

## **Colsterworth and District Parish Council**

### **Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 6th December 2011**

#### **Public Forum**

There were no members of the public present.

#### **Present:**

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

**Absent:** None

#### **2. Chairman's remarks**

The Chairman thanked councillors for the positive contribution they have made in 2011 and reminded them that the next meeting will be on the 7<sup>th</sup> February 2012.

#### **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. CCTV**

An offer of a demonstration of a CCTV system was discussed. It was thought that the cost of £3,400 for a wireless system was too much and could not be justified. Legal implications were also raised although on further investigation these would not be insurmountable. The offer will be declined.

#### **6. Diamond Jubilee 2012 - Beacon**

The possibility of a Celebration Beacon was raised as nothing else has been put forward for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee on 4<sup>th</sup> June 2012. The cost of the propane Beacon would be £299 which was felt to be too expensive for a one-off occasion and the matter was deferred to see if the money could be raised by public sponsorship. The Parish Council agreed to budget £500 to support Diamond Jubilee Celebrations as it did with the Golden Jubilee in 2002. Councillors decided that the cost of a beacon was prohibitive. Instead it was agreed that the Parish Council would budget for £500 towards the Diamond Jubilee celebrations. A note will be placed in the "In Touch" to appeal for anyone wishing to organise an event like a street party to attend the February 7<sup>th</sup> 2012 Parish Council meeting or contact the coordinator Councillor Paul Cox.

#### **7. Set Precept 2012/13**

The clerk informed the council that in order to maintain services it would be necessary to increase the precept. LCC had notified us that the grant towards village grass cutting was to be reduced by 1/3<sup>rd</sup> i.e. £500. In addition the cost of the additional Visually Activated Sign (VAS) would be billed by LCC over a 5 year period at £1000 per year. It was agreed by the council that an increase of £2000 would be set to cover these costs and to include the provision £500 for the Diamond Jubilee. The increase is equivalent to £1.98 per year on a band D property.

#### **8. Clerk's Report and items arising from Minutes**

- a) LCC Highways. Road surface repairs have carried out on Rectory Lane, North Witham but several other jobs are still outstanding. An update from LCC Highways has been requested.
- b) Old Post Lane Cemetery extension. Legalities to transfer the land from Stoke Rochford Estates to the Parish Council have been completed.
- c) Old Railway Line. The proposal for WRG to transfer land to the Parish Council is progressing. The parish council will settle WRG legal fees to the sum of £1250.

- d) War Memorial. The donation box at the White Lion generated a further £26.47 towards the renovation costs.
- e) Woodland Trust. A grant application to provide a “Treepack” has been submitted to the Woodland Trust. If successful these will be used to hedge the Old Post Lane Cemetery extension.
- f) Community Defibrillator. Information received from other parish councils suggests that provision of such facilities are normally located at a local surgery or fire station. Clerk will make further investigations.
- g) Vehicle Activated Signs. The police have been requested to undertake speed checks now that the VAS's are operational.

## 9. Group Reports

The Social Club and Village Hall refurbishment plan was presented to David Wilson Homes and they have confirmed that it is compliant with the terms of their financial contribution of £50,000.

Cllr Alan Simmons reported that he had received feedback from three parishioners following the note in the “In Touch” regarding types of play equipment. He also reported that the ROSPA play safety course he attended in November was very informative and that he will undertake a monthly inspection of play areas. In addition the community cleaners will report any faults on a weekly basis to him. A recommendation as to what equipment should be upgraded or renewed will be presented to the council in the New Year.

A “Teen” shelter will be considered if an appropriate location can be sought.

## 10. Correspondence

Lincolnshire Probation Trust      Community Payback - Working in Partnership  
(Clerk/Councillors Derrick Hamilton-Hinds, Brenda Palmer will arrange to meet with the Trust)

Margaret Winn

Frederick Ingle Trust – (agreement to appoint Mrs H Scorrer as Trustee)

## 11. SKDC PLANNING

The following applications were received:

S11/2611/HSH      Mr Richard Jenks      Single storey side extension with pitched roof  
43 Woolsthorpe Road, Woolsthorpe by Colsterworth

S11/2762/FULL      Mr R Dean      Installation of portacabin (retrospective) for use of Daytime café  
and evening security office  
The Fox Inn, A1, South Witham

S11/2746/LB      Mr Stuart Coleman      Alterations to listed building (internal)  
53 High Street, Colsterworth

### SKDC Planning Permission Withdrawal

None

### SKDC Planning Permission Refusal

None

### SKDC Planning Permission Approval

S11/2576/HSH/PC1      Mr G Groves      Front porch extension and 6ft fence along southern boundary  
12 Chestnut Grove, Colsterworth

### SKDC Planning Appeal Dismissed

none

### Planning Inspectorate – Appeal

none

## 12. FINANCE: Accounts for Payment

CHEQUE NUMBER	SUPPLIER	DETAILS	VALUE £'s
102700	Festive Lights	Light bulbs	74.70
102701	Mr T Williams	Honorarium	50.00
102702	Gunby PCC	Grant – grass cutting	150.00
102703	WG Harrison Ltd	In Touch (Dec)	190.00
102704	Eurooffice Ltd	Stationery - toner	74.40
102705	G Brumpton	Village maintenance	455.00
102706	RBL Poppy Appeal	Wreaths	36.50

102707	Wicksteed Leisure	Play equipment - paint	95.40
102708	Rick Webster	Grass cutting	163.80
102709	SKDC	Election fees	167.00
102710	WR Cooper	Village maintenance	151.96
102711	J Hannam	Clerk's salary & expenses	645.30
102712	K Atter/M Robertshaw	Community cleaners	320.94
102713	Councillor A Simmons	Mileage allowance (training course)	55.25
102714	Mr S Harris	Grass cutting – North Witham	35.00
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,664.25</b>

### APPROVED by Parish Council

#### Summary of Accounts:

Income	35,849.38
Expenditure	33,572.28
Excess Income over Expenditure	<b>£ 2,277.10</b>

#### Bank balances at 30 November 2011

HSBC: Community Account	9,151.20
High Interest Account	9,034.35
High Interest Bond	30,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>£ 48,185.55</b>

#### PARISH PLAN FUND

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

### 13. Any Other Business

Large piece concrete on northern verge A151

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.30 pm

Signed

Chairman

**THE DATE OF THE NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING IS AT  
7.25PM ON THE 7th FEBRUARY 2012**

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

	<u>Attended</u>	<u>Apologies</u>	<u>Absent</u>
C Atter	7		
M Cooper	7		
A Wood	5	2	
I Greenwood	4	3	
D Hamilton-Hinds	7		
J Weston	5	2	
A Carsley	7		
D Cox	6	1	
P Cox	4		3
B Palmer	6	1	
C Russell	7		
W Scorrer	4	3	
J Clark	4*	1	
A Simmons	5*		