

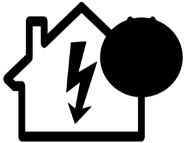
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HEADLINES FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 6th DECEMBER 2022

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Just search "Colsterworth & District Parish Council" and find the minutes and agendas under "Parish Council"

<https://colsterworth.parish.lincolnshire.gov.uk/PublicForum>

There were no persons present for the Public Forum.

Chairman's Remarks.

Chairperson Cllr Caroline Hainsworth thanked everyone for coming to the meeting after receiving the message from the Clerk about the heating not working in the Methodist Church Hall. Due to this they proposed that agenda items 2022.128.2 and 2022.129 be brought forward to be dealt with first. All members agreed.

Updates for Council administration - Finance & Administration Committee Report

1. Finance & Administration Committee Report (Cllrs Bouvie, Hainsworth, L McShane & E O'Neill). No report this month.
2. Unanimously agreed the 2023/2024 Budget
3. Unanimously agreed the 2023/2024 Precept Setting at £40,399.00. An increase in the Parish precept Band 'D' rate results in an increase from £50.04 to £53.16 per household per year.
4. Resolved to adopt and renew the CAD Finance & Administration Committee Terms of Reference (TOR) with the amendments by the Clerk.
5. Payments for Account were approved.

LCC & SKDC Cllr Reports

SKDC Cllr David Bellamy Reported: -

1. The Local Plan Review – Sites coming forward will be under consultation.
2. Parliamentary Consultation on Electoral Boundaries is almost complete. This has no direct impact on LCC or SKDC at the moment.

LCC Cllr Charlotte Vernon Reported; -

1. There is lots of information on the LCC website about the Cost of Living.
2. The Budget is being prepared.
3. LCC is working to develop a new strategy for transport for Grantham.

Cllr Vernon stated that she would send a full written report to the Clerk to circulate to all Cllrs.

SKDC Cllr Ben Green sent his apologies.

Derelict Garage, High Street, Colsterworth Agenda item 2022.117

Unanimously agreed that the Parish Council has no interest or responsibility for the property.

On 21st November 2022 East Midlands Building Consultancy confirmed that the building is not dangerous.

LCC Parish Agreement scheme (Urban Highway Grass Cutting) Unanimously agreed the on a rolling annual basis.

Roundabout at Woolsthorpe Children's play area - Unanimously agreed to go with the Wicksteed quotation including fitting at £378.20 excl VAT.

Christmas Lights electricity contribution - Resolved to make a £30 contribution to Colsterworth Church Parochial Church Council towards the electricity costs for the Christmas lights.

Nature Trail Boundary Issues - Unanimously agreed to forward agenda the item to the next meeting to give the landowner FCC time to consider the Parish Councils approach.

War Memorial - Resolved for Cllr T Neale to start a dialogue with Colsterworth Festival of Remembrance (CFoR) to investigate working in partnership to support the restoration of the War Memorial.

Clerks Report

1 - Nature Trail – The Parish Council is liaising with the landlord FCC Communities Foundation to work together on the way forward regarding fly tipping and boundary issues. The landlord has confirmed that the repair to the bridge at the west end of the Nature Trail is temporary and they will look at further works next year if the budget is approved.

2 - Police – Quarterly Briefing questionnaire submitted to Lincolnshire Police with top three priorities, Road Safety, theft and anti-social behaviour.

3 - SKDC report that there are no funds in their budget to repair/replace the dilapidated Back Lane name plate junction High Street/Bridge End. It will be done when funds become available.

4 - Report made to LCC ROW 1739169 requesting a second step below the gate at the exit from the nature trail onto FP3 Possibly erosion has made the step steeper. Priority 3 Response.

5 - Report made to LCC ROW 1739175. FP3 from Colsterworth Nature Trail north is less than the 1M rule. Priority 3 response. LCC ROW have written to the landowner of FP3 asking to widen the path.

6 - The Clerk is sourcing quotations for the repair to the roundabout and wet pour at Woolsthorpe Road children's play area.

7 - Dead Pigeon under the bin at Woolsthorpe Road play area reported to the Animal Plant Health Agency (APHA) HLP185593. SKDC Street Care services do not remove dead birds. APHA attended and on 30/11/2022 reported the dead bird was unsuitable for testing.

8 - Wobbly and slippery stile on FP15 Newton Way end reported to LINC ROW. Ref no 1745472. Given Priority 2 (3 months)

9 - Confirmation received that PKF Littlejohn LLP will continue to be the external Auditor five financial years from 2022-23 to 2026-27.

10 - 30/11/2022 The Clerk & Cllr R Brocklebank met with the DWH's engineering Manager at the road to the Social Club who will follow up with a full written report to the Parish Council. A brief summary of the meeting below:-

- They confirmed that they will liaise with their Customer Care team to get the gully sorted and the road swept clear.
- They believe that SKDC may be responsible for the grassed area adjacent to the road even though it is still....

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.....unadopted. They will investigate and include this in their report. If DWH's are responsible, then they will arrange for tree works to be done.

• The tunnel under Brunel Avenue: They said that DWH's were trying to move forward with the road being adopted but there are issues regarding the tunnel which need to be resolved. 11 - The Clerk has registered an interest with LALC and Lincolnshire Emergency Planning Team for training in relation to a future emergency plan.

Correspondence received

1 - Request to remove the No Dog Fouling sign from the Church Gates. Suggested sending an article for the In Touch regarding when walking dogs to clean up any mess.

2 - Several reports of flooding at the entrance road to the Social Club. The road is unadopted and not the responsibility of Highways, Parish Council or the Social Club. David Wilson Homes/North Lincs Homecare have confirmed that they will arrange for the drains to be cleared. The Clerk & Cllr's will be having a site visit with the David Wilson Homes Engineer at the end of November.

3 - Telephone query received re Neighbourhood Watch telephone number in InTouch. Reported to Steve Bill.

4 - Invitation received for members of the PC to join the SKDC drop-in sessions to promote adoption of the Local Government Association's model Councillor Code of Conduct.

5 - LALC in conjunction with LCC Emergency Planning team will be making arrangements for any necessary training to assist Parish Councils creating/updating their Emergency plan.

Planning Applications - SKDC

S22/1766 - Part replacement of existing conservatory on the same footprint. 52 Colster Way, Colsterworth, Lincolnshire, NG33 5JT.

S22/2250 - T1 - Horse Chestnut - Extensive decay to root system and basal area, approx 30% of basal area has been decayed Location: 3 Walnut Grove, Colsterworth, Lincolnshire, NG33 5NQ,

SKDC Planning Permission

S22/1692 - Submission of details reserved by Condition 3 (Ground Investigations), 4 (Tree Survey) and 5 (Sustainable Buildings) of S22/0615 Location: Street Record Woodyard Close Colsterworth Decision/Date Details Approved 10th November 2022

S22/1805 - Proposed raised patio and attached rear timber pergola. Location: Beech House 7A Woodlands Drive Colsterworth Lincolnshire NG33 5NH

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Bowls Club (Captain)	Kevin Atter	07834 815076
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Colsterworth and District Parish Council	Sue Grant	01476 861888
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Council South Kesteven District		01476 406080
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Councillor SKDC	Dave Bellamy	07890 313561
Councillor SKDC	Ben Green	07471 838698
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Doctor's Surgery Bourne Road Corby Glen		01476 550056
Doctor's Surgery St John's Close Corby Glen		01476 550251
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School, Colsterworth PTFA		01476 860569
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Village Hall, North Witham	Jane Hawksworth	07778393872
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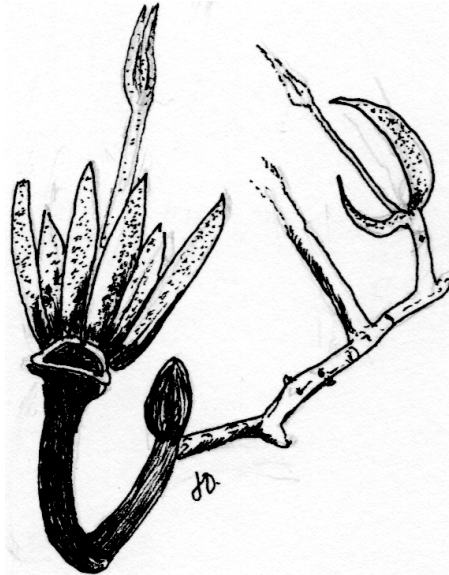
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It was seldom planted in Lincolnshire because it was not hardy here and it was said to take up to 50 years for it to flower. Then one planted in Scrivelsby, Lincs, flowered after 30 years. Our tree planted in the 1990s flowered after 10 years, considered to be most remarkable and possibly due to climate change. This year when the leaves finally fell, the remains of flowers could be seen, all on the upper branches.



The winter is a good time to observe and record trees. To identify them you not only have the newly revealed twigs, buds and characteristic silhouette, but also the fallen leaves and possibly some fruit too. Any mature trees are part of the history of our parishes. For example two on Woolsthorpe Road were planted when development destroyed two mature trees. They were purposely replaced by trees known to develop quickly. They were grown by children at Colsterworth school as part of the Tree For Life Scheme just before the scheme had to finish. They therefore bear witness not only to a remarkable scheme but also to those that took part in it. These Trees For Life, like

other mature ones are busy working now to clean up the air round us and protect our health.

Garden trees are also important whether native or exotic. Like the garden pond they can be the last bastion for wildlife. This bulletin has to be in early because of the Christmas period but as always at this time of the year observations include many of birds at feeders. Blackbirds and Robins now back in numbers, continue behaving aggressively over territory. A long tailed tit family have returned to a garden after being frightened off by a cat. Greater Spotted Woodpeckers provide colour and much interest as young birds begin to develop more adult plumage. Every record of a finch is valuable. Along the River Witham there are the first winter visitors amongst the Little Egrets found throughout the year. A follow up from last years note on a large grass snake - one found dead in the same area was probably caught out of hibernation when mild weather turned cold but our hedgehogs seem to be tucked away securely.

TO LOOK FOR IN JANUARY AND THROUGHOUT 2023

Could we make it a special year for trees – noting any mature trees we still have, any descriptions of them and what is known of their history. We have survey information from previous years to make comparisons. Are you one of the children who planted a 'Tree For Life'? Do you know where it is? How is it doing?

I look forward to hearing of any of your observations, recordings and notes on all aspects of our natural history at 61 Woolsthorpe Road, 860465 e-mail jnostler@hotmail.co.uk Happy New Year to you all.
Jane Ostler



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Dates for your 2023 Diary!

We look forward to continue supporting lonely and vulnerable people within our community in 2023.

The festive and New Year celebrations can leave us all a little deflated at the start of the Year especially with the cold, darker days which can lead us into the winter blues.

For some they live with this feeling day in and day out and I think it's important we focus even more so on continuing to support those that struggle.

Let's come together and enjoy good coffee, nice cake and lovely company at our HHH Coffee and Cake mornings.

Forthcoming HHH Coffee and Cake mornings at the Colsterworth Methodist Church are:

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Saturday 4th March 10am-12pm

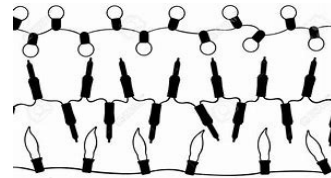
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Coffee Morning

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COLSTERWORTH & DISTRICT GARDENERS & ALLOTMENT HOLDERS ASSOCIATION

Our Nov meeting was a presentation by Jim Handley, Head Gardener, from Grimsthorpe Castle he talked to us about 'progress in the gardens at Grimsthorpe' and it was great to hear the planned program of work on the tree lines. The talk was illustrated with plenty of photos of days gone by and how things are being restored. Our Dec meeting was the AGM, this saw 2 members of the committee stand down after giving many years of hard work, Loraine Spencer (Treasurer) & Vicky Page (Secretary), a large "Thank You" for your time on the committee. This was followed by a Garden Bingo game & Christmas refreshment.

At Our next Meeting on the 13th of February, we welcome, David Penny - Clematis. In Feb the monthly members' competition will be "Snowdrops". So please bring along your entry on the night.

Future Dates.

12th Dec 2022 – AGM / Social Evening & Gardeners' Bingo 2023

15th Jan – Annual Lunch for Members at the White Lion

13th Feb – David Penny – Clematis

13th Mar – ADAM FROST of BBC GARDENERS World

3rd April – Harriet Whitbread of The Lincolnshire Flower Company – Growing for Cutting

8th May – Martin Rollin from Charles Read School – Gardening in Education

12th June – OUTING – Lynne Barnes's in Newton

10th July – Lucienne Bennett – Designing & Planting a Garden

9th Sept – Annual Horticultural & Craft Show

And a very special evening on the 13th March 2023 – TALK BY ADAM FROST of BBC GARDENERS WORLD – Details to follow.

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 also be found on the "Colsterworth and Garden Club Facebook page".

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If you have any Unit, Division, Corps or Single Service plaque then we would love to see them placed on the village military wall.

Any donations to Bob Prentice
This is in support of the Colsterworth Festival of Remembrance (CFOR).

Any questions to David Heath French at
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 Our church has been part of our community for more than 1000 years, with a tower added 700 years ago. Today it is part of a group of 7 rural parishes along the A1 south of Grantham. For enquiries please contact either Rev'd Neil Griffiths or our administrator, Jo Castro on 01529 410983.



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COLSTERWORTH METHODIST CHURCH

January 2023

Our services will be in the church, however we will also be zooming 2 services a month from the building internet permitting. If you are interested in joining our services by zoom, please email helenscorror@outlook.com or phone 01476 860126 for more details.

Our services for January are:

Date	Time	Service	Preacher	Flowers
8th	10:30am	Covenant Service	Rev'd Ray Hinch	Margaret Winn
15th	10:30am	Morning Worship	Sue Barnes	Christine Hodson
22nd	10:30am	Morning Worship	Marion Hingley-Hickson	Helen Scorrer
29th	10:30am	Holy Communion United Service led by Rev'd Neil Maynard & Rev'd Neil Griffiths		Cheryl Sutcliffe

Open Door Lunch –Wednesday 11th & 25th January 12 Noon – 1:30am

During the Winter months we will be opening over lunchtime and serving soup and a roll plus either a hot pudding or cake plus of course offering lots of chat. 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.

Games/Craft & Chat Group – Wednesday 4th & 18th January – 2:00-3:30pmsa

Bring your own craft along and join our group for a cuppa, a chat and maybe an opportunity to learn new skills. Or alternatively come and have a chat over a game of dominoes. Everyone welcome.

Jigsaw Loan - Are you wanting something to while away the long dark winter evenings? If so, we have quite a number of 500 and 1000 piece jigsaws which we are happy to loan out. If you would like one, please email helenscorror@outlook.com or phone 01476 860126.

Used Postage Stamps

We are collecting used postage stamps for the RNIB Open Christmas Stamp Appeal. Please contact Helen to arrange collection.

Warm Welcome Space –Wed 4th January 2 – 4.00, Tuesday 17th & 31st January 2:30-4:30pm. We are offering a free, warm, welcoming space in our Hall – open to everyone.

Villages Diary January 2023

Wed 4th	2-3:30pm	Craft & Chat	Methodist Church Hall
	2pm-4pm	Warm Welcome Space	Methodist Church Hall
Wed 11th	12 noon-1:30pm	Open Door Lunch	Methodist Church Hall
Tue 17th	2:30pm-4:30pm	Warm Welcome Space	Methodist Church Hall
	2:00pm	WI	Sports & Social Club
Wed 18th	2-3:30pm	Craft & Chat	Methodist Church Hall
Wed 25th	12 noon-1:30pm	Open Door Lunch	Methodist Church Hall
Thu 26th	7:30pm	Parish Council	Methodist Church Hall
Sat 28th	10am-12pm	HHH Coffee & Cake	Methodist Church Hall
Tue 31st	2:30pm-4:30pm	Warm Welcome Space	Methodist Church Hall
		No details yet available	Mobile Library Colster Way

Weekly

Mondays	10am-noon	Kurling	Village Hall
	7:15pm	Bell Ringers	Church
Tuesdays	6pm-7pm	Yoga	Methodist Church
	6pm-7:30pm	Cubs (Term time)	Village Hall
	5:45pm-6:45pm	Beavers (Term time)	Village Hall
Wednesdays	12noon-1:30pm	Open Door (2 nd & 4 th Weeks)	Methodist Church
	2pm-3:30pm	Craft & Chat (1 st & 3 rd Weeks)	Methodist Church
Thursdays	10am-noon	Kurling	Village Hall
	7pm-8:30pm	Scouts (Term time)	Village Hall
Fridays	9:30am-11:30am	Parent & Toddler Group (Term time)	Village Hall
	7:30pm-9:30pm	Weekly Bingo	Sports & Social Club
Saturdays	10am-12noon	Football Coaching	Sports Field

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Email contributions to InTouchCopy@gmail.com
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In person and livestreamed services for January in Colsterworth church:

1 st January	No Services	
8 th January	11:00am Holy Communion	Blended worship
15 th January	11:00am Holy Communion	Blended worship
22 nd January	11:00am Holy Communion	Blended worship
29 th January	10:30am Joint Service at Colsterworth Methodist Church	In person & Zoom

To join on Zoom email helenscorror@outlook.com or phone 01476 860126

The church is OPEN DAILY 10:00am – 4:00pm. Hand sanitiser available.

Please support the Foodbank if you can, there is still a need.

CHURCH CLEANING: TUE 10TH JAN. 10:00AM, WITH COFFEE AND CHAT AFTER, ALL WELCOME

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ONE AND ALL

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

Mobile Post Office

Stopping by Colsterworth Bowls Club

Mon	0900 – 1100	
Tue	0900 – 1000	Contact Andy on
Wed	1345 – 1545	01778 570221
Thu	0900 – 1100	
Fri	0900 – 1030	

**Colsterworth Police Office
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Unfortunately, due to poor health, I am unable to open the Police Station for the foreseeable future. Apologies for any inconvenience caused.

Steve Bill

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