

# **MINUTES OF COLLINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL'S ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON 8 MARCH 2012 IN THE YOUTH & COMMUNITY CENTRE COLLINGHAM**

**Present:** Chris Allen; Stuart Dove; Derek Evans; Celia Moody; Gary Norcott; Terry Ozbourne; Rosie Scott (Ch); Val Wright (Parish Councillors) and 37 parishioners

**1.Apologies:** Sonia Brodell; Mick Dowell; Mike Goodwin; Marcia Parkin; Di Smith; NCC Vincent Dobson; NSDC Mel Shaw

**2.To receive and accept the minutes of the Parish Meeting of 10 March 2011 and reports arising from the minutes:** the minutes having been circulated were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chair.

Proposed by Val Wright, seconded by Derek Evans. Vote unanimously in favour of accepting the minutes.

**Reports:** there were no reports arising from the minutes.

**3.Chair's report on parish event:** as attached

**4.Financial report for previous year and auditor's report:** these documents were circulated to those present. A parishioner asked about a full asset register for the Parish. The Clerk informed the meeting that a revaluation was taking place and the register would be updated in the near future.

Questions were asked about the ownership of the Jubilee Room, which is owned by the Parish Council. It is used as an archive store for Collingham & District History Society and the Parish Council.

**5.Collingham flag and crest:** A Collingham flag had been requested by several parishioners. It was suggested that designs be submitted before the beginning of June for parishioners to vote on during the Jubilee celebrations.

**6.Open Forum for parishioners and representatives of village organisations to discuss future plans:** John Leigh Chair of Collingham and District Village Care spoke about the plans for a 'Men in Sheds' project for Collingham – see attached.

**Roger Barker, Cricket Development Officer of Collingham & District Cricket Club,** informed the meeting of the growth of the Cricket Club, both physically with the acquisition of the new field and in membership, especially junior members. In 2002 there had been 8 junior members there were now over 100, boys and girls now playing. This was linked to the successful coaching scheme which was now on offer. The new cricket pitch would be in use by the summer season of 2012 with the new pavilion. This pavilion was being supported by local tradesmen and would be an asset to the Cricket Club. It was agreed that the whole of the Cricket Club made a wonderful entrance to the village.

**Diane Birch of Collingham and District Gardening Club** reminded everyone of the Collingham Open Gardens 2012 and asked for volunteers to open their gardens on Sunday, 3 June 2012. This date was chosen to be part of the Village celebrations for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. Entrance monies would be donated to Lincolnshire and Nottinghamshire

Air Ambulance. It was stressed that this was not a competition, all gardens are of interest. The theme this year would be red, white and blue.

**Dr Derek Middlemass** gave the meeting an update on the progress of the **Community Orchard** in the village which was opened in September 2011. The annual rent of the land, owned by the Parish Council, and a token British Braemar apple was to the Chair of the Meeting. (It would be some while before an Orchard grown apple would be available) 11 trees and 100s of bulbs had been planted in the autumn. Donations had been received from CC Dobson, residents and businesses. The next project in the short term was to look at the pathways into the Orchard to improve access. In the future Apple days could be held when fruit was available.

**Brenda Wilson Transport Co-ordinator of Collingham and District Village Care** was pleased to announce that the Nottinghamshire County Council grant had been secured for the next three years. This grant covered the overheads of the transport scheme only. There had been an increase in the previous year of people needing help, to over 200, and an increase in trips to 3565.

Brenda asked for those present to give their reaction to members of the Village Care Committee about a proposed Day Centre in Collingham for local residents. This Centre would be organised with Age UK Nottinghamshire.

**Tony Yates**, who maintains links with Villeneuve-sur-Yonne and the **Twinning Association** explained that the organisation established in 1981/2 seemed to exist in name only, although personal relationships with friends still carried on. It was hoped that the Jubilee celebrations of the summer and the invitation to the Mayor would revive this Association, if only at a more formal level between the Parish Council and Mayor's office.

**Mike Goodwin Chairman of Collingham Football and Sports Club** was unable to attend the meeting because of the serious illness of a close friend, but sent details of his intended speech, entitled 'The Future is Bright – The Future is Black & Amber' which is attached, together with details of the proposed redevelopment of the club house and building of an all-weather pitch.

**Celia Moody** gave everyone a brief update on the preparations for the **Jubilee celebrations** and the enthusiasm shown by everyone attending the meetings to organise the event. It promised to be a whole parish event on Monday, 4 June 2012, as part of Collingham's Jubilee weekend. There would be a competition best dressed house and street sponsored by a local business. A programme of events over the entire weekend would be delivered to every house in the parish. A Facebook page had been started, news was on the website, in the Fleet and on posters throughout the village.

**8. Close of Annual Parish Meeting:** Rosie Scott thanked everyone attending the interesting and informative Annual Parish Meeting and wished to thank everyone, of all ages, for their hard work and support in the life of the Parish.

45 members of the Parish present

No member of the press present

The meeting closed at 8.21 pm