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News for the villages of Colsterworth, Woolsthorpe, Stainby, Gunby, North Witham and Lobthorpe

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Public Forum

There were two members of the public present. The first gave thanks for the opportunity to speak regarding the ongoing problem of the height, weight and width of Heavy Goods Vehicles (H.G.V.s) travelling up and down Church Street, North Witham which was causing concern due to the shallow foundations of their property. The main problem being the angle of turn. The resident stated that she had contacted a local business to request that their vehicles approach from their end of Church Street but when they follow their SATNAVs damage has been caused at roof level. They also stated that on several occasions over the last ten years HGV's had caused damage to their property. They had made two house insurance claims since 2019 and the issue is now affecting their health. The resident thanked County Councillor Bob Adams for his visit and support earlier in the year.

Councillor J Clark followed on by speaking with experience and knowledge about the Road Traffic industry and vehicle weight limit restrictions including 'Environmental' limits. Councillor J Clark also stated that in 2019 he had reported an issue to the Police which was not acted on and the actions he had taken on behalf of the residents of North Witham escalating these to Lincolnshire County Council (LCC) and the local member of Parliament.

The second member of the public spoke requesting that the Parish Council put pressure on LCC to place 'No H.G.V.' signs at area in question at North Witham.

District Councillor D Bellamy agreed to take the issue forward with the officer dealing with the case at LCC.

Councillor C Hainsworth summarised that the issue would be taken forward with LCC.

Chairperson Remarks

Chair to the Parish Council Councillor Caroline Hainsworth welcomed everyone to the meeting commenting that things were moving on and changing.

Updates for Council Finance & Administration

1. PKF Littlejohn LLP Accountants Annual Governance & Accountability Return (A.G.A.R.) Conclusion for year ended 31st March 2020. AGAR Sections 1, 2 & 3.
2. Resolve to publish the AGAR Notice of Conclusion of Audit from 8th September 2021 to 31st October 2021.
3. It was agreed to re-appoint the internal auditor.
4. Accounts for payment were approved by Council.

County/District Councillor Report

District Councillor Bellamy reported the following –

- Planning application S21/1566 6th Plot, Woodyard, to the Rear Of 13-17 Stamford Road. Policy clarification needed.
- Planning application S21/1446. Proposed new animal barn / field shelter. Land South Of Stainby Road, Colsterworth, NG33 5JD which had been called in for policy clarification.
- Fly tipping off the High Street cleared if this occurs again advised to contact SKDC Social Housing Department.
- Planning enforcement on Woolsthorpe Road has been delayed by a heavy case backlog, COVID and annual holidays but the case officer has written to the land-owner

Clerks Report

1. As proposed by Cllr E O'Neill the Clerk wrote to former Cllr Derek Cox on behalf of the Parish Council formally acknowledging his long service.
2. Street Lights 89 in Water Lane and 98 in Reads Lane have been reported to SKDC and have been repaired. Streetlight 86 (Old Post Lane junction Water Lane) also reported to SKDC, repair arranged.
3. Overgrown grass on Water Lane footpath reported to FMS and SKDC Big Clean requesting this is cut back to expose the footpath for pedestrians. The hedge is the responsibility of the National Trust who have scheduled to cut this back in the autumn.
4. Colster Way Play Area & Woolsthorpe Road Play area Wicksteed Leisure arranging repairs estimated September 2022. Minute ref 2021.40 & 2021.41.
5. Footpaths 3 & 17 reported to LCC ROW for repairs to the bolts on the gates. Report ref 1405073 FP 3. Report ref 1405232 FP17
6. Fly tipping behind the flats on the High Street opposite the Happy Shopper convenience store first reported to SKDC in July has not

been cleared. Escalated with District Cllr Dave Bellamy. Ref no 2087092 and removed.

7. Thank you to CESL operations Manager who arranged for the debris from the entrance road to the Social Club/Village Hall adjacent to Old Post Lane Play Area to be cleared by their road cleaning vehicle.

General Correspondence

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

Nature Trail

1. Work will commence Monday 20th September 2021 on the steps and bridge.

Group Reports

Highways & Footpaths Working Group Report (Cllrs Bennett, Clark, Brocklebank and Hainsworth)

1. White Gates Project Update. –

A discussion took place, and it was unanimously agreed to discontinue the White Gate Project whilst other more cost-effective aspects of Road Safety and Traffic Calming are considered as they arise.

Environment & Amenities Working Group Report

1. War Memorial Project (Phase 2) Update. (Cllr C Hainsworth).

Uploaded to the website.

2. Agreed for PPIY to submit the Listed Building Consent (LBC) and tender the work. See Minute ref June 2020.26.2.

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

Clerk to the Council S Grant reported – The Parish Council were awaiting a solution from Wicksteed Leisure Ltd to a manufacturing defect identified on the concaved platforms on the play equipment which causes standing water to gather before paying the second Instalment invoice.

3. FCC Project Opens Press Release agreed.

SKDC Planning Applications

S21/1446 - Proposed new animal barn / field shelter. Land South of Stainby Road, Colsterworth, NG33 5JD,

S21/1575 - Extensions to front and rear elevations and alterations. 36 Colster Way, Colsterworth, NG33 5JT.

S21/1566 - Erection of two-storey, detached dwelling on additional 6th Plot (in addition

to development approved under S19/1709). Woodyard To The Rear Of 13-17 Stamford Road, Colsterworth, NG33 5JD

S21/1673 - Beech tree - thin the tree and remove low hanging branches by 30%. 15 Woodlands Drive, Colsterworth, Lincolnshire, NG33 5NH.

S21/1580 - Alterations to listed building. Home Farm House, 57 High Street, Colsterworth, NG33 5HZ

SKDC Planning Approval

S21/1026 - Erection of single and two story front extensions and garage conversion.

13 Stamford Road Colsterworth, NG33 5JD

S21/1631 - P1) ash tree - Remove dead branches, Reduction of the crown of the Wild Cherry (tag 0464), Removal of elder and holly (Tag 0222). Removal of branches of three silver birch trees on eastern side of

Newton Way, outside property. Woolsthorpe Manor, 23 Newton Way, Woolsthorpe By Colsterworth, NG335NR,

S21/1328 - Conversion of existing barn to dwelling. Land Adjacent To 5 Manor Farm Mews High Street

Colsterworth Lincolnshire NG33 5JA.

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

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

S18/2379 - Outline planning application for the erection of up to 70 dwellings, associated acoustic bund, vehicular and pedestrian accesses, public open space, landscaping and drainage with all matters

reserved. Land West Off A1 And North of Bourne Road Colsterworth.

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THE NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE HELD AT COLSTERWORTH VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30pm ON 5TH OCTOBER 2021

North Witham New Play Area Grant



PROJECT OPENS – NORTH WITHAM PLAY AREA

North Witham Village Hall, North Witham, Lincs, NG33 5JZ

The refurbished play area at North Witham is now open following the final sign off by the Colsterworth and District Parish Council at its meeting on 07 September 2021.

This has been made possible due to a grant of £31,177 from FCC Communities Foundation.

Colsterworth and District Parish Council contributed nearly £4,000 to the scheme and provided administrative and financial management to the project. Volunteers from the community gave up hours of their time in planning, consulting and working on the site with the contractors.

The money has been used to buy new play equipment at the North Witham Village Hall. The site has been re-surfaced and surrounding area tidied up and made safe to make it an attractive and usable space with new equipment brought up to current standards that are modern, appealing, and accessible.

The Parish Council believe that this vital facility is going to make a real difference to those who use it, as well as the wider community. "We are extremely grateful to FCC Communities Foundation for providing funding through the Landfill Communities Fund as we would not have been able to go ahead without its support"

FCC Communities Foundation is a not-for-profit business that awards grants for community projects from funds donated by FCC Environment through the Landfill Communities Fund.

Cheryl Raynor, FCC Communities Foundation Local Grant Manager said:

"We are delighted to have supported the Parish Council in bringing this project to fruition. This is an important facility for local people, and we are pleased to see it open and available to use".

For more information about FCC Communities Foundation funding contact Cheryl Raynor at cheryl.raynor@fcccommunitiesfoundation.org.uk or visit <http://www.fcccommunitiesfoundation.org.uk>

Sir Isaac Newton Memorial Hall

The Village Hall Committee would like to thank all who attended the recent

Extraordinary General Meeting

held on

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24 interested persons met with the Committee on the evening to discuss the future of the Village Hall.

The Village Hall Committee shall provide an update in due course.

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INSPIRING WOMEN

My word what a memory our guest speaker, Keith Hanson has. At our latest meeting he told us of all the notable prisoners who have been held at the Tower of London. From those who were executed, to the few who had managed to escape, not forgetting one of the ravens which kept turning up at a local pub despite having one of his wings clipped! France didn't think much of their own King John who had to wait 25 years for them to pay the ransom. One poor soul using the knotted sheets method to escape, found himself ten feet short and fell to his death! From executions of kings and queens to spies during recent wars and even more recently the Kray brothers, held during the Second World War, because they didn't believe in "killing anyone". They were released and we all know that they must have been telling "porkie pies". On a lighter note he told of the 887,208 poppies which were displayed to commemorate the hundredth anniversary of the first world war; the work of removing them, having to wash them, before packing them to send to the thousands of people who bought them. It was nice to see Keith again since his move from Colsterworth following his retirement from his service at the Tower as a Yeoman Warden. He was thanked for his fascinating talk by Gill Dexter.

Our business included the results of the ballots conducted at our August meeting were announced, and we are looking to celebrate our 104th anniversary locally with Madeline and Dave and continue to enjoy our refreshments at our monthly meetings "as we were".

Our president, Sandra Quinsee, showed us the pennant she had made for the Federation bunting which will be displayed at venues wherever there is an event in public places like the Lincolnshire Show etc. Sandra has made a lovely job, Newton sitting under the tree, an apple and river meandering to the point of the pennant. What a clever lass she is.

The latest Resolution at National Federation literature was displayed on the table and there was news of the next one we are asked to take action with if possible, modern slavery. We are also asked to write to our Government regarding the plight of women and girls in Afghanistan.

Our monthly competition, this time a brown coloured item was won by Noreen Tomes for her copy of a Dan Browns book, for her lateral and cheeky thinking Keith said, who judged the entries. Sandra was runner up with a bag of hazelnuts. The Margaret Stafford flower competition was won by Helen with an echinacea (think that's what it was) and Shirley Cox's stunning yellow rose was runner up.

We are into our knitting scarves to equal the length of The Viking Way (did you spot my mistake in last 'In Touch', just testing). I'd had a stressful day when I wrote it, well it is

bad enough not being able to remember whether I'd had breakfast or not. Mind you, I'm not so bad as my mother-in-law, she couldn't remember if she had eaten a meal or not so to be on the "safe side", she would eat another. Poor Blodwyn.

Our next meeting is on the 19th October our speaker to be confirmed. So why not join us like our visitors this month who responded to our invitation in "In Touch" last month. You know the time and place, but just in case it's at The Sports and Social Club at 2pm. There will be a choice of cakes or biscuits to go with the refreshing cup of tea (or coffee). You will be most welcome. Our tea hostesses this week were Helen, Rachel and Rosemarie, very refreshing tea, cake and fruit. Something for everyone. What a treat you can't afford to miss such as what they rustled up. See you at 2 then?

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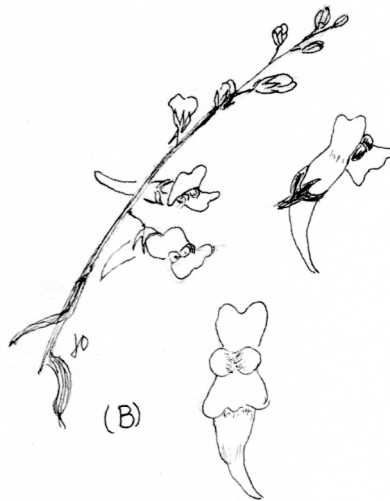
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NATURAL HISTORY BULLETIN



The foresters name "tree rat" for the Grey Squirrel (A) is at odds with this animal's charming ways and attractive appearance. The movements of its bushy tail which is almost as long as its body can define its personality and mood as it helps propel it through a sequence of agile movements. Added to this it has a cute face with rounded eyes and hand-like paws as it handles its food. The problem is that its living requirements conflict with our own. It will destroy or distort young trees with its nibblings and pillage the fruit and nuts in our gardens, going to great lengths to reach bird food that we think we have protected. In September a Grey Squirrel found a Hazel tree at the bottom of a Woolsthorpe garden. Presumably it told its friends and each morning they can be seen running up and down on the fence tops. Then they come down into the gardens with a stash of nuts, seeming to decide which to eat and which to bury. They rarely find them all again and in time there will be enough seedlings to grow a hedge.



A few Yellow Toadflax (B) will still be in flower in October. Like a miniature snapdragon in creams and deep yellow, its elegant shape enhanced by a long fluted base in which the nectar is found. However the plants success is not dependant on visiting insects but on its exceptional ability to reproduce by spreading underground roots. Patches of the plant along the Nature Trail may have started from a central seedling. The resulting plants will all be clones of the parent, that is genetically identical. They will produce seeds but fewer than in plants of mixed parentage and studies have shown poor germination of these. Sitting outside in the sunshine in September observations were made of bees visiting Garden Antirrhinums (also called snapdragons). The large Buff-tailed Bumble Bee sat on the bottom lip and pushed head first into the opening created. There followed much 'bumbling' as the bee, now filling the closed flower turned round and emerged head first above the lip again. The Common Carder, a slightly smaller Bumble Bee, tried to enter using the same technique but could only just get its head in. It moved on to a more accommodating fuchsia bush. Solitary bees, out in force, made only the briefest attempt before joining a host of their kinds exploring the tiny pink flowers of a Sedum.

A photo was sent in of a Garden Carpet Moth which lays eggs on plants which are members of the Cabbage Family.



Another photo titled correctly 'a picture fly' (C) was of one distinctly marked with a zig-zag pattern. It lays eggs in thistle stems causing the stem to swell into a gall, storing food for the emergent grubs which continue living in the stem until the next summer when the adult, winged flies emerge.

Reports of a single Tawny Owl hooting in the evening have come from three different areas in Colsterworth, probably of the same owl. Grey Wagtails have been seen near the River Witham and it is hoped they have produced young this year. The only late observation of House Martins was of them feeding in evening above Woolsthorpe road on 5th September, one of the few fine evenings for some time.

To Look for in October. There have been few sightings of gill fungi, and if anyone sees either Swallows or House Martins these late records would be important. Galls on plants are much in evidence at this time of year. A dramatic one on young wild roses is a mass of bushy red hairs. Still dragonflies about but the first of the winter migrant birds will be returning. As gardens are cleared you may discover frogs, toads, newts going into hibernation. I look forward to all your observations at 61 Woolsthorpe Road, 860465 e-mail jnostler@hotmail.co.uk
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From this venture myself and my volunteers will try and set up a befriending service so we can chat on the phone, and you will be able to contact your volunteer through the numbers detailed below. Please if you have any question or fears, ring me and I will do my best to help. If anyone would like to put their cake baking skills to good use or feel that they can help or same some time, please let me know.

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In-person and livestreamed services for October in Colsterworth:

3 rd October	11:00am All Age/Family Service/	In person only
	Harvest Festival/Bring and Share Harvest Lunch.	
3 rd October	6pm Iona Style Service	In person only
10 th October	11am Holy Communion	
17 th October	11am Holy Communion	
24 th October	11am Holy Communion	
31 st October	11am Holy Communion	
	6pm Evensong for All Saints Day	In person only

Colsterworth church is FULLY OPEN DAILY 10am – 4pm for private prayer and meditation. Masks and hand sanitiser are still available as is the ability to 'check in' using the Covid-19 app. Revd Neil is normally in the church Tuesday, Thursday and Friday at 9am for about 30 mins for anyone who would like to see him.

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. Thank you.

ONCE AGAIN A SPECIAL WELCOME TO ALL ON SUNDAY 3RD OCT 11.00AM ALL AGE WORSHIP/HARVEST FESTIVAL DESIGNED FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES; OR IONA STYLE SERVICE AT 6.00PM.

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. For more information on Harvest Bring and Share Lunch see social media.

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Monday 11th October 3pm - 5pm

Thursday 21st October 4pm - 6 pm

Thursday 28th October 4pm - 6pm

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October 2021

In October we will be holding a combination of 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 October are:

Date	Time	Service	Preacher	Flowers
3rd	11.00a.m.	Harvest Festival & Lunch in Church	led by Rev'd Neil Maynard	
10th	10.30a.m.	In Church	Elaine Robinson	Margaret Winn
17th	10.30a.m.	On Zoom	Geoff Cawthorn	
24th	10.30a.m.	In Church – Holy Communion	Rev'd Ray Hlnch	Wendy Walsh
31st	11.00a.m.	Parish Church		

Open Door - cuppa, cake and chat – Wednesday 13th and 27th October. We will be open from 10am – 11.30a.m. for a **cuppa, cake and chat**. We would love to welcome back those who attended prior to March 2020 and also people attending for the first time. We welcome people of all and no faith to join us and of all ages. Our book and jigsaw library will be available for you to browse and borrow from.

Craft & Chat Group – Wednesday 6th & 20th October – 2.00-3.30p.m.
Bring your own craft along and join our group for a cuppa, a chat and maybe an opportunity to learn new skills.

Messy Church – Wednesday 13th October at 3.30pm – 4.45pm. 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

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

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Tue 0900 – 1000	
Wed 1345 – 1545	
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Villages Diary October 2021

Wed 6th	10 - 11:30am	Open Door	Methodist Church Hall
Wed 13th	2 - 3:30pm	Craft & chat Group	Methodist Church Hall
	3:30-4:45pm	Messy Church	Methodist Church Hall
Tue 19th	2pm	Women's Institute	Sports & Social Club
Wed 20th	10 - 11:30am	Open Door	Methodist Church Hall
Fri 22nd	1330 - 1415	Mobile Library	Colster Way
Wed 27th	2- 3:30pm	Craft & chat Group	Methodist Church Hall
Sat 30th	10am - 12 noon	Coffee & Cake	Methodist Church Function Room

Weekly

Days	Time	Activity	Location
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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