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**MINUTES OF THE COLLINGHAM ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**  
 held at 7.30 pm on 13 APRIL 2017  
 in the YOUTH & COMMUNITY CENTRE, LOW STREET, COLLINGHAM

**1. Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received from:  
 Cllr Scott. Derek Middlemiss & Julie Reed

**2. To receive the Minutes of the Parish Meeting of 14 April 2016**

Copies of the minutes were available and accepted as a true record

**3. Chair's report on Parish events**

Appendix 1

**4. Draft governance statement & financial report for the year 2016/17**

Appendix 2 and Appendix 3

**5. Neighbourhood Planning – What is it? And how could it help our community?**

Presentation by Jenny Kirkwood of RCAN Appendix 4

**6. Nottinghamshire Fire & Rescue – Community First Responders**

Members of the Service unfortunately were not in attendance due to other commitments

**7. Open forum for parishioners' comments and questions**

- *A question was raised about the raise in the Precept for 2017/18 of 58.8%. This figure is correct and this was a very difficult decision for the Parish Council to make, but still provides value for money and is equivalent to about £10 per Band D property. This will provide an opportunity to maintain the community and activities as they currently are. This is documented in the Fleet article and Parish Council Minutes*

**8. Representatives of voluntary groups within the Parish to report on their progress in the last year and plans for the future**

*Collingham Community Trust – May Fair, Advent Lights and open Gardens*

New events will be coming this year. The May Fair will again be held at the Collingham Cricket Field this year. This has been a very successful venue and over half of the organisations within the village participate in this event. This year's event is to be held on the 1<sup>st</sup> May and entry is free. Site is open from 12 until 4. Additional assistance is required for marshalling the event if anyone is able to give an hour.

The open Gardens is to be held on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June and there will be new gardens included. This is the same day as the Collingham Crawl and Canter.

Advent Lights will be held again this year.

If anyone would like to join the committee, please let the Clerk know.

### *Sustrans Proposal to extend the Trent Valley Trail*

A short video shown of the proposal to extend the route from Collingham to North Clifton and Fledborough Viaduct. Sustrans are looking for volunteers to help clear paths/vegetation etc. The route will be available to all users except horses. The video will be made available on the website. Sustrans are holding a Ceilidh at the end of April in order to raise funds for this project, all are welcome to attend

### *Collingham Village Care*

The Chair of Collingham Village Care gave a short report on how CVC started and its operation now. Over £40k of donations have been made to the village over the years including, bulb planting, donation to the defibrillators and the digi screen at the medical centre. If anyone could offer time to drive or as a co-ordinator, this would be very much appreciated. A short video was shown and will shortly be appearing at the medical centre.

### *Notts Wildlife Trust – Collingham/Besthorpe Trent Vale Nature Reserve.*

The reserve which lies mainly in Collingham Parish is operated by Notts Wildlife Trust (NWT). There are 20 active heron nests and 24 chicks have been ringed. There are also egrets in residence. Cattle egret and great white egret, shell duck, great crested grebes are all visible. A juvenile Osprey came to stay for a week last year, which was a highlight of the year. The Wildlife Trust have opened a new hide to facilitate disabled people, with a fully accessible path. A new car park has been installed along with a new gate to prevent horses and motorcycles gaining access to the site. The proposed Sustrans route is fully supported and this passes right by the wildlife reserve and will be of great importance and benefit. Concerns about fly tipping were raised and this is suffered by all local villages. If fly tipping is evidenced this can then be reported to the Parish Council or the District Council so that action can be taken. Is it possible to erect signs saying CCTV to deter this activity? How many people know the law on waste disposal? The householder is responsible if material is disposed of inappropriately, as well as the person actually tipping materials illegally.

### *Collingham Community Orchard*

The Collingham Community Orchard is to be one of the Co-op Community Champions this year.

### *Collingham Business Club*

An event was held at the Football Club last night with Marc Woods, Paralympic gold medallist from the village, which went well. The Business Club meet once a month everyone is welcome to attend. Meetings are currently being held at the Grey Horse on the first Wednesday of the month.

### *Beamer Farm Update*

Work will be commencing on the site at the end of the summer

### *Safer Neighbourhood Group*

This group has now been extended to all 11 villages along the A1133 to share information on incidents of crime in the area. There is now a Facebook page to share information with others in the area. 101 is the number to call if anything is spotted in the Parish that needs to be reported to the Police.

## **9. Close of the Annual Parish Meeting**

Thank you for attending

The meeting closed at 8:43 pm

14 members of the public present and 9 parish councillors

No members of the press present