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As you will have seen 71 High St (the old Police Contact Point) building work is now complete. Carpets are due to be fitted in the coming weeks and the shelves for the library will be fitted soon after. There is an opening ceremony planned for Saturday the 26th September, so put the date in your diary now and we look forward to seeing you there. With the Parish Council having a small office here too, the Parish Clerk is starting to rationalize the Parish Records, Planning Applications and the like ready for the move and make access for everyone much easier.

There have been a number of issues recently with the Community Park, the greatest concern of which is the number of small children using the shelter as a climbing frame, as a result there has been a statement posted on face book – " In response to various comments about the blue shelter, the Parish Council has issued this statement: We cannot make the shelter (the bulbous blue structure near the skateboard park) safer. It is not a climbing frame and should not be used as such. It is a shelter requested by older children and teenagers and is set into Tarmac, a hard surface. Please stop your children from climbing on it for their own safety. There are two pieces of equipment for climbing at the front of the park, both designed for climbing and both on the recommended grass mat surfaces. We know that not everyone is on facebook and therefore are repeating this, for the safety of the children.

The public meeting organised by the Parish Council with Network Rail and chaired by Maureen Dobson was well attended and came to a very good conclusion. Network Rail have promised that a replacement road will be built before Cross Lane Level Crossing is closed, so all concerns about residential roads being used as an alternative have been addressed.

Best Kept Village – The usual flurry of activity was visible prior to the start of the judging period and our thanks go to everyone who helped with this. We will have to wait a few more weeks to learn how successful we have been, but we will keep you informed, either way.

Finally this month congratulations to the Tennis Club who have successfully completed their latest project, this is another asset to be added to the already great sports facilities in Collingham. The Tennis Club are not stopping there though and the planning application for the next project has already been submitted.

Caron Ballantyne and 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 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. .