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Parish Council Report

Parish Clerk - 01476 861888
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HEADLINES FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY 5TH MAY 2020

This was the first remote Annual General Parish Council meeting through the Zoom video and audio communications system.

Public Forum

There were no members of the public in attendance.

Chairperson Remarks

Chair of the Council Caroline Hainsworth opened the meeting at 7.35pm and started by acknowledging that these were strange times. She thanked the Clerk for putting together the remote Annual General Parish Council meeting and all Councillors who were able to join the meeting. Chairperson Hainsworth confirmed that the change in legislation allowing Parish Councils to meet remotely did not extend to the Annual Parish Meeting and closed her remarks by hoping that everyone was keeping well.

Election of Chair and Vice Chair of the Council

It was unanimously agreed that the current Chair of the Council Councillor C Hainsworth and Vice Chair Councillor Ramage remain as Chair and Vice Chair of the Council.

Election of Lead Councillors for:

▣ Finance and Administration Committee
Councillors A Bouvie, L McShane, M Ramage and C Hainsworth were duly elected.

▣ Environment and Amenities Working Party
It was agreed to keep the current members Councillor's C Russell and M Ramage with the addition of Councillor D. Cox.

▣ Highways and Footpaths Working Party
It was agreed to keep the current members Councillors C Hainsworth, L Bennett and J Clark.

County/District Councillor Report

District Councillor Bellamy made the following reports:-

▣ South Kesteven District Council (SKDC) had set up a portal for people that needed help. Three thousand letters have been sent out to people identified as vulnerable and a database of volunteers who would provide help had also been set up.

▣ SKDC had had been successful in getting out its Small Business Grants (not COVID-19 related).

▣ The first Planning Committee meetings since the start of the Pandemic were scheduled for the following week but he was not aware that these included any local planning to Colsterworth and District.

Updates for Council administration

The following policies were reviewed and unanimously agreed.

1. Draft CAD Delegation Flow Chart May 2020.
2. Draft Standing Orders May 2020.
3. Draft Financial Regulations May 2020.

It was unanimously agreed to defer The Draft Code of Conduct to a later meeting to be consulted along with the Social Media and Communications policy.

Parish Council Insurance Renewal - Unanimously agreed to renew with the existing insurers BHIB who continue to offer good cover and service levels at a competitive premium.

External Audit

The Annual Governance Statement section 1 was approved.

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The Accounting Statement 2019/2020 was approved.

Finance

Accounts for payment were approved by Council.

It was agreed to transfer £10,000 from the Community Bank Account to the Community Savings Account.

Playgrounds remain closed - Playgrounds at Colster Way, Old Post Lane, Woolsthorpe Road and North Witham remain closed until further notice as per the Government guidance.

Highways and Footpaths

Colsterworth Public Footpath No 3. The steps next to the old railway line have now been repaired

Fix my street repairs scheduled - Repairs may take longer than usual Due to the COVID-19 pandemic

All Parish Council Projects are currently on hold due to the Coronavirus Pandemic.

General Correspondence

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

Colsterworth Resilience Forum

A big thank you to the Colsterworth Resilience Forum volunteers, central co-ordinator Helen Bill and husband Steve for the continue support and assistance they are providing to vulnerable people. It is great to see how the people of Colsterworth and District are pulling together as we live through this pandemic.

Planning SKDC Applications

S20/0456 - Rear single storey extension & bay window. 15 Hawking Close, Colsterworth, Lincolnshire, NG33 5GG,

SKDC Approval

S20/0319 - Demolish of lean-to and erection of porch, render side and partial front wall, removal of apple tree.

2 Water Lane Woolsthorpe By Colsterworth, NG33 5PD

S20/0642 - T1 (Silver Birch)- propose to reduce the crown by up to 4M and reduce

lateral growth back to viable growth back to viable growth points.43 Newton Way, Woolsthorpe By Colsterworth, Lincolnshire, NG33 5NP.

S20/0331 - Erection of first floor side extension.16 Pasture Close Colsterworth, Lincolnshire NG33 5NA

None

SKDC Withdrawal

None

LCC Planning

None

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More information on the Government guidance on Coronavirus can be found on the following web site.

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Look at what we could have done these past few weeks, but first let me tell you what we did do way back before all this isolation began. Sorry that it has taken me so long, but put it down to being rushed to catch the deadline last time I put pen to paper and possibly down to a spot of youth deficiency, anyway, five of us went to Spalding to the Federation's Annual Meeting. We heard the reports of the various sections of the organisation with the chilling report that not enough of us are supporting their efforts to educate us in various activities. So ladies, when we are offered these lessons, educational visits could you think about supporting the committee's efforts. The lunches with an entertaining speaker afterwards are always popular, the archery was a hoot, the cookery are among the ones which we have enjoyed. Certainly the speakers at the annual meeting were excellent, the work of the LIVES charity, the owner and former editor of the Lincolnshire Life and a very entertaining vicar returning with yet another one of her talks on her exploits in the job. This time it was the trials and tribulations of a wedding service. All this followed by a most entertaining singer of international fame telling us of his exploits on the stage, lacing the talk with some excellent singing....pure magic. Then BANG, into lockdown we went and everything the executive committee had arranged for us, gone by the board, our own programme thrown into limbo. But let me tell you what we could have done. We could have had our AGM, we could have caught up with the work of the Woodland Trust, especially as the guest speaker had had to pull out of her talk last year owing to being too stretched at work. That would have been in April but as we go to press we should have been welcoming Keith Hanson, late of this parish but now retired from his occupation as a Yeoman Warder at the Tower of London. This time he was going to tell us about the Ghostly goings on in the Tower. He was as disappointed as we were to have to postpone. By the way, did you follow the recent series on TV about the Tower earlier this year. It was very nice to see Moira, the first female warder to be appointed a Warder, she was featured a couple of times in the programme. She, of course, came with Keith the first time he visited our Institute all those years ago. So when all these shenanigans about staying in is over, he has agreed to come at a later date. We haven't been idle during lockdown, gardens have never been so cherished, needles, both knitting and sewing, have been busy. With county events as well as the Lincolnshire Show being cancelled our creative talents would have been in

limbo but for the Make Bake and Show event in October at Navenby. Fingerr crossed that too hasn't gone the way of all the other events. So those of us flushed with the success of two years ago are hoping that by then we will be out of the dreaded lockdown. My parole date is July 12th because the letter supposedly from the Government or whoever put pen to paper wasn't delivered until 19th April and I had already served seven weeks in isolation following the elastic being twanged by the hospital, so (feel hard done by and as soon as Mr Johnson says "On your mark" I shall be off like a shot to the hairdresser!!

Now, our June meeting, should it go ahead will be appropriate, "Missing Persons" is the title of ex-policeman Steve Seabrook's talk. He is another speaker we found at the Lincolnshire's Got Talent night, or Speaker's Corner as Federation calls it. Competition is a white coloured item, anything from an aspirin to a wedding dress will be acceptable.

We have really missed our meetings and are in limbo as everything was cancelled the day before our AGM, but we have kept in touch with each other, either by text, telephone, letter and the younger members have been very helpful with shopping. Thanks ladies. We really hope that everything is back to normal by July as we have Colin Young as guest speaker giving us an insight behind the scenes of Bargain Hunt. The meeting will be extra special as one of our members will be celebrating a very special birthday that month. I won't say how old, but I understand that H.M. The Queen may be involved and it will be that Colin will be here too.

The Federation lottery is due for renewal so would all members wishing to renew their ticket let me know by 5th June so that I can let Sleaford office know ready for the first draw.

Right, whenever we meet it will be at the Sports and Social Club at two o'clock. If it is in June it will be on the 16th, if it is in July it will be on the 21st. Whenever it is you may be sure that there will be a very warm welcome and more cakes than you can imagine, providing the flour hoarders let us have some. Helen managed to find me a bag of flour from Romania in a Polish shop after scouring Grantham supermarkets. It was excellent and my Victoria sponge tasted better than it ever had (or was it because I had had withdrawal symptoms?). Thanks also go to Pam for helping me to keep the journalists in a job as requested by the Secretary of State.

Keep isolating ladies, I know it's a bore, but having lost Grandparents in 1918, leaving my Dad an orphan at eight years of old and being taken from Newton by the vicar on a horse and cart with all his belongings to his Grandparents at Kinoulton, I don't want to deprive my grandchild of her Grandmother. Keep well, Keep Safe.

Dot Williams

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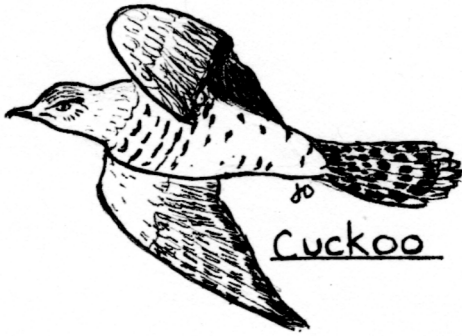
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80th Birthday Thanks

I would just like to thank Sandra, Dion and Debbie for arranging the party to celebrate my 80th birthday during lockdown and for all my family, friends and neighbours who joined me to celebrate my milestone birthday having lived in Woolsthorpe By Colsterworth all my life. A big thank you to Barry for calling the bingo numbers and everyone for taking part in a few games of bingo, a pastime I enjoy and for the neighbours for supplying the prizes. I really do hope you all enjoyed yourselves as much as I did, and once again thank you for the lovely card and gifts I received.
Regards Janet Hoyes

NATURAL HISTORY BULLETIN



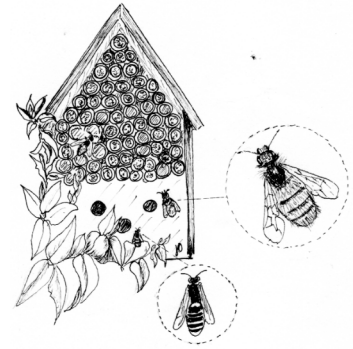
After a month without the Bulletin, first a check list of the main seasonal developments since 21/5/20 when the last one was written.

Swallows, House Martins and Swifts are back, the first two in lower numbers. The first 6 Swifts were seen on 6th May and then 13 more two days later. Chiffchaff, Willow Warbler, Whitethroats on the Nature Trail but records from woods not available because of lockdown. The first sighting of a cuckoo was on 21st April and one has been heard since. No reports of spotted Flycatchers which have previously nested in gardens. The problem for these migrants is not loss of habitat here but the immense changes on their route back to Britain and the reduced numbers in insects when they get here. We have had no Turtle Doves for several years. Of our native birds reports have been from gardens and hedgerows. Nesting success includes that for Chaffinch, House Sparrows, Tree Sparrows,

Greenfinch, Blackbird, Song Thrush, Crow, Rook, Collared Dove, Wood Pigeon, Robin, Wren, Blue Tit, Great Tit and Coal Tit. Skylarks seen on ground (nesting) and singing high in sky. A photograph of a Young Woodpecker was sent in. Jackdaws nesting in a box put up for Tawny Owls. A White Tailed Sea Eagle seen on more than one occasion flying above Old Post Lane. Possibly one from the introductions on the Isle of Wight which have been reported as far north as South Yorkshire.

The lack of traffic may account for the lack of road kills reported particularly of Badger and Hedgehog. Several gardens, some with web cams have families of Hedgehogs. Evidence of Rabbits is very welcome since they have been notable for their absence for over a year. A Grass Snake crossing a road was probably heading for a nearby pond with tadpoles. Some ponds have had more tadpoles this year some less and two none at all after years of them being in abundance. Only one report of a Toad but Newts plentiful.

The first Butterflies in gardens have been Small Tortoiseshell, Peacock and Brimstone. Then Large and Small Whites, Green Veined whites and abundant Orange Tips. Holly Blues have been plentiful too. Red Admirals not seen until early May. Plenty of activity by all five species of common Bumble Bees along with the non-social bees like the Mining and Mason Bees but fewer Honey Bees.



The Bulletin is not meant to be just lists. Many of us have had more time to observe and enjoy our surroundings. Blackbirds and Robins feeding newly fledged young have seemed tamer. One bizarre instance was of a male Blackbird carrying dead young away from nest until it was empty. Then the female building a new nest in what seemed an unsuitable open area of a climbing rose. The pair are now feeding a new family in plain sight of the homeowners sitting nearby. A 'bee hotel' (see illustration) was a 'hive of activity' over a couple of weeks in April as the Red Mason Bees tunneled out, mated with the dancing Males and built new homes for their young filling the tunnels again. Meanwhile the striped Nomad bees waited outside ready to take over like cuckoos. A new hotel was added after it was found that the bees had moved on to block up an overflow pipe.

To Look For In June Something on the plants next month. There is so much of interest. May the natural world do you all the world of good. Let me know at 61 Woolsthorpe Road, 860465, email jnostler@hotmail.co.uk Jane Ostler

Neighbourhood Watch

As we're now well into another year it's worth reminding

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Nature Trail Covid-19 Precautions

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Please note that additional precautions are in force to comply with Government advice on working within the Covid environment. Most of these will apply purely to the volunteers and will have very little impact on the users of the trail. However, there may be some occasions where parts of the trail will have to be temporarily closed off, or where users may be asked to exercise caution or pause for a short time while we move the workforce out of the way. We would like to ask the users of the trail to respect the safety of the volunteers, not to enter any taped off areas and be patient where necessary.

Thank you for your understanding.

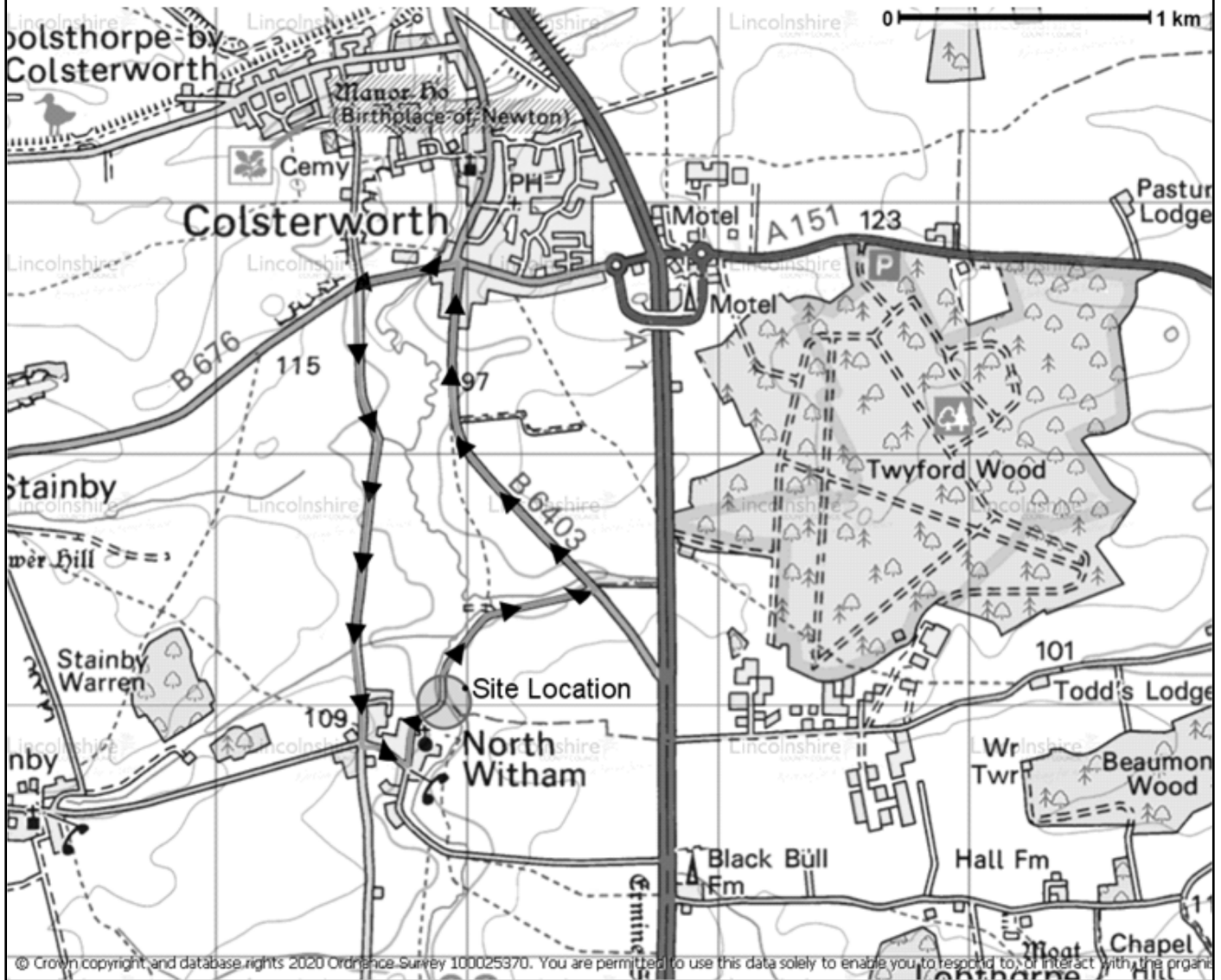
Mo Taylor, Nature Trail Ranger.

Ford Footbridge, North Witham, LINCOLNSHIRE

Lincolnshire County Council intends to carry out maintenance works to the ford footbridge at North Witham.

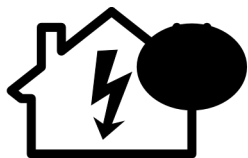
The anticipated start date for the Ford Footbridge replacement is the 6th July 2020 and is programmed to last 3 weeks. Due to the current COVID-19 situation, the start date may be pushed back.

In order to carry out the works safely and efficiently traffic management will be required at the location. Due to the location of the structure and the nature of the works, a road closure will be the most suitable option. LCC are proposing to close the area of carriageway that they will be working on and create a short diversion route. Details of the diversion routes are shown below.



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The church is open during daylight hours for visitors, meditation and private prayers. If you wish to speak to Rev'd Neil, he will normally be available in Colsterworth church from 9:30am Tuesday to Friday. You would also be welcome to join Neil on these days for prayers from 9:00am

In accordance with guidance and advice from Government and Archbishops, all scheduled services including Holy Communion, Matins and Evensong are suspended for the immediate future due to the ongoing Corona Virus Pandemic.

Similarly, all Church related social gatherings, such as Coffee Mornings are cancelled.

The only services permitted for the time being will be funerals and weddings where attendance will be subject to restrictions.

Please consult our website on www.colsterworth5.org.uk and/or notice boards for up to date information

Our Church will remain open during daylight hours for meditation and private prayers. Please respect others during your visit by observing their personal space

For further details, please visit www.colsterworth5.org.uk

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A warm welcome to all our services and events.

June 2020

Whilst our services and events held in the church building are suspended until further notice, we are holding a Zoom Church Service at 10:30am every Sunday. If you are interested in joining our service, please email helenscorror@outlook.com for more details.

We wish everyone in the village a safe journey through these troubled times. Please look out for your neighbours and let us look forward to meeting together again in our building to pray and worship, share fellowship and have fun.

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Wednesday **1:45pm - 3:45pm**

Contact Andy on **01778 570221**

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All events normally reported in the Villages Diary section have been cancelled.

No information is available with regard to the mobile library.

Weekly

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

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