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I start with a couple of bits of sad news. Firstly the tree by the village centre where the Christmas lights are situated has unfortunately succumbed to honey fungus. This has meant the difficult decision has had to be taken to cut it down as this would rapidly become a safety hazard as the tree starts to die meaning that sooner or later it would fall down of its own accord. You will have noticed this happen at the end of January. The Parish council will look to replace this as soon as we are able but this will unfortunately be at least a year to allow the fungus to leave the soil. In the meantime we will investigate the options for the Christmas tree this year as we wouldn't want to be without our lights if at all possible.

Secondly you will be aware that Neil and Tracey after many years in the post office have decided to close. This is a very sad time for the village as their friendliness and helpfulness towards all residents will be greatly missed. They have a huge knowledge of the people within the village and I value the chats with them over the years when I have popped in for something. I am sure you will see Neil and Tracey around the village as fortunately we don't lose them as residents. We do not lose the post office either, the good news is that it is moving to Gascoignes in the middle of the village where I look forward to the same friendly welcome.

I would like to close by wishing you and your families all the best in 2017 and I look forward to the many exciting events we have throughout the year. Please could I remind you we are always looking for volunteers for Speed Watch. Please contact Caron Ballantyne if you are interested.

Tim Musson

Collingham Parish Council meets on the fourth Thursday of every month and the second Thursday in December. The meeting in August may be cancelled if there is insufficient business. The meetings are held at the Youth and Community Centre on Low Street, except June which is at the Chapel in Brough and begin at 7:15pm. The general public are welcome at all meetings, though they have no rights to participate except at the beginning of the meeting or at the Chairman's discretion and with prior notice to the clerk. Once the meeting is under way the public are welcome and encouraged to stay and listen to the Council. There may be times because of the sensitive nature of the business being discussed that the public and the press are asked to leave though this happens very rarely.