

Colsterworth and District Parish Council

Notes of the meeting held on Tuesday 4th October 2011

Public Forum

There were 3 members of the public present.

Present:

Councillors: C Atter, M Cooper, A Carsley, D Hamilton-Hinds, C Russell, B Palmer, A Simmons, J Clark, I Greenwood, A Wood

District Councillor Bob Adams (Isaac Newton Ward)

All Parish Councillors are reminded that by law they are summoned to attend all Parish Council meetings. If they are unable to attend they must advise the Parish Clerk with a reason for non-attendance preferably before the meeting from which they will be absent – failure to forward this information means a Parish Councillor is shown as absent.

1. Apologies for Absence

Councillor D Cox, B Scorrer, J Weston

District Councillor M Wilkins (Morkery Ward)

Absent: P Cox

2. Chairman's remarks

The Chairman said that he would be standing in at the meeting for the Clerk who was on a cruise.

3. To receive declaration of interest in accordance with LGA 2000

None.

4. Minutes of the previous meeting

Please note the minutes are distributed in note form each month to all Parish Councillors so that they may make comments and alterations via the Parish Clerk thus saving valuable time at the Parish Council's next meeting when approving the minutes. These were agreed.

5. North Witham Speed Restrictions

North Witham residents are frightened to emerge from Rectory Lane at this dangerous junction because of the high speed of traffic on Post Lane/South Witham Road. It is strongly felt that a speed restriction should be applied to that section of the road. There are slow moving farm vehicles that cross the road and traffic is blind to this until they are close to the junction. Clerk to investigate what criteria is required by Highways to put on any speed restriction.

6. Winter Gritting

Unfortunately neither of our farmer councillors were in attendance because of pressure of work so the Clerk will contact them outside the meeting.

7. Community Infrastructure Levy

Cllr Palmer reported that Nottinghamshire had started to implement the levy which is calculated on the area of new properties and replaces to some extent S106 agreements. Where this money is spent is of great concern as it could be spent outside the area where the development takes place. We are told that SKDC will not be implementing CIL before 2013. Other housing revenue generating schemes were discussed and will be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

8. Clerk's Report and items arising from Minutes

a) Allotment inspections were conducted on Saturday 17th September. Woolsthorpe Road was all satisfactory. At Stamford Road two tenants are to be contacted regarding the condition of their plots.

b) Speed Checks – The police have confirmed that they will be undertaking speed checks in Colsterworth.

c) Play Area Safety Checks – The Community Cleaners have agreed to undertake safety checks.

Training sessions are being planned by Saxilby Parish Council and 2 places have been reserved. Date to be advised.

d) LCC Highways:

i) Public Footpath 17/18 – LCC has agreed to clear vegetation.

ii) Public Footpath 3 – This footpath leads north from the Woolsthorpe Play Area and was blocked by wire fencing. Carl Abram, LCC Footpath Officer, was informed and has been to see the obstruction and will contact those responsible.

- iii) Poplar Tree on Woolsthorpe Road – Highways have agreed to reassess this tree to see if it is a problem.
- iv) VAS on Bourne Road has still to be connected.
- v) Road Signs at the junction of Stainby Road and Old Post Lane are considered to be confusing for those looking for North Witham Village Hall. Highways have been asked to look into this.
- vi) Blocked Footway – The footway on Colsterworth High Street was blocked completely by Central Networks when doing a repair. Highways have informed them that they must provide an alternative safe route for pedestrians in the future.
- vii) 6 missing cat's-eyes on Bourne Road have been reported.
- e) Gunby Payphone – Further damage to the phone box (broken glass) has been reported to BT. The phone has been out of order for over 12 months despite being reported several times. It is probably best if BT were to remove it.
- f) Bus Shelters – All bus shelters have now been painted and repaired.
- g) Village seats/benches – Work to replace rotten struts and restaining will commence in October this will include Northern's Close, North Witham.
- h) Church Cemetery, School Lane. The wall is in a dangerous condition. The Church Warden says the matter is in hand.
- i) Old Post Lane cemetery extension. The fencing work should begin any time now.
- j) Old Railway Line – No reply as yet to our offer to purchase the surface freehold.
- k) Play Areas - Repairs to the swing seats and the painting has been completed at the Woolsthorpe Road Play Area.
- l) The Parish Council now has access to Ordnance Survey maps through subscribing to Parish Online for Public Sector use.
- m) SKDC has agreed to cut the vegetation on footpath 9.

9. Group Reports

Cllr Brenda Palmer informed the council that the local architect has prepared some excellent drawings based on discussions with the Social Club and Village Hall, these will be discussed at the next meeting of the interested parties.

Cllr Alan Wood said that the installation of the gas supply, central heating and double glazing of the Youth Club is about to begin. He said that he is investigating cavity wall insulation and he passed on the Club's thanks to the Parish Council for their help.

Cllr Alan Simmons reported that he had met with several play equipment manufacturers at the play areas. Since the present equipment was installed more adventure type themes have come on the market. It is felt that those who would be using the equipment should be consulted and that equipment should be provided for the over elevens as well.

10. Correspondence

SKDC Electoral Services Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places - consultation

Hope Africa Request for a donation - declined

Neighbourhood Watch AGM Walton Girls' High School – Tuesday 11 October 2011 7.30pm
Big NHW Lunch in conjunction with the Diamond Jubilee

CPRE/NALC How to respond to Planning Applications booklet

Society of Local Clerks suggesting membership for the Clerk with help to obtain the
Certificate in Local Council Administration (CiLCA).

Boundary Commission for England – The 2013 Review of Parliamentary constituencies in England.

Information can be found at www.independent.gov.uk/boundarycommissionforengland

Comments to press@bcommengland.x.qsi.gov.uk

SKDC Housing Management Blake Hutchinson, Acting Service Manager, confirming that he will attend
the next Parish Council Meeting on 1st November 2011

11. SKDC PLANNING

The following applications were received:

S11/2152	Lincoln Diocese	Works to various trees The Rectory, Back Lane, Colsterworth
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SKDC Planning Permission Withdrawal

None

SKDC Planning Permission Refusal

None

SKDC Planning Permission Approval

S11/1932	Darren Cherry	Two storey front extension & rear sun canopy 11 Bourne Road, Colsterworth
S11/2100	Claire Wardle	Non material amendment to S09/1714 Church Gates, Church Street, North Witham

SKDC Planning Appeal Dismissed

none

Planning Inspectorate – Appeal

none

12. FINANCE: Accounts for Payment

CHEQUE NUMBER	SUPPLIER	DETAILS	VALUE £'s
102677	K Atter/M Robertshaw	Community Cleaners (September)	317.34
102678	J Hannam	Clerk's salary & Expenses (September)	642.46
102679	HMRC	PAYE (Jul/Aug/Sep)	769.39
102680	Getspatial	Parish Online	48.00
102681	Rick Webster	Village Maintenance	248.40
102682	WG Harrison Ltd	In Touch (September)	190.00
102683	Fulcrum Infrastructure Serv.	Youth Club Gas Supply	2,861.85
102684	Colsterworth Trust Estate	Allotment Rent	10.00
102685	WR Cooper	Village maintenance (September)	651.58
		TOTAL	£5,739.12

APPROVED by Parish Council**Summary of Accounts:**

Income	19,761.86
Expenditure	20,228.54
Excess Income over Expenditure	£ - 466.68 (NEG)

Bank balances at 30 September 2011

HSBC: Community Account	6,695.14
High Interest Account	9,032.75
High Interest Bond	30,000.00
Total	£ 45,727.89

PARISH PLAN FUND

£2084.50	balance April '08
1000.00	Lincs Waste (donation)
-30.02	NW play area – paint (climbing frame)
-250.00	“ “ – sand blasting
-142.00	labour (painting climbing frame)
-544.90	Xmas lights/electrics
-189.27	youth disco (£90.00+50.00+49.27)
-1400.00	grant to youth club
-63.00	Parish Plan – update 2011-2012
£464.81	current balance (included in Bank balances above)

13. Any Other Business

- a) The question was asked who's responsible for the upkeep of the new wooden fence erected by DWH adjacent to the Sports & Social Club. Clerk to confirm it is the responsibility of DWH or the owners of the property on the new estate.
- b) Road surface erosion Church Lane, North Witham is now so bad that vehicles have to go on the wrong side of the road to avoid it which is very dangerous.

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.00 pm

Signed

Chairman

**THE DATE OF THE NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING IS AT
7.25PM ON THE 1st NOVEMBER 2011**

Attendance to date (May to April – annual maximum 10)

	<u>Attended</u>	<u>Apologies</u>	<u>Absent</u>
C Atter	5		
M Cooper	5		
A Wood	4	1	
I Greenwood	3	2	
D Hamilton-Hinds	5		
J Weston	3	2	
A Carsley	5		
D Cox	4	1	
P Cox	3		2
B Palmer	5		
C Russell	5		
W Scorrer	2	3	
J Clark	2*	1	
A Simmons	3*		