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Each issue going forward you are going to hear from a different Councillor instead of just The Chairman. This month it's my turn and I have several issues to bring to you attention the first of which involves crime within our village. It seems we have been targeted of late and therefore we need to be more vigilant and if necessary report an issue to101. I understand that some people experience problems with 101 when they refuse to record your issue. If this is the case then please let me know and I will pass this on to our new PCSO Katie Hyde who is very keen to look into any issue of concern. We held another Safer Neighbourhood Group meeting this month the venue being Collingham. We have 11 neighbouring villages signed up to this Group and each meeting will be hosted by a different village. Since our last meeting in January Collingham experienced 39 incidents, consisting of burglaries, Anti-Social Behaviour, Fly grazing, off-road bikes, theft from motor vehicles, loose horses and criminal damage. So please be vigilant, take a photo or record the details and report them to 101. If it's an emergency of course use 999.

One of the functions we perform is Speed Watch. You may recall that 40% of those we've recorded were villagers. Shame on you. To reduce the numbers we need more volunteers to do 1 to 2 hours a month. It's quite rewarding. Risk Assessments have been carried out and you will be trained and fully covered by the Councils Insurance. Please get in contact with The Clerk if you are interested.

We are also looking for other volunteers to join some of the other groups we have in the village namely Flood Wardens, and the re-furbishment of the skate park. Again please contact The Clerk.

Members of the Parish Council recently attended a presentation on the proposed changes to Newark and Sherwood's District Council Planning 'Local Development Framework'; the Government is setting new targets for housing completions with which all local authorities must comply. There will be a public consultation and a 'Roadshow' as in previous years. Last time this Parish had the best attendance turnout of any in Newark and Sherwood - we need to do it again. Look out for posters and announcements in October 2016

Oh dear oh dear! The good old English weather let us down on the Queen's Birthday Celebrations at the street party in Low Street on the 12th. Fortunately some braved the weather so I'm sure those that did enjoyed themselves. The bands played inside the Grey Horse and were terrific, the cake making was successful and raffle made £375. Well done to the organisers. Let's hope next time we are blessed with better weather.

Chris

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, except June which is at the Chapel in Brough 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.