

## Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2019

### Public Forum

There was one member of the public present who gave a brief introduction of himself in support of his application to be a Parish Councillor for Colsterworth and District Parish Council.

PCSO Stuart Bowden gave a verbal report asking to be informed of any areas where youths are gathering to inform the Clerk who would pass this information on to him. He explained his approach when speaking to young people is 'educate, advice and encouragement'. Notes to him can be put through the police station letter box on Back Lane of any information. The Police have been successful in keeping away 'raves' from the Twyford Wood area. There is still an issue with off road bikes at Skillington and the Viking Way. Descriptions of these bikes and riders are useful and can be passed onto Stuart.

### Present

Councillors: C Hainsworth, C Russell, A Walden, F Selby, L Bennett, G Henton, J Clark, D Cox, A Bouvie & M Ramage.

### In Attendance

Sue Grant Parish Clerk. District Councillors Bob Adams and David Bellamy arrived at 8.00pm

Agenda Item No	Item	Action By
19.64	<b>Apologies for absence:</b> Cllr McShane, valid reasons given.	
19.65	<b>Chairman's remarks:</b> Chairperson Caroline Hainsworth started by wishing the Nature Trail Volunteers well for the presentation for the Lincolnshire Environment Awards on Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> June and thanked the Clerk Sue Grant for representing the Nature Trail and Parish Council at these awards. As a new Chairperson Cllr Hainsworth said how important it is to communicate between meetings by email or telephone. Any Councillor having problems with emails should let the Clerk know. Moving to email communications reducing the need for paper copies where possible. The Clerk in-particular welcomes feedback and contact from Councillors so that where possible issues can be dealt with between meetings. We have a fixed Agenda to work through at meetings so working groups can put together proposals and reports, so the meetings are informed and effective. Chairperson Hainsworth commented that the Parish Council has a good mix of Councillors with clear lines of communications with South Kesteven District Council and Lincolnshire County Council on how to communicate going forward. Chairperson Hainsworth explained that she had been approached by a parishioner with ideas on the 'In Touch' Parish Magazine and will make further enquiries on this.	
19.66	<b>Declarations of interest in accordance with the LGA 2000:</b> None.	
19.67	<b>Approval of the Minutes of the previous meeting:</b> <b><u>It was proposed, seconded and Resolved</u></b> That the official minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 7 <sup>th</sup> May 2019 be approved as a correct record and duly signed and dated by the Chairman.	
19.68	<b>Co-Option for Councillor for North Witham:</b> <b><u>It was proposed, seconded and Resolved</u></b> Unanimously agreed that Roy Brocklebank was Co-opted as Councillor for North Witham.	<b>Clerk</b>
19.69	<b>Co-Option for Councillor for Gunby &amp; Stainby:</b> No applications, the vacancy will be re-advertised.	<b>Clerk</b>
19.70	<b>Co-Option for Councillor for Colsterworth:</b> No applications, the vacancy will be re advertised.	<b>Clerk</b>
19.71	<b>Risk Exception Report. (Previously circulated)</b> <b><u>It was proposed, seconded and Resolved</u></b> Unanimously agreed there were no changes.	
19.72	<b>Clerks Report:</b>	

1	Parish Council BT Business line price increase effective 01/07/19 from £24.60 to £26.10.	To be reviewed prior to expiry of two-year contract on 29/11/19.
2	The Nature Trail has been successful getting through to the final three of the Lincolnshire Environmental Awards. The winner will be announced at the awards ceremony at the Bentley Hotel, Lincoln on Thursday 6th June.	Result to be announced in the July In Touch.
3	The Clerk has made enquiries at Stagecoach Buses in relation to them taking over the Centre Bus service in Colsterworth. District Councillor has also taken this up with LCC. Contact has been made with 'Call Connect'. The Clerk has arranged for leaflets to be supplied to the Parish Council for distribution to local groups and updated the Website with the information.	Awaiting response from LCC.
4	The Bridge End name plate has been reported to SKDC and they are arranging a replacement due to the damage to the existing sign.	Reported by the Clerk.
5	There was a pollution incident at Gunby. The pollution occurred on Monday, 13 May, when a farm vehicle carrying liquid fertilizer overturned, resulting in a significant amount of ammonia entering Gunby Beck, a tributary of the River Witham.	The fire brigade attended and the Environment Agency continue to monitor the situation.
6	The Clerk has made contact with LCC Highways to investigate the possibility of having marker posts/bollards placed on the grass verge outside Co-op at Bridge End.	Awaiting a call back by the Area Engineer.
7	External Audit has been received by external auditors PKF Littlejohn who have confirmed that it is in the queue for being processed.	Awaiting receipt of Audit Report.
8	HSBC Signature Mandate. New signatories now in place.	New signatories are now in place.
9	Land Registry has acknowledged receipt of request to change Parish Council correspondence address for The Youth Club building on Colster Way.	Awaiting receipt of updated Land Registry document.
10	The Parish Council Insurance has been renewed with BHIB Insurers on 1st June 2019	The renewed Public and Employers Liability Certificates are displayed on the website.
11	Stamford Road Allotment Inspection completed April 2019.	Review letters to be sent out.
12	Woolsthorpe Road Allotment Inspection completed.	Review letters to be sent out.
13	Cemetery Inspection completed Old Post Lane.	No issues to report.
<b>19.72.1 Correspondence Received up to 03.06.19:-</b>		
1	Invitation received to the LALC networking Day 04/07/19 at South Hykeham am or pm sessions.	Councillors to let the Clerk know if they wish to attend.
2	Request from the tenant of allotment 13a and 14b to erect a small shed 7'x3' and a greenhouse or poly tunnel respectively.	Agreed, Clerk to write to the allotment tenant.

3	23/05/19 copy of a letter received sent to District Councillor Adams from a Colsterworth resident requesting a meeting regarding the changes to the Colsterworth Bus timetable.	Awaiting response by District Councillor Adams.
4	Email from the St John the Baptist Church PCC that alarms have now been fitted to the roof to guard against lead theft. If activated, the alarm emits a loud noise accompanied by flashing lights from the tower.	Note to be placed in the In Touch by the PCC.
5	Village Hall lease. This is still in the hands of the Solicitors.	Await further communication.
6	Request received for PC permission to donate a permanent wreath stand in the same vein as a memorial bench to be placed in front of a War Memorial commemorating those that have gone before us in the service of their Country since the 2nd World War.	Agreed in principle. Details will come out for consideration with the War Memorial Trust Grant application.
<b>19.72.2 Planning Applications:</b>		
	<p><b>SKDC Planning Applications</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• S19/0625 – Erection of two storey single extension &amp; single storey extension and alteration. Brook House, Main Street, Gunby.</li> <li>• S18/2337 – Erection of 5 x dwellings and access. Wood yard rear of Stamford Road, Colsterworth subject to conditions.</li> <li>• S19/0894 – Erection of single storey wrap around extension. 5 Ash Close, Colsterworth.</li> </ul> <p><b>SKDC Consent</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• S19/0518 – Brook House, Gunby. Demolition of out building.</li> <li>• S19/0759 – The Old Rectory, Rectory Lane, North Witham. Removal of weeping ash tree to ground level.</li> <li>• S19/0610 – Alteration of a listed building. Replacement of a defective lintel, ground floor window. Woolsthorpe Manor.</li> <li>• S19/0367 – Approval of details of S17/2482. The Hollies, Back Lane, Colsterworth.</li> </ul>	
<b>19.73 Group Reports:</b>		
<b>19.73.1</b>	<b>Highways and Footpaths Working Group Report. (Previously circulated)</b> Appended to these minutes.	
<b>19.73.2</b>	<b>Environment &amp; Amenities Working Group Report</b>	
	<b>i) War Memorial Trust Grant application progress update. (M Ramage)</b> Awaiting WMT to reply on initial Grant application for survey report. Exploring options for a wreath stand to satisfy one element of the initial investigations on the condition of the War Memorial	
	<b>ii) Invitation sent to representative of the Community Heartbeat Trust to give a short presentation about the Village Emergency Telephone System (VETS) (C Russell). Minute ref 19.57 from 07.05.19.</b> The representative was not available to attend the meeting. A formal proposal will be put to full council in the July Agenda with full details and costs.	
	<b>iii) Play areas, Allotment &amp; Cemetery inspection responsibilities and frequency to be agreed with the Clerk for insurance and audit purposes.</b> Play Areas to be inspected weekly. Allotment and Cemetery Inspections to remain unchanged. Allotment and Cemetery Inspection report appended to these minutes.	
<b>19.73.3</b>	<b>19.73.3 Finance and Administration Committee Report.</b> (Next scheduled quarterly reconciliation meeting is July 2019 with report to Council in September 2019.	
<b>19.73.4</b>	<b>District Councillor Bob Adams Report.</b> District Councillor Adams confirmed that he will be our point of contact for Lincolnshire County Council matters and that District Councillor Dave Bellamy will be point of contact for South Kesteven District Council matters.	

	District Councillor Bellamy raised the concerns over the A1 and explained that there is a meeting being arranged with interested Parish Councils from Stamford to Newark.																											
19.74	<p><b>Finance: Approve Accounts for Payment.</b></p> <p><b><u>Online Payments</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In Touch Editing May Issue £60.00</li> <li>• Dog Waste Bags £40.18</li> <li>• CSW Stand, sign and storage bag £96.84</li> <li>• CSW Stand, sign and storage bag £96.84</li> <li>• High Viz Jackets for CSW £55.73</li> <li>•</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Cheques:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 103731 - In Touch Printing £271.50</li> <li>• 103732 - LCC Grass Cutting &amp; Village Maint £932.40</li> <li>• 103733 - CSW Training 08.05.19 £15.00</li> <li>• 103734 – Gunby PCC Grass Cutting Grant £100.00</li> <li>• 103735/103736 Parish Council Staff Wages &amp; Exp £1,333.00</li> <li>• LCC Grass cut &amp; Village Maintenance £890.00</li> </ul> <p>Cheques signed by Cllr Russell and Cllr Clark.</p> <p><b>Balances @ 31/05/2019</b></p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 60%;">Income</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£20,725.91</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Expenditure</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£8,292.84</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Surplus/Deficit</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£12,433.07</td> </tr> <tr> <td> Less Unpresented cheques</td> <td style="text-align: right;"> £3,835.76</td> </tr> <tr> <td> Surplus/Deficit</td> <td style="text-align: right;"> <u>£8,597.31</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td> Community Account</td> <td style="text-align: right;"> £23,820.23</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Deposit Account</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£44,217.36</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total</td> <td style="text-align: right;"><u>£68,037.59</u></td> </tr> </table> <p><b>£15,000 transferred from Community Account to Savings Account 10/05/19. Minute Ref 07.05.19 - 19.61.7.</b></p> <p><b>Included in balances above</b></p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 60%;">Community Fund</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£193.11</td> </tr> <tr> <td>War Memorial Maintenance</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£2,000.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Nature Trail</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£1,000.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Highways &amp; Footpaths Min Ref 18/48.5</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£5,000.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;"><b>Total</b></td> <td style="text-align: right;"><b><u>£8,193.11</u></b></td> </tr> </table>	Income	£20,725.91	Expenditure	£8,292.84	Surplus/Deficit	£12,433.07	 Less Unpresented cheques	 £3,835.76	 Surplus/Deficit	 <u>£8,597.31</u>	 Community Account	 £23,820.23	Deposit Account	£44,217.36	Total	<u>£68,037.59</u>	Community Fund	£193.11	War Memorial Maintenance	£2,000.00	Nature Trail	£1,000.00	Highways & Footpaths Min Ref 18/48.5	£5,000.00	<b>Total</b>	<b><u>£8,193.11</u></b>	
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19.75	<p><b>Matters requiring attention such as potholes and faulty streetlights.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Poor condition of the road surface at Bridge End. Clerk to report under fix my street.</li> <li>• Plastic bottles being discarded along the A151 Fly over, possibly containing urine. Clerk to make the Community Cleaners aware for health and safety reasons.</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Clerk</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Clerk</b></p>																										

19.76	<p>Date of next Parish Council meeting is Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2019.</p> <p>There being no other business Chairperson C Hainsworth closed the meeting at 9.05pm.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>SIGNED:</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>CHAIRPERSON</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>DATE:</b></span></p>																																																																																			
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**HIGHWAYS & FOOTPATHS WORKING GROUP**  
**Report to Parish Council 04 June 2019**  
**Lead Cllrs: C Hainsworth (Co-ordinator), L Bennett and J Clark**

**1. COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH**

	<b>Update at 28 May 2019</b>
<p>Sign up to the Community Speedwatch Programme (Resolution carried forward from July 2018)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• £5,000.00 ringfenced in Council Reserves to take this forward in accordance with identified Powers and Duties for road safety</li> <li>• Ward Grant £200 received from SKDC for expenditure for clothing (with logo), signage and equipment for volunteers</li> <li>• Currently there are no plans to</li> </ul>	<p><b>Phase 1:</b>            Complete - Passive signs have been installed  <b>Update: (Sign on Woolsthorpe Road has been damaged and a report has been made to the Police 28 May 2019)</b></p>
	<p><b>Phase 2:</b>            Complete – Monitoring sites identified along B676  <b>Update: Potential new sites to be identified and confirmed with LRSP once monitoring has commenced at Woolsthorpe and North Witham</b></p>
	<p><b>Phase 3:</b>            Recruitment and Training of volunteers  <b>Update: Training carried out with seven volunteers (Cllrs Adams and Bellamy attended) on 8<sup>th</sup> May 2019 at North Witham Village Hall. Indemnity forms completed</b></p>
	<p><b>Phase 4:</b>            Complete - Vehicle Activated Sign installed at Stainby            Sign needs recharging after 3 weeks. Assistance required to install and remove. Many thanks to Cllr Weston who has made this possible and has offered to continue to provide assistance and monitor sign as a volunteer.  <b>Update: Working well. Setting set to activate at 27mph to also confirm to drivers when they are within the limit. Will shorten the time between charging so this will be monitored. Roadside data retrieval to be tested; Updated data not available at the time of writing this report.</b></p>
	<p><b>Phase 5:</b>            Clerk to order official equipment required (Ward Grant):-</p>

	<b>Update at 28 May 2019</b>
purchase an additional VAS until the current one has been installed and tested. Costs may be incurred for maintenance and software	<b>Update: Jackets, signs and counters now received</b> Potential further expenditure anticipated (Council Reserves):
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Solar charger for VAS – enquiries being made of Unipart (£1200)</li> <li>• Additional Speed gun – not required at this stage (£200)</li> <li>• Additional VAS sign – not being considered at this stage (£2000)</li> </ul>
	<b>Phase 6:</b> <b>Update: Volunteers contacted to set up dates for roadside checks at Stainby and B676 Colsterworth</b>
	<b>Sustainability</b> Once set up there needs to be a planned programme of:
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Volunteer monitoring – where and when</li> <li>• Data returns and outcomes regarding enforcement</li> <li>• In Touch updates promoting the scheme</li> <li>• Ongoing recruitment of volunteers</li> </ul>

## 2. UPDATE ON FOOTPATHS

No issues received at the time of writing this report

## 3. LCC PRIORITIES

LCC Priorities have been fully documented in May 2019 report. Works will be monitored and new issues raised will be considered to inform any review of priorities.

	Priority	Current Situation and updates
1	Junction of Back Lane/High Street	The H bar marking will be marked out on site and the local team will get this painted on the ground as soon as possible. <b>Update: Outstanding – no notice of when work starting has been received</b>
2	Consider moving 30mph speed limit area/sign entering Colsterworth eastbound back towards Stainby This is too close to the crossroads, is often obscured by overhanging branches and is too close to crossroads	The extension of the 30mph speed limit is not possible as it does not meet the county council's "current policy". Still not clear what the current policy is? <b>Update: Clerk will continue to monitor the sign and liaise with landowners regarding adjacent trees</b>
3	Consider extending 50mph speed limit from Leicestershire border from Buckminster with a view to educate drivers regarding their speed as they approach and go through Stainby and Colsterworth	There is a Community Speed Watch scheme in progress in the area which will assist with this issue. LCC policy is not met to extend the current 50mph limit <b>Update: Roadside monitoring and data collection to take place from June 2019</b>
4	Details of proposals received for traffic calming on the High Street (particularly at Houghton Lane due to the narrowing of the road and children crossing) have been shared with LCC. Whilst we understand that there currently is little quantitative evidence of accidents or injuries held by LCC, this is still a priority for Parishioners. There have been anecdotal incidents reported of "near misses", blocked road due to buses not being able to pass parked cars, etc. this will continue to be monitored through the Council's Highways and Footpaths Working Group.	LCC are not currently processing traffic calming scheme requests but they will place the requested restrictions on the list for further investigation. There are obvious issues with schemes of this nature including displaced parking, increased speeds etc. This is something that will be considered when the investigation takes place, but there are no timescales available for this at the minute <b>Update: No contact to date from LCC regarding "further investigations". Incidents will be logged to inform any further representations.</b>
5	Bridge End: New issues have arisen with the move of the Co-op; (e.g. parking on verges, lack of pavement, risks of flooding). As indicated in point 4 above, there have been no reported accidents or injuries, but the situation will be monitored. In respect of the lack of pavement we would urge LCC to consider this as consultees in any housing developments in that area.	The PCs comments are noted and have been passed on to those who look at developments and their impact. <b>Update: Proposal from May 2019 meeting (19.60.1) To agree what action to take regarding vehicles parking on the grass verge and dropped kerb outside the Co-op at Bridge End. (Cllr Russell)</b> <b>It was proposed, seconded and Resolved</b> <b>The Clerk to write to LCC Highways to enquire what road furniture could be installed. Also, to approach</b>

	Priority	Current Situation and updates
		<b>the contractors of the Co-op Building due to the area not being made good after construction.</b>
6	A1: The Parish Council has consistently raised concerns about the safety of the A1 and this is reported at monthly meetings as the closures and congestion impacts directly on our Parish.	The A1 does not fall within the remit of LCC; LCC are putting pressure on Highways England to undertake the survey/review that was promised some time ago. <b>Update: Nothing has been received by PC but reports on Social Media raises concerns about impact of HS2 on the A1 with diversions from the M1- full details shown below (Item 5: A1 issues)</b>
7	Flooding/Drainage/Soakaways: There has become a noticeable deterioration in drainage of surface water due to the lack of maintenance, particularly on the B676 (from crossroads to A1)	<b>Update:</b> Continues to be problematic although stretch on B676 has had contractors try and pump out soakaways and clear blocked drains. Old Post Lane continues to be problematic with serious flooding when it rains. Further report made by Clerk 28 May 2019 Continue to monitor and report issues through standard processes.

#### 4. ISSUES LOG – Traffic and road safety

- Motorhome parked on Woolsthorpe Road – reported to Police
- Broken CSW passive sign – reported to Police
- No individual vehicle/traffic incidents received

#### 5. A1 ISSUES

##### 1. Incidents impacting on our area (accidents, delays, tailbacks/diversions) on A1

(Source: <https://www.newsnow.co.uk/h/UK/Travel+&+Transport/Road/A1>)

##### 2. Survey of A1 by Highways England Impact of HS2 on the A1

Source: <https://www.stamfordmercury.co.uk/news/hs2-work-to-fuel-a1-congestion-9070581/>

*“Lincolnshire’s highways chief has warned of greater chaos on the A1 if HS2 diverts traffic from the M1 to the A1. Coun Richard Davies (Con) says the dual carriageway is already at capacity and diverting more vehicles will ‘exacerbate a busy, dangerous and congested road’. He says this will happen when works starts on HS2, possibly in a couple of years, which will then disrupt the M1, forcing traffic on the A1.*

*The warning comes as Highways England is undertaking a safety survey of the A1 between Peterborough and Doncaster, which is due for completion this summer.*

*Initial findings, he says, suggest that the main hazard is caused by vehicles running into the back of another, rather than vehicles crossing the road and hitting traffic at right angles.*

*Highways England, Rutland County Council, Lincolnshire County Council, the police and others have been meeting to discuss the A1’s future, with a further meeting due in June.*

*Coun Davies warned that with Rutland County Council and South Kesteven District Council having major housing plans, traffic levels will only increase. He said the A1 needs more than just a few new signs but rather ‘a proper plan to upgrade the road’.*

*“We have to convince the Highways Agency to come up with a strategy for the road that addresses congestion and capacity,” he added.*

*Highways England said it had done a detailed study on the A1 and will now analyse the data to identify possible future improvements.*



*Rutland County Council's cabinet member for planning, Coun Gordon Brown (Con) said the A1 needs upgrading to motorway status.*

*"This is something that needs to be high on the Government's agenda and why we are actively seeking to engage with ministers and Whitehall departments, to understand their long-term plans and ensure that investment in the A1 is prominent among them."*

*South Kesteven District Council was asked if it wished to comment."*

There is a view backed up by evidence that the removal of the Colsterworth roundabout has made the situation more dangerous as there is no natural change to the flow or speed of traffic which a roundabout imposed. This results in no natural gaps being created in the flow of traffic for vehicles joining and crossing the A1 raising the likelihood of accidents and incidents.

## **Highways & Footpaths Working Group 28 May 2019**

### **ENVIRONMENT & AMENITIES WORKING GROUP REPORT JUNE 2019**

On Wednesday 29th May 2019 yesterday afternoon Cllr Ramage and I completed the allotment inspection at Woolsthorpe Road and Cemetery Inspection at Old Post Lane and can report the following which can be discussed at the Parish Council Meeting on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2019:-

#### **Allotment Inspection Woolsthorpe Road**

- Allotments W1b, W2b & W7 are in need of attention. A letter will be sent to the allotment tenants.
- On the vacant plot W8b a rubbish pile has appeared see attached photo. This will need removing.
- The grass track is overgrown from allotment 6b – 9. See attached photo. This will need cutting.
- There are 2 x vacant allotments 8b & 6b which are in need of strimming.







### **Cemetery Inspection Old Post Lane**

- The condition of the cemetery was good. The front gate will need attention at some time in the future.