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Public Forum

Two members of the public were present who spoke in support of their proposed development for the land off Old Post Lane, Woolsthorpe by Colsterworth. They had been advised by SKDC Planning Department to look at the Neighbourhood Plan and considered this within their proposal.

After listening to the members of the public's proposals the Parish Councillors advised that they did not believe they sat within the Neighbourhood Plan and were not supportive of the scheme.

Chairperson Remarks

Chair to the Parish Council Councillor Caroline Hainsworth welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked Councillor L McShane for taking the minutes and everyone for attending that evening during what is still a challenge with COVID restrictions. Councillor D Cox resignation was noted. Councillor E O'Neill proposed that the Clerk writes a letter on behalf of the Parish Council formally acknowledging his long service.

Updates for Council Finance & Administration

1. Unanimously agreed to transfer £20,000.00 from the Parish Council Deposit Bank Account to the Community Bank Account to ensure there are sufficient funds in the Community Account to cover the Wicksteed 1st Invoice of £20,883.01 and the routine July, Aug and September Parish Council payments whilst awaiting reimbursement in line with the FCC Grant Contract and VAT reclaim.

2. Unanimously agreed to update HSBC Bank Mandate signatories by including Cllr's A Bouvie and E O'Neill to the existing list of signatories.

County/District Councillor Report

District Councillor Bellamy Reported :-

1. He is chasing outstanding Planning Enforcement Matters and the next Planning Meeting is at the end of July 2021.

2. Local Government for Lincolnshire has been cleared not to be progressed for the time being.

3. Local papers are to start a campaign about the A1.

4. Gareth Davies MP has sent a questionnaire to the village residents.

5. Councillor Bellamy volunteered to assist with Community Speed Watch.

6. Bridge End Planning I Highways objected to the size of vehicles. Police/Highways/Planning (SKDC & LCC) should be consulted about large vehicles in North Witham.

County Councillor Adams Reported :-

1. The A1 campaign is being reported by the Grantham Journal.

2. Potholes and speeding traffic are issues for all villages.

3. 19th July 2021 the Scrutiny Committee are to set up a group at LCC for a 12 month duration looking at enforcement, speeding, weight restrictions for traffic through the villages and calming measures.

4. Potholes – Contractors contacted and will arrange for proper repairs. Parishes to monitor the work on potholes and report back to LCC.

5. Repairs not actioned – Balfour's had trialled a scheme so Councillors can give an instant action update.

6. Parishes to let Councillor Adams when contracted work by Highways has not been carried out

Clerks Report

1. Picnic bench on Colster Way Recreation ground damaged by fire on 16/06/2021. 101 report made to the Police ref DP-25837-21-3232-00.

2. Report of weeds being dumped, at the base of the boundary hedge adjacent to plot 1 at Stamford Road allotments. Clerk to monitor.

3. Report of fly tipping behind the flats on the High Street opposite the Happy Shopper convenience store. Reported to SKDC by the Clerk ref no 2087092.

4. Report Middle Street sign at Stainby is missing. Clerk reported this to SKDC. Ref 2090746.

5. Report of overgrown hedge B676 towards Buckminster, Clerk reported to LCC Highways Ref 398675& making enquiries regarding the landowner.

6. Report of burst balloons and litter on Sunday 13th along the river. Note placed in the July In Touch magazine.

7. The Clerk has assessed the vegetation at the "Stub" at the beginning of West End and will arrange for this to be included in village maintenance.

8. Street Lights 28 /29/30 & 31 at Bridge End. SKDC are in the process of looking to upgrade all lights in the district to LEDs and will be able to advise further once the contract has been awarded.

General Correspondence

Council received details of correspondence received across the Parish ranging from, overgrown grass at Old Post Lane Cemetery, blocked drains, potholes, litter, fly tipping, overgrown trees and hedges.

Nature Trail

1. Awaiting quotations, submission and outcome of SK Community Fund application up to a maximum of £5,000 with the Parish Council committing to 20% or £1,000 maximum match funding for repairs to the Nature Trail steps and railings. Application closing date 23rd July 2021.

2. Awaiting submission and outcome of the Lincolnshire Environmental Awards 2021 application to establish a new entrance and green space at the Bridge End entry to the old village by-pass. First prize £4,000, two runners up prizes, each £500 halved in two tranches, with the remainder given in March 2022 when good initial progress has been evidenced. Application closing date 31st July 2021.

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Group Reports

Highways & Footpaths Working Group Report – no report this month.

1. Councillors C Hainsworth and A Bouvie are picking up with this when time allows.
2. Corby Glen Parish Council has been contacted about Community Speed Watch.

Environment & Amenities Working Group Report

1. War Memorial Project (Phase 2) Update. –

The Clerk advised that it had been agreed with the new PPIY Architect and the War Memorials Trust that all completed drawings would be reviewed by the War Memorials Trust before going out to tender.

2. New Play Equipment for North Witham Play Area Working Party Update (Cllrs, J Clark, C Hainsworth & A Bouvie.

A positive report – all Play Equipment installed and is a success for the Villages. Some snagging to be completed. Thank you emails to be sent to villagers who assisted in the project.

PLANNING

SKDC Planning Applications

S21/0721 Single storey rear extension.16 Hawking Close, Colsterworth, NG33 5GG,,

S21/1026 Erection of single and two storey front extensions and garage conversion. 13 Stamford Road, Colsterworth, NG33 5JD.

S21/1172 Listed Building Consent for removal of window to rear and installation of French doors. The Old Rectory , 14 High Street, Colsterworth, NG33 5NF.

S21/1128 Extend & convert existing garage/workshop to granny annex. Jaylu, 15 School Lane, Colsterworth, NG33 5NW.

S21/1222 Proposed (steel framed) building/ workshop Location: Axholme Barns, 51A Newton Way, Woolsthorpe By Colsterworth, NG335NP,

S21/1328 Conversion of existing barn to dwelling. 5 Manor Farm Mews, High Street, Colsterworth, Lincolnshire, NG33 5JA

SKDC Public Speaking – Planning Committee

S20/0345 Erection of an earth sheltered dwelling house with associated soft/hard landscaping and the erection of three commercial buildings. Land West Of Bridge End, Colsterworth.

SKDC Planning Approval

S21/0857 Erection of horse walker and open-fronted hay barn (retrospective). Hill View South Witham Road, North Witham NG33 5LB

S21/0721 Single storey rear extension. 16 Hawking Close Colsterworth, NG33 5GG.

Matters requiring attention such as potholes and faulty streetlights.

- Street Light Water Lane – Clerk to report to SKDC.
- Footpath Water Lane to Old Post Lane – overgrown with vegetation. Clerk to report to FMS.
- The Parish Council has committed to a maximum of £1,000 for the SKDC Community Grant application to improve the steps at the Bridge End entrance. Quotations are in the process of being sought. Cllr C Hainsworth
- The Parish Council is also considering making an application to the Lincolnshire Environmental Awards for “Open Spaces” to clear land at Bridge End. Cllr C Hainsworth.

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INSPIRING WOMEN

We did it, we only blooming well did it, and not only did we do it, we did it twice since we wrote our last report for In Touch. Our first achievement was to have a get together supposedly for a picnic, but members must have been so excited to see each other that they forgot to bring their food! But never the less by kind permission of the Sports and Social Club we met outside the Clubhouse using the benched tables. A photograph was taken and subsequently has been shown in the South Lincs. Newsletter. Everyone was able to catch up and there were new hair cuts which had us guessing identities. It was very hot weather and umbrellas, used only the day before for the torrential rain we had, were out and used as parasols. It was a lovely afternoon, one or two missed out owing to family commitments or holiday. However we saw them on our second meeting. This time we met IN the Club one day after all the restrictions were lifted. Again all our members were not able to make it but we did have three visitors including our former President Janet following her return to better health.

There was no business, it was like end of term, but in reverse. But we did have a guest speaker, well we couldn't bear to cancel him for the third time. We welcomed him with open arms but he took us by surprise as he didn't look anything like we expected. It was Colin Young with hair so long not having it cut for the whole of the pandemic which started 24th March to the present day. He is going to have it cut for charity in due course. He wasn't in his usual uniform either which we are accustomed to seeing in him on Bargain Hunt in suit and tie. He was in his auctioneering uniform, branded tee shirt and sporting a mask. He said that we were his guinea pigs as it was his first talk since all such meetings had been banned (Chuckle Brothers doings of course). He said that he still had the tickets for a gig at Rock City to see Sticky Fingers for the 24th of March last year. He is hoping to be able to use them when the Group return to honour their booking.

He gave us an insight into the production of Bargain Hunt and yes, dealers do genuinely drop their prices to contestants to get rid of old stock very often, and it wasn't pre-empted. He only got the job on the programme because he failed a screen test for another programme, but the producer of Bargain Hunt had remembered him from his failed screen test. But he still regretted not getting the Flog It job and was envious of the presenter of the programme. Colin made his talk very enjoyable, told personal anecdotes, tales covering the country side, valuing or auctioneering anything from the contents of a Stately Home where all the Golding staff had the run of it as they had to stay the night. Five staff with fourteen bedrooms to choose from to having to clear properties of deceased. So he had been able to work legally he had

hired white vans to allay prying eyes although the work was authorised by the Government.

He was thanked by Sandra Quinsea who went on to ask him to judge the two competitions. For an item coloured orange he chose a very pretty single flower vase brought by Kathleen Biggs for first place and my cat money box in second place. Competition flowers winners were first Helen Scorrer with runner up Sandra Quinsea. Tea and biscuits were served by Shirley Cox, Rosemarie Everitt and Gillian Dexter.

Next month, should we still be allowed to meet, will be in the Sports and Social Club at 2pm on 17th August. The Speaker will be Karen Sanderson who will talk on "Our Childrens' Mental Health Matters", very topical at the moment following Lockdown. Competition will be an item initial O. We have some tidying up to do which we were unable to get done last year, quite a busy couple of hours. We look forward to seeing you there. You know there will be a warm welcome.

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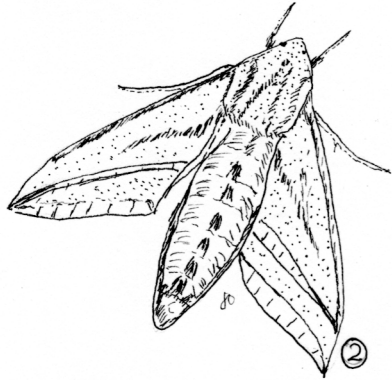


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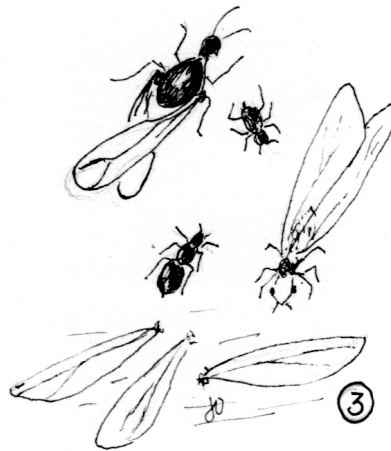
A fine photograph of an Elephant Hawk Moth (2) was sent in mid-July. Pink and green with white legs and feeler, it may rest camouflaged amongst the willow herbs on which its caterpillar feeds. In recent years it has used fuschias on which to lay eggs.



Some twenty years ago I was asked to remove a "monster" from a hanging basket by someone whose elderly mother had been frightened by it. The monster turned out to be a full grown Elephant Hawk Moth caterpillar. The moth gets its name from the caterpillars trunk-like front end. As a defence it can draw this in, swelling up a region with large eye spots. (1) It then sways this swollen 'head' in a menacing manner.



July 3rd saw the beginning of hot, humid conditions. These are the times when flying Ants which emerged in one garden earlier than in previous years. These Black ants nest underground, including beneath concrete slabs where there is a layer of sand. Each nest has a queen ant which produces a constant supply of eggs. These are tended by workers and the cocoons also looked after. For most of the year this results in other workers but in early summer eggs are laid which develop into larger winged ants, wither male or female. These emerge all together in swarms so dense they can look like plumes of smoke. Many colonies can be triggered to emerge at the same time in the right weather conditions so males and females from different colonies can mate in nuptial flights.



After mating the males lose their wings and die (3). The females also now wingless may crawl underground to found a new colony. Above the swarm Swifts were in a frenzy of feeding – a feast before the adults departed for Africa, leaving newly fledged young to find their own way back later in the month. The heatwave brought more Butterflies into the garden. Not greater diversity but more of the species which had been appearing in ones and twos – Red Admiral, Small Tortoiseshell, Peacock, Meadow Browns. Speckled Wood Butterflies came looking for dappled

shade. It has not been a Painted Lady Year this year so far, but a few Lincs records earlier in the year included one in Colsterworth. Just when we thought we had escaped a migration of Cabbage Whites they arrived in our garden, intent on attacking our greens.

The two best examples of a type of Limestone Grassland are the two Roadside Verge Nature Reserves managed by the Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust – the one on Woolsthorpe Road and the ones around the junction with Bridge End and the High Dyke. Surveys of these are done regularly including this July when flowering is at its height but before a necessary cut to keep down coarser grasses (The rabbits aren't much help these days, lets hope their populations recover). Over the years these verges, kept free from introductions have taught us more about how this kind of grassland develops naturally. The Colsterworth Verge is intriguing in how slow recolonising has been on the mounds. A follow up from last months piece on Crayfish. A study of a stream in Derbyshire has found signal and native crayfish living together over several years, the native crayfish having apparently developed immunity from the disease deadly to the native species, which signal crayfish spread.

To Look For In August. It would be particularly interesting to hear of records of grasshoppers and crickets, damselflies and dragonflies. A photograph might be enough to identify them. I look forward to your records at **61 Woolsthorpe Road, 860465**, e-mail jnostler@hotmail.co.uk
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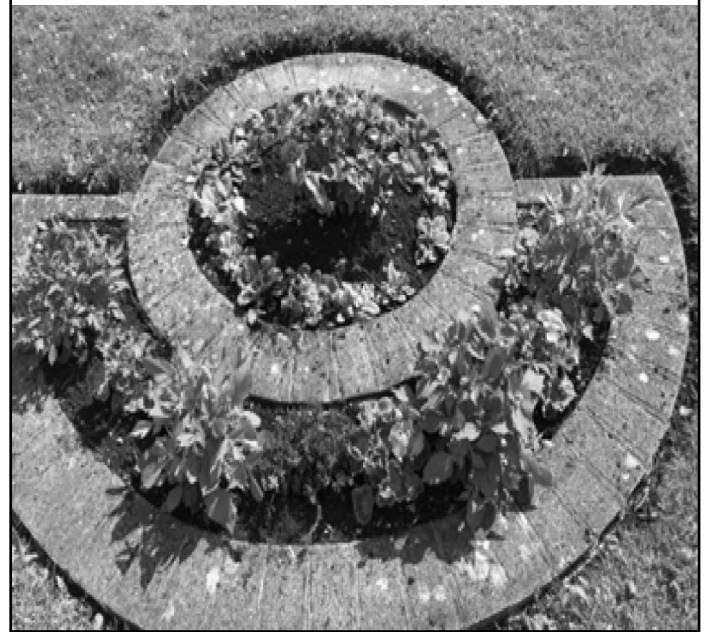
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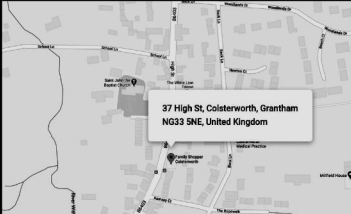


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Colsterworth & District Gardeners & Allotment Holders Association

Due to relaxation of Covid restrictions we are now planning to open up the Garden Club again, with the first monthly meeting commencing in Sept, the program is being finalised and will be included in the Sept Intouch. We hope to reschedule the missed presentations from 2020 in 2021/2021.

To kick off being back after Covid we are organising the annual Garden Club Show, as everybody has been busy in their Gardens and Allotments, cooking & crafting you should have plenty to show, so please support and have the chance of winning categories & various cups

COLSTERWORTH AND DISTRICT GARDENERS AND ALLOTMENT HOLDERS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL PRODUCE AND HANDICRAFTS SHOW
SATURDAY 28TH AUGUST 2021
COLSTERWORTH VILLAGE HALL

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC 2pm to 4pm
Prize Giving & Raffle Draw 3.30pm

SET UP 9.00am – 11am JUDGING 11.30am -1.30pm

EXHIBITS TO BE DELIVERED TO THE VILLAGE HALL BY 11.00 am AT THE LATEST

Hope you are all enjoying your gardens & allotments in 2021, so please look forward to showing at the show and our program of monthly meetings.

We always welcome new members, so please come along to Colsterworth Village Hall at 7.30pm on second Monday in the month. More information can be found on the "Colsterworth and Garden Club face book pages".

Rod Young

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Contacts

Rector	Rev. Neil Griffiths	860630
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Secretary	Peter Baldock	860293

PCC Members

Hazel Taylor	860605
Hilary Winstanley	861160
Derek Cox	07881 788247
Simon Jowitz	07903 390151

In-person and live-streamed services for August in Colsterworth:

1 st August	11:00am	Holy Communion
8 th August	11:00am	Holy Communion
15 th August	11:00am	Holy Communion
22 nd August	11:00am	Holy Communion
29 th August	11:00am	Holy Communion

Colsterworth church is 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 Archbishopsguidance.

Please don't forget to support the Foodbank if you can. There is still a need despite the successes in the response to Covid-19 and the summer weather. Thank you.

SAVE THE DATE: NEW SUNDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER 11.00AM ALL AGE WORSHIP. A SERVICE DESIGNED FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES, THE FIRST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH AT COLSTERWORTH

For more information on services or the church, please see social media, our website www.colsterworth5.org.uk or contact Revd Neil, or the Church Warden.

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



August 2021

In August we will be holding alternating zoom and physical services in the church, please see below for details. If you are interested in joining our zoom service, please email helenscorror@outlook.com or phone **01476 860126** for more details.

Our services for August are:

Date	Time	Service	Preacher	Flowers
1st	10.30a.m.	On Zoom	Geoff Cawthorn	
8th	10.30a.m.	In Church	Denhys Lambley	Gill Dexter
15th	10.30a.m.	On Zoom	Deacon Ruth Hinch	
22nd	10.30a.m.	In Church	Dennis MacDonald	Christine Hodson
29th	10.30a.m.	On Zoom	Elaine Robinson	

Open Door – We hope to recommence in September. More details in the next edition of In Touch.

Hall Hire – Our Church Hall is now reopen and is available to hire for meetings, children's parties, fitness classes, etc. Please contact Helen Scrorr on **01476 860126** for more details.

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Thu 0900 - 1100
Fri 0900 - 1030

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Villages Diary August 2021

Tue 17th	2pm	Women's Institute	Sports & Social Club
Fri 27th	1330 - 1415	Mobile Library	Colster Way

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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