

Colsterworth and District Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 6th March 2012

Public Forum

There were 2 members of the public present.

Present:

Councillors: C Atter, A Carsley, D Hamilton-Hinds, B Scorrer, B Palmer, A Wood, C Russell, M Cooper, D Cox, 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 J Weston, J Clark, District Councillor Martin Wilkins,

Absent: Councillor I Greenwood

2. Chairman's remarks

The Chairman had nothing to report.

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. Nottingham Housing Association Policy – Marie Morris

Marie Morris explained the criteria that they follow in vetting applicants and placement of persons in their housing. The flats have a relatively high turnover. They deal with anti-social behaviour when notified. Contact numbers will be supplied to the Clerk.

Local people can apply directly to NHA rather than through SKDC. Publicity will be sent to the Clerk.

6. Clerk's Remuneration

The clerk's salary had not been changed for 3 years. It was agreed to award a 5.2% increase.

7. Community Defibrillator

Councillor Alan Wood proposed that:

"The Parish Council should seek donations from local companies and parishioners to enable the purchase of initially two Defibrillators to be located in Colsterworth and Woolsthorpe at £1750 each. If sufficient funds are collected a third Unit could be purchased for location in North Witham"

The motion was agreed.

An appeal for funds will be launched to invite parishioners and local business for contributions to this valuable life-saving equipment.

8. "In Touch" – advertising fees and magazine development

Councillor Hamilton-Hinds reported that he is working closely with the editor of the "In Touch" providing help and advice. The new look "In Touch" now has 8 pages allowing more articles and advertising. The magazine is self-funding and future expansion of news and articles has to be balanced by advertising income.

Advertising fees effective from April will be £46 for a small square and £90 a double for 12 months.

9. Clerk's Report and items arising from Minutes

- a) LCC Highways. New road drain has been installed at Back Lane/High Street.
- b) A1 Agency. The broken drain covers nr the roundabout at the Truck Stop have been repaired.
- c) Old Post Lane Cemetery extension. Hedging has now been completed.
- d) Community Payback. The probation service rates are:
- e) Old Railway Line. Negotiations with WRG to secure the long term future of the line continue.

- f) Allotments. Hedges have been cut new fencing is to be erected at Stamford Road and some hedge replanting. A new pedestrian gate is to be fitted.
- g) Diamond Jubilee. The committee are making good progress with plans for the celebrations. A report will be in the April "In Touch".
- h) Bowls Club. Quotes for replacement windows at the Bowls Club have been received from the chairman Barry Grosse. It was agreed with the chairman to proceed with his recommendation Roundbrand Ltd @ £905.21 (payment will be April 2013).
- i) Dorman's Fairground. It was agreed to allow the fairground to come to the village in September. Woolsthorpe Road field.
- j) Cycle Track to Twyford Wood. The Forestry Commission have confirmed they would support the initiative to provide a cycle track along the A151 to Twyford Wood. Clerk will continue to pursue this project.
- k) Polling Station. The parish council reaffirmed that the Village Hall is the preferred location NOT the School. Clerk will contact SKDC and also ask them to consider the Police Station on Back Lane as an alternative.

10. Group Reports

Social Club and Village Hall project. Councillor Brenda Palmer informed the council that good progress is being made. Funders have been identified and plans are in the process of being drawn up for review later this month.

Youth Club. Councillor Wood advised that arrangements for 20 members of the youth club to visit RAF Cranwell for a two day stay had been finalised: April 2nd/ 3rd.

11. Correspondence

LCC	Safety Code of Practice CPE1
Community Lincs	Best Kept Village Competition
SKDC Planning and Policies	Grantham Area Action Plan & Site Allocations
Environment Agency	Upper Witham Flood Risk Management Strategy

12. PLANNING

LCC PLANNING

The following applications were received:

NONE

SKDC PLANNING

The following applications were received:

S12/0383/TCA	Mrs L Bennett	Removal of Hawthorn Hedge 45 Newton Way, Woolsthorpe by Colsterworth
S12/0451/FULL	Mr Richard Pyne	Erection of block of four stables, hay barn & tack room The Barn, Porters Lodge Farm, Morkery Lane, Castle Bytham

SKDC Planning Permission Withdrawal

None

SKDC Planning Permission Refusal

None

SKDC Planning Permission Approval

S12/0028/TPO	Mr Stephen Dexter	Crown reduction to two ash trees 2 Woodlands Drive, Colsterworth
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SKDC Planning Appeal Dismissed

None

13. FINANCE: Accounts for Payment

CHEQUE NUMBER	SUPPLIER	DETAILS	VALUE £'s
102734	J Hannam	Clerk's salary & expenses (Feb)	757.14
102735	K Atter/ M Robertshaw	Community Cleaners (Feb)	320.94
102736	Cols. Methodist Church	Room Hire	32.00

102737	WG Harrison Ltd	In Touch (Feb)	190.00
102738	D Hamilton-Hinds	Dog fouling signs	27.90
102739	G Brumpton	Village maintenance	108.00
102740	CWG Ltd (JH)	Fencing - allotments	262.34
102741	D Cox	Mileage	20.15
102742	Gro Garden Products Ltd	Algicide	105.98
102743	Cols. Village Hall	Annual Parish Meeting	18.00
102744	Eurooffice Ltd	Stationery - toners	103.03
		TOTAL	1945.48

APPROVED by Parish Council

Summary of Accounts:

Income	37,107.99
Expenditure	44,289.87
Excess Income over Expenditure	£ -7,181.88

Bank balances at 29 February 2012

HSBC: Community Account	8,228.15
High Interest Account	30,039.70
High Interest Bond	0.00
Total	£ 38,267.85

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)

14. Any Other Business

Road drain Bridge End/A1

Whites – lorries along Woolsthorpe Road - weight restriction on bridge!

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.16 pm

Signed

Chairman

THE DATE OF THE NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING IS AT 7.25PM ON THE 3rd April 2012

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

	<u>Attended</u>	<u>Apologies</u>	<u>Absent</u>
C Atter	9		
M Cooper	8	1	
A Wood	9	2	
I Greenwood	5	3	1
D Hamilton-Hinds	9		
J Weston	6	3	
A Carsley	9		
D Cox	7	2	
P Cox	5		4
B Palmer	8	1	
C Russell	8	1	
W Scorrer	6	3	
J Clark	5*	2	
A Simmons	5* (resigned)		