

**MINUTES OF COLLINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
22 NOVEMBER 2012 IN THE YOUTH AND COMMUNITY CENTRE,
LOW STREET, COLLINGHAM**

A resident spoke about the proposed changes to the bus stop pole at High Street/Woodhill Road. Concerns were raised about how old the photos used in the report from Nottinghamshire County Council were and whether more buses would stop at any new bus stop in the future.

Present: C Allen S Dove D Evans G Norcott C Moody
 M Parkin R Scott (Chair) N&SDC M Shaw J Guest, Clerk

1. Apologies: County Councillor V Dobson (meeting) M Dowell (family illness) V Wright (holiday) T Ozbourne (unwell)

2. Declarations of interest:

Mrs Parkin declared an interest in item 7 on the agenda, reimbursement of expenses.

3. Minutes: the minutes of 25 October 2012 were accepted. Proposed by Mr Allen, seconded by Mrs Parkin and signed by the Chair.

4. Progress reports for information:

(i)Speedwatch: a meeting took place on 2 November 2012; new volunteer forms were completed along with risk assessments. Training will begin with the three new volunteers next week. Areas to be concentrated on are High Street, Station Road and Swinderby Road.

(ii)NCC Highways: an Inspector has been to Low Street and is contacting the owners of the trees concerned.

(iii)Newark & Sherwood Homes: NCC Dobson is liaising with Nottinghamshire County Council concerning the parking situation on Braemar Road and Windsor Close. Stephen Feast, Director of Newark & Sherwood Homes is seeking to find an appropriate resolution to this matter.

(iv)Bus pole on Woodhill Road/High Street: Photos to be taken at the times the two buses are to stop at the proposed new bus pole. Several other points made and a response is to be sent to Nottinghamshire County Council.

(v)Community Emergency Scheme: Mr Evans will arrange an urgent meeting. There are concerns about flooding nationally and the Government has advised Councils to have their village halls ready. It was reported that Low Street had flooded the previous day at the bottom of Baptist Lane with groundwater.

5. Planning Applications

12/01281/FUL	12 Besthorpe Road, change of use from agricultural type building to micro-brewery (resubmission)	This application was unanimously supported
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6. Planning Decisions

12/00989/FUL	Fir Tree Cottage, Newark Road	Application approved with conditions
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7. Income and Expenditure

Mrs Parkin left the room, having previously disclosed an interest in this item.

The balance sheet for November was discussed. Requests for money set aside for certain projects, for example the Jubilee Fund and the grant for the Play Park be shown separately. It was suggested that the Clerk's salary be shown gross so it is clear who pays the tax and national insurance. The Clerk will look into this with Mrs Wright.

The introduction of an expenses policy will be an agenda item at the Finance meeting in January 2013.

PPSL	4 X litter pick and playground inspection - September	117.60	23.52	141.12
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PPSL	Repair of spinner	75.00	15.00	90.00
D Lyne	Contract grass cutting October	433.33	86.67	520.00
Royal British Legion	5 poppy wreaths	85.00	0.00	85.00
Collingham Memorial Hall	Room hire 3 November 2012 Play Park Consultation	18.00	0.00	18.00
The Information Commissioner	Annual renewal of Data Protection Licence	35.00	0.00	35.00
Terry Ozbourne - Reimbursement	Replacement Nottinghamshire County Flag	12.97	0.00	12.97
Clerk's Expenses	Stationery, use of house 13 September – 31 December 2012, mileage	132.99	9.66	142.65

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Marcia Parkin - Reimbursement	Mileage costs to NALC AGM 14 November 2012	17.91	0.00	17.91

The above payments were proposed by Mrs Moody, seconded by Mr Evans and unanimously approved.

Mrs Parkin rejoined the meeting.

8. Correspondence

Notts CC Budget Consultation - anyone can comment on the budget and a copy of the Consultation is available in the library. This item will be on January's agenda to discuss and agree the Parish Council's response.

Central Lincolnshire Local Plan Core Strategy Consultation Draft – responses can be made individually, to be an agenda item in December

Letter from Notts CC to Mrs Kaye regarding Heritage Lottery Grant – this will be placed in the circulation file for Councillors to study

Email request from Collingham Tennis Club for financial assistance from the Parish Council – this will be acknowledged and placed on a future agenda when more is known about the Village Centre.

Royal Mail – extending redirection provision. It was agreed that it was no longer necessary to pay for postal redirection. There was a discussion about the problems with the new delivery service in Collingham. The Clerk has been informed by Royal Mail that a review is taking place and improvements should be seen early in December. This will be an agenda item at the meeting on 13 December.

9.Planning: it is proposed that presentations of pre-planning applications in the Open Forum before each meeting, by potential applicants or their representatives are not appropriate. Proposed by Mrs Scott, seconded by Mrs Parkin and unanimously approved.

10.Christmas: there is to be carols, music, mulled wine and mince pies at the Village Centre at 5.30pm on Sunday 2 December. Light have been purchased at a cost of £890.12 and will be arriving shortly. The Co-op has agreed that we may use their electricity supply. The Memorial Hall has been booked in case of bad weather. Volunteers are needed to help on the day. Musicians have been booked at a cost of £200. Claire Weeks has kindly produced a poster for the event, this is to be sent to the 'Jubilee' contact list and a request made to John Blow School that copy is given to each child to take home.

11.Website: to agree costs of adding another page to the Parish Council's page on the village website. As Mr Ozbourne was not present, this item was moved to the December meeting's agenda.

12 Cheque Signatories: to agree the addition of the Clerk as a signatory to the Nat West Bank accounts in order that she may obtain information and balances of the accounts. This was proposed by Mrs Scott, seconded by Mr Allen and unanimously supported.

13.Road Signs: to agree style and design of the new signs at the entrances to the village.

A design by local resident Claire Weeks was shown, some changes were requested and this item was moved to be agreed at December's meeting. Mrs Weeks was thanked by the Council for the work she has put in to this project.

14.Play Park: update following the Play Park Consultation on 3 November 2012

Questionnaires have gone out to all local groups; the deadline for their return is 30 November. The Play Park committee will then collate the results and meet again in January. Mr Allen has applied for a grant of £1000 which it is hoped will be used to purchase the mechanism for self-closing gates.

15.Councillor's Reports and items for future agendas

Mr Evans reported that Woodhill Road finally has a new sign.

Mr Evans, Mrs Parkin and the Clerk attended the National Association of Local Council Annual General Meeting on 14 November.

Mr Evans has reported a case of fly-tipping.

Mrs Moody raised the problem of mud on Trent Lane. It has been exceptionally wet the last few days and it is hoped that the rain may help clear the problem.

Mr Shaw attended a Rural Crime Meeting, the Chief Constable, Assistant Chief Constable and new Police Commissioner were present.

Mr Norcott reported on the problem of traffic turning onto the High Street, particularly when turning right out of Dykes End. Concerns were raised over the speed signs being positioned too close to the entrances of the village. It was suggested that a campaign is started in the New Year to address these issues. Mrs Scott will speak to the Beat Team about a car regularly parked on Swinderby Road close to the junction with the High Street and three cars left on Station Close.

Mr Allen attended the Safer Neighbourhood Group meeting at Girton. PCSO Harriet Samson-Bailey is trying to get jackets and signs for the Speedwatch volunteers. A lead theft was reported at Winthorpe. Next meeting is on 21 January 2013 at 6.30pm at the Jubilee Room.

Mr Allen is to remain as a Nottinghamshire Police volunteer and will continue representing Collingham and working with PCSO Harriet Samson-Bailey.

Mr Allen and Mr Evans attended a meeting at Langford Lowfields RSPB site which was very interesting. The site is hoping to be open to the public from next spring/summer.

Mrs Scott advised that the John Blow School Christmas Fair is taking place on Friday 7 December at 3pm to 4.45pm.

The Parish Council thanked the Memorial Hall Committee for arranging the lovely service for the rededication of Robert Hunt's plaque at the Memorial Hall.

Mrs Scott attended the Rural Community Action Nottinghamshire (RCAN) Annual General Meeting; there was a talk about broadband speeds. Only 90% of villages will get an increase in the speed of their service. The 90% will be chosen by demand so people need to register their expression of interest on the Notts CC website at:

<http://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/broadband/>

PCSO Harriet Samson-Bailey has reported graffiti on the foot path between Swinderby Road and Woodhill Road.

The meeting closed at 8.40pm
3 members of the public present
No members of the press