

COLLINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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Best Kept Village time will be upon very soon; judging usually takes place in late June. One of the key areas the judges look at is community involvement over the whole village. In the past Collingham has been criticised for untidy pavements, leaf debris on pavements and weeds growing in front of walls, so we would ask that we all cast a critical eye over our own bit of the village and have a goody tidy up. The Parish Council will be asking Newark and Sherwood District Council to send in the street cleaning squad to sweep up the roads; they no longer clean pavements, that is the responsibility of householders.

Other areas to look at are road signs of all sorts, including street names. It is also the ideal time to report signs in a state of disrepair, faded letters and loose or damaged fixings. The Parish Council will pass on this information to the District Council for repair or replacement. This also serves the practical purpose of making life easier for our all our residents, for deliveries and most important of all for the emergency services.

We are not judged on being the prettiest village but on all our residents, of all ages, working together for the community, something which Collingham is especially good at. It's not just to win prizes or just for a couple of months of the year, but to improve the standards for everyone throughout the year.

There will be changes in the roles at the Parish Council after our Annual meeting on May 12, I am resigning as Parish Chair, but will still be on the Parish Council. Being Chair is a transitory role, what goes on is community life. It has been a privilege to see the fantastic work that is done in this Parish for the residents of all ages, by the residents of all ages

Rosie Scott

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.