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I'm sure most of you will be aware of the opening of the new Lincolnshire Co-operative Store in October. Another building project finished and plenty of notices to guide you to the right part of the village. At a time when a lot of villages are facing losing shops we are very fortunate to have such a wide offer available in Collingham, with the new larger LCS store and our wonderful independent shops, that serve us so well.

At the Emergency Committee meeting the first two items on the agenda are floods and snow at this time of the year. The stores are checked for emergency equipment and notices in case of flood. This year, for the first time, all the Flood Wardens have been trained by Nottinghamshire County Council and given permission to close certain roads in the event of flood water coming onto Low Street. The roads to be closed have been agreed with the County Council and only access for householders is allowed. All householders on these roads have been informed.

When parts of Low Street are under water the 'wave' from traffic going through the water can cause more damage to properties. Manhole covers can be raised and cause damage to vehicles or injuries to pedestrians. Flood water is invariably very dirty water and should be avoided wherever possible.

As with all of this type of planning we hope for the best – no floods – but prepare for the worst.

A DATE FOR THE DIARY – Advent Lights and Carols will be on Sunday, December 6, at the Village Centre. Posters will go up at the end of November, so start practicing your favourite Christmas carols and songs. I'm sure mince pies and mulled wine will be available to lubricate throats and voices.

The rhyme that says 'Dull November brings the blast, then the leaves are whirling fast', always comes back to me at this time of year, shorter daylight hours, leaves going everywhere but on the compost heap and hopefully dull November not chill November. Enjoy the leaf sweeping, bonfires and fireworks in November but please take care.

Rosie Scott

Collingham Parish Council meets on the fourth Thursday of every month except August and December. The meetings are held at the Youth and Community Centre on Low Street and begin at 7:30pm. The general public are welcome at all meetings, though they have no rights to participate except for the 15 minutes prior to 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.