

# COLLINGHAM *Parish Council*

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It is normally this time of year when I write to say that we are increasing the council tax for Collingham which pays for all of the services that are provided by the Parish Council in our lovely community. However, this year there will be no increase per household from a Parish perspective due to the increased numbers of houses that have been built and therefore contributing to the overall pot. However this does not affect the increases from Notts County Council, Newark and Sherwood District Council, the Police and Fire Service which we would still expect will take place.

## ***Best Kept Village***

Last year we had a very poor showing in the best kept village competition and we were eliminated in the first round. Given we all have such pride in our village it would be good to get further this year in the process and really show off how nice Collingham can be. This year we have a Parish Councillor who is willing to take the lead and work with a group of volunteers to come up with ideas for improving our position. If you have an interest in contributing to this project please contact the Parish Clerk. The Parish Council has made a small budget available to help the group in making Collingham as pretty as possible.

## ***Neighbourhood watch***

Just a general plea to be vigilant and to look out for each other. There have been a couple of crimes recently where due to the vigilance of members of the public suspects have been caught quickly, we would like particularly to thank those involved in apprehending the suspects involved in the raid on the Post Office and if you do spot anything suspicious please call 101.

A couple more items to note before we end this article.

Firstly the 30 MPH signs on Swinderby road are under consideration by Nottinghamshire County Council to be moved at some point in the future further out of the village to hopefully make motorists take note and slow down before entering the residential area.

And to close on a good bit of news, The Rural Advice Centre is to continue for at least another three months with the assistance of Citizens Advice from Newark.

So drawing this article to a close with Winter hopefully soon to be over we would like to wish you well for the coming spring weather

*Tim Musson and Derek Mackenzie*

*Collingham Parish Council meets on the fourth Thursday of every month and the second Thursday in December. The meeting in August may be cancelled if there is insufficient business. The meetings are held at the Youth and Community Centre on Low Street and begin at 7:15pm. The general public are welcome at all meetings, though they have no rights to participate except at 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.*