amended slightly for access and would be going to the SKDC Planning Committee on 17th February 2021.
- Planning application PL/0004/21 recycling centre at South Witham had the potential to increase traffic through the Parish's.

The previous and recent flooding at Bourne Road Estate, Colsterworth will be taken forward with LCC Highways.

North Witham Play Equipment

The FCC Recycling (UK) formal Funding Agreement for FC-1781 Grant has been signed by the Clerk as signatory. Work on the new play equipment is hoped to be started soon.

Allotment Rents –

- It was agreed to increase the current allotment rents to cover additional maintenance costs by £2.50 per half allotment to £17.50 and the paddock rent by £25.00 to £525.00 as recommended by the Clerk at their Annual Renewal in April 2021.
- It was agreed for the use of hose pipes at Stamford Road allotments to revert to for filling water butts only, due to the excessive water usage during the six-month trial period from Agenda item July 2020.38. If you would like to be added to the waiting list for an allotment then please contact the Clerk. Email clerk@colsterworthanddistpc.co.uk or Tel: **01476 861888**.

In Touch Advertising -

It was agreed to increase the current In Touch advertising rates from £55.00 to £57.00 for a small ad, from £110.00 to £114.00 for a double ad as recommended by the Clerk to reduce the council's subsidy to its running costs at their renewal in April 2021.

Updates for Council administration

1. It was agreed to increase the Clerk's online daily payment limit to £750 to reduce cheque handling during the COVID-19 Pandemic.
2. Resolved to adopt the email disclaimer (Action plan February 2021)
3. The following Policies were adopted:-
 - CAD Co-option Policy.
 - CAD Remote Meeting protocol.
 - CAD Media Policy

4. Accounts for Payment. All were approved by Council.

Highways and Footpaths Working Group

White Gates Project – Research continues..

Environment and Amenities Working Group

1. **War Memorial.** Remains COVID-19 affected.

General Correspondence

Council received details of correspondence received across the Parish ranging from, blocked drains, potholes, litter, fly tipping, overgrown trees and hedges.

Nature Trail

The COVID Government Guidelines and recent severe weather conditions have prevented the volunteers working but the Lead Ranger Mo Taylor hopes to resume volunteering activities subject to Government guidelines soon.

Planning

Planning Committee Report 12/01/2021– The planning committee recommendations were accepted.

S20/2084 - Erection of an additional dwelling with detached garage on an additional 6th plot (to rear of development previously approved under S19/1709)
Location: Woodyard to the Rear Of 13-17 Stamford Road, Colsterworth, NG33 5LD,

S20/1820 - Change of use from a dwelling house into a small children's home that will cater for up to four children.
Grange Farm, South Witham Road, North Witham, NG33 5LA.

SKDC Applications

S20/2108 - Details of the reserved matters for i. Layout; ii. Scale; iii. Appearance

Jubilee Park , Honey Pot Lane, Colsterworth, NG33 5LZ

S21/0069 - Renovation, alterations and link extension to outbuildings to form ancillary Annexe. The Old Rectory, Hall Lane, Stainby, Lincolnshire, NG33 5QX

S21/0101 - Erection of porch. 22, Bourne Road, Colsterworth, NG33 5JE

SKDC Planning Approval

S21/0070 - Work to trees Woolsthorpe Manor, 23 Newton Way, Woolsthorpe By Colsterworth, Lincolnshire, NG33 5NR

SKDC Appeal

S20/0094 - Planning Application Appeal Notification. 5 Manor Farm Mews High Street Colsterworth

LCC Planning Permission

S20/1900 / PL/0111/20 - For the erection of plant and ancillary development, including some stockpiling, to facilitate the importation and processing of reject and used asphalt to produce recycled asphalt at The Old Pig Farm, Honey Pot Lane, Colsterworth

Matters requiring attention such as potholes and faulty streetlights.

- The Clerk to express the sincere condolences of the whole Council to County Councillor Adams and family due to their recent bereavement.

- The Clerk to investigate having the street-lamp outside the new Co-op upgraded to give a brighter illumination.

THE NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE AT 7.30pm AT COLSTERWORTH VILLAGE HALL ON 2nd MARCH 2021

PCSO Bowden's Report

Police Priorities

There is a new plan within the Neighbourhood Policing aspect of Lincolnshire Police, this is where in conjunction with local residents and groups a single priority is selected for a 3 month period (April – June).

The aim is to focus their limited resources at this issue and attempt to resolve it, rather than continuously responding to it on a single event repeatedly.

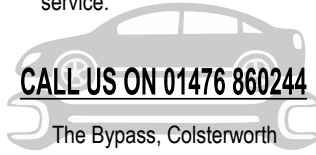


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Bootcamp	<i>John Crewe</i>	01780 460017
Bowls Club (Chairman)	<i>Barrie Grosse</i>	01476 860756
Bowls Club (Captain)	<i>Kevin Atter</i>	07834 815076
Brownies	<i>Ruth Hollis</i>	01476 860463
Churches N Witham, S Witham	<i>Rev'd Graham Buckle</i>	01572 767236
Colsterworth Festival of Performing Arts	<i>Julia Kerby</i>	01476 860329
Colsterworth and District Parish	<i>Sue Grant</i>	01476 861888
Council - Lincolnshire C.C.		01522 552222
Council South Kesteven District		01476 406080
Councillor SKDC & LCC	<i>Bob Adams</i>	01476 530329
Councillor SKDC	<i>Andrea Webster</i>	01476 870738
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Gas Emergencies		0800 111999
Highways, Lincolnshire C.C.		01522782070
Ingle Charity Correspondent	<i>Margaret Winn</i>	01476860404
Kurling	<i>Brian Ostler</i>	01476 860465
Little Legs Nursery	<i>Sarah Moore</i>	01476 860053
Luncheon Club	<i>June Jessop</i>	01476 861400
Mobile Post Office	<i>Andy</i>	01778 570221
Neighbourhood Watch Colsterworth	<i>Steve Bill</i>	01476 861399
Newton's Players	<i>Hazel Taylor</i>	01476 860605
Petanque	<i>Liz Kunen</i>	01476 862011
Police Non- Emergency		101
PCSO	<i>Stuart Bowden</i>	07973 844861
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School, Colsterworth C of E Primary		01476 860569
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South Witham Children's Centre	<i>Claire Hilliam</i>	01572768876
Sports and Social Club	<i>Rose Wood</i>	01476 860487
Village Archive Group	<i>Margaret Winn</i>	01476 860404
Village Hall, Colsterworth	<i>Eileen Lewendon</i>	01476 860459
Village Hall, North Witham	<i>Jane Hawksworth</i>	07778 393872
White Lion, Colsterworth	<i>Madeleine Smith</i>	01476 861466
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INSPIRING WOMEN

They've done it again! You know who I mean, the Chuckle Brothers, Johnson and Hancock, going to announce the new set of regulations on the 22nd February. Why do they always do it after the deadline of our In Touch? Who lets them in on our Stuart's deadline just so that we can't say that we shall be meeting on the 16th of March when we are out of lockdown and all other restrictions are lifted on the 22nd? Mind you, I can't see that we shall be meeting on the 16th, so soon after the children are back at school, although I don't mind them changing their minds. After asking our members last month if they would like could have a zoom meeting, I only received one answer to the question, so I take it that it's a NO then.

It should have been our meeting today, as I write this, and we all received our fourth goody bag. In it was the usual tea bag, a snack size of Border Shortbread biscuits, mine weren't the same as I had last time, the Viennese whirls, but just as delicious. Helen was able to source the whirls and found them at Morrisons and this time dipped in chocolate (and got me two packets) even more naughty than the first I'd had. There are quizzes galore and results of last month's posers. Did you get them all right, even the marigold with the missing 0? Well done if you did. Our task this month is to complete a felt daffodil brooch from a kit. Thanks to our delivery girls, who must have been thankful that the thaw had come at the right time.

We hope that you were all able to cope with the snow and ice and didn't have trouble with the heating. British Gas, despite their current advert on TV weren't so obliging as they make out. With a bit of ingenuity I managed and with talk of non-renewal of contract seemed to do the trick and may have changed their attitude.

News from the Federation, I received notice that there are 16 observer tickets up for grabs for the National Annual Meeting on the 8th June at the Royal Albert Hall (Johnson and Hancock permitting). Trouble was, I only received notification on the closing date. I presume it will go to ballot. It is a cheap trip this time, back to basics as it used to be, although we used to go by train, no hotel to pay for. It was quite an experience singing Jerusalem making the hairs on the back of your neck stand up. It wasn't quite the same in Leeds, the last time that I went as delegate. I'm

looking forward to seeing which resolution or resolutions we voted for were successful to be proposed at the meeting.










I hope that you have decided who is going to get vote for the new NFWI Board 2021-2023. JUST 17 candidates. Of which we can vote for 12. Let me have your thoughts and votes please, I have to have all votes in so that I can meet the deadline of 31st March. I notice that there are only about three or four candidates who live North of our Federation, if that. The names of all candidates are listed on pages 35-39 in the current magazine. Have a look and let me know please.

Remember that we put out an appeal for stem cell donors a couple of months ago? There was news in the press that another appeal had been successful. Not only that there was news of a family who had donated their relatives organs five years ago and had been told that the recipient was still doing well and they were all hoping to meet up very soon. I told you that it was a worthy cause and very satisfying. Go on lads, pick up the phone or log on. You know it makes sense. Right, I'm about out of words again, leave it out, I know when my waffle begins to grate, sorry. Oh just one other thing, the alarm clock, it's not only my alarm clock, it's most of Bridge End's apparently. Pity that Dr Roger Mudford left Woolsthorpe when he sold his house to Fred and Olive Adams. Roger would have known how to switch it off, just like dear old Barbara Woodhouse would have done.

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Dot Williams

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NATURAL HISTORY BULLETIN

Feeding birds is particularly important in the latter part of winter when other sources of berries and seeds have been used up and there are few insects about. By observing their feeding behaviour we can make improvements on how we support them. Some like the blackbird and chaffinch prefer feeding on the ground. Others like the tits are nimble on hanging feeders. Dunnock and Wren benefit from small items tucked away. Protein is in short supply. Two birds have contrasting ways of obtaining this. Pied wagtails will run along open ground catching winter gnats.



The Song Thrush will change from seeking worms when snails are about. To crack the shells it will break them on a stone, often called 'the thrushes anvil', leaving evidence in the broken shells. All these instances and more have been reported in February. In spite of the snow and extreme cold some bird song has herald the beginnings of the mating season.

It has been a month of contrasts. On 5th February it was 8C. When the sun came out a flowering evergreen shrub became the centre of interest as about a dozen 7-spot ladybirds climbed out of its branches, returning to the warmer depth as the sun went in.

A shield bug in its winter brown livery was discovered half hidden by a leaf. Two kinds of hover fly explored the flowers – just one specimen of each kind, not caught, even on camera for a photograph but hovering obligingly above the flowers. Bluebottles were more readily identifiable, their shining abdomens catching the light, a smaller greenbottle amongst them. These may all be common species but remarkable in their ability to remain active in their adult form in winter.

Flowering plants are later this year. The first Lesser Celandine seen a month later than last year. This plant can go unnoticed on dull days as like many flowers it protects its fertile parts and opens up again when the insect pollinators are about. No bees about at the time of writing (mid February) so they are later this year.



There have been many interesting observations this month (others saved to write about another time). An injured redwing is at a rehabilitation centre in South Witham from where it is hoped to be released as soon as it has recovered. From the same garden, the very welcome and increasingly scarce sight of a 'charm' of goldfinches on the feeders. The inquisitive and inventive antics of a grey squirrel, including the inspection of an owl box was taken over by a jackdaw. An illustrated Puffin book printed in the 1950s gives instructions for making an owl box suitable for both owls or jackdaws. A snatch of skylark song was more unusual than the first songs of Dunnock, Blackbird and Song Thrush.

To Look For in March Coltsfoot, Primrose, Violets. Bird song and nesting. The first of the Spring Fungi. Hares boxing in the fields. Frogs returning to the ponds. I look forward to all your records and observations at 61 Woolsthorpe Road, 860465 e-mail jnostler@hotmail.co.uk

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Kay Innes



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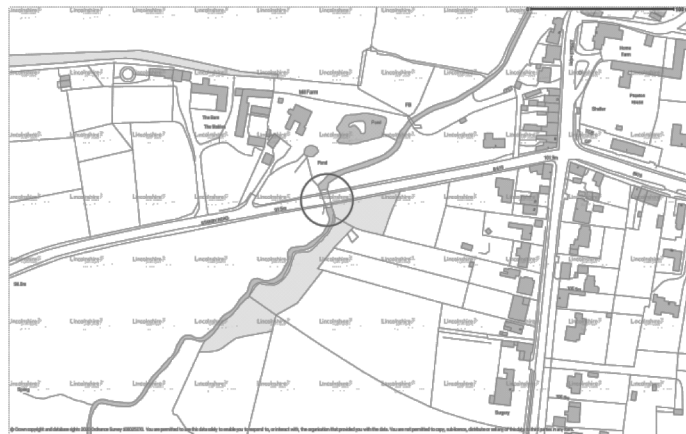
For nearly 32 years, she lived in Colsterworth and was a prominent member of the community, particularly in helping to organise the amateur dramatic productions. She was Head of Costume but she also directed and had small walk on parts when the script called for 'an old woman' as she used to put it! Kay also was a talented artist and much of her work is in houses in the village.

We celebrate and remember the life she had, lucky to have had so many memories and years together. She welcomed four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren and was very proud of everything her daughters, Sue and Sally, have accomplished in their lives.

Sally Sturley (her daughter)

Advance road works notice from Lincolnshire County Council (LCC).

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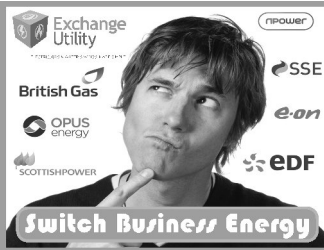
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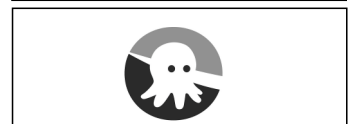
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We are hopeful that we can return to attended services and the following are planned:

14 th March	11:00am	Mothering Sunday Service	Colsterworth
21 st March	11:00am	Holy Communion	Colsterworth
28 th March	11:00am	Palm Sunday Communion	Colsterworth

Services will be livestreamed, as will a non attended service each Sunday morning at 11:00 with advance notice on social media.

Colsterworth church will continue to OPEN DAILY 10.00am – 4.00pm for private prayer and meditation. Revd Neil is also normally in the church Tuesday, Thursday and Friday at 9.00am for about 30 mins for anyone who would like to see him.

When in the church, please wear a face covering, respect the personal space of others, avoid touching surfaces and observe the taped off areas. Hand sanitiser is available. These arrangements accord with Government and Archbishops guidance.

Our thanks to all who have donated to the Foodbank or Nurses it is much appreciated
ALL ARE WELCOME

For up to date information, please consult www.colsterworth5.org.uk or church notice boards



COLSTERWORTH POLICE OFFICE

The opening of the Police Office to the community continues to be suspended.

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Pamela Harrison – **01476 861864**

A warm welcome to all our services and events



March 2021

Our services for March are:

Date	Time	Service	Preacher
7th	10:30am	On Zoom	Geoff Cawthorn
14th	10:30am	On Zoom	Rev'd Nel Shallow
21st	10:30am	On Zoom	Ruth Hinch
28th	10:30am	On Zoom	Sue Barnes

Whilst our services and events held in the church building are suspended until further notice, we are holding a Zoom Church Service at 10.30a.m. every Sunday. If you are interested in joining our service, please email helenscorror@outlook.com or phone **01476 860126** for more details.

Messy Church – Wednesday 10th March at 4.00pm on zoom. For children of Primary School age (and their siblings) accompanied by a parent/carer. This is a churches together project led by Rev'd Neil Griffiths. For more details contact Neil on **01476 860630**.

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Weekly			
Mondays	10am-noon	Kurling	Village Hall
	1:30pm-3pm	Parent & Toddler Group (Term time)	Village Hall
	5.30-7pm	Brownies	Village Hall
	7.15pm	Bell Ringers	Church
Tuesdays	6-7pm	Yoga	Methodist Church
Wednesdays	11.30am-12.30pm	Vitality Movement and Music	Village Hall
	11am-1pm	Open Door (2 nd & 4 th Weeks)	Methodist Church
	7.30-8.30pm	Bootcamp	Village Hall
Thursdays	10am-noon	Kurling	Village Hall
	5.30-7pm	Beavers/Cubs (Term time)	Village Hall
Fridays	7.30-9.30pm	Fortnightly Bingo	Sports & Social Club
Saturdays	10am-12	Football Coaching	Sports Field

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