

## COLLINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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### WEBSITE

The Village website is currently being reviewed following a change of host. All content, layout and accessibility are being examined in the light of current legislation. We hope to be up and running as soon as possible. If you would be able to offer some time and assistance with the refresh of this Parish resource it will be gratefully received.

Well so much has happened since last month – It is certainly a busy and exciting time for the village.

The community park construction work is now complete and the park opened with a great flourish of children as they finished at John Blow School for Easter on Maundy Thursday. Everyone seems to be thrilled with the results and even on cold and wet days it can be seen to be in use. As it is a space for all ages, parents are using the gym equipment, whilst the children enjoy the wide range of play opportunities. There are still tables and benches to be installed, but we did not want to place these until we had chance to get a feel for the new space. If you haven't been down yet, it is well worth a visit, whatever your age – the child in you will have a great time!

71 High St (the old Police Contact Point) is progressing well, with the old materials having now been ripped out and the refurbishment is underway. The agreement with Nottinghamshire County Council to relocate the library into here has been made, with the Parish Council having a small office here too, which will make access to Parish Records, Planning Applications and the like much easier for everyone.

All 4 defibrillators and cabinets for the village have now been delivered. The one at the Fire Station is fully operational and we await the imminent erection of the others at Dale Field (on the Cricket Pavilion), The Youth and Community Centre and William Bailey House. Thanks go to everyone who has made this possible.

As I sit and write this article, I have just heard that there are 14 nominations for the 10 Parish Councillors, so there is to be an election. This is the first full election for the Parish Council since 2007. Please show your support for the village by turning out to vote on 7 May. There are a number of new nominations, but a number of existing Councillors have also been nominated again. This is your chance to decide who you want to represent you on the Parish Council for the next 4 years, so make the most of it.

Best Kept Village – The entry fee has been paid and the first round of judging will take place between Monday, 8th June and Friday, 26th June 2015. If you would like to get in involved in helping with this or you have noticed any areas that could do with a "Spring Clean", please let me know.

The Parish Council is looking for additional volunteers for the Community Speedwatch which operates in the village. Many complaints about speeding have been received from residents all around the village but especially Station Road and Swinderby Road, but there is currently not enough volunteers to carry out any more activities. If you would like to be involved, even if you don't live on these particular roads, please get in touch with me.

Watch this space for future news and information about those that have been elected to the Parish Council for 2015-19.

### Caron

*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 fifteen minutes prior to the beginning of every 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. .*