

# COLLINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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Once again the problem of dog fouling on our pavements and footpaths has become a big problem. Whilst the Parish Council puts up notices and provides disposal bins, nothing seems to deter those few dog owners who do not seem to care how it affects others. Many of our residents are either young and don't understand the dangers or old, infirm, and have sight problems. It is extremely unpleasant when picked up on the wheels of pushchairs and wheelchairs and walking aids used by our elderly residents. It affects everyone in the village and is unhygienic and unnecessary, especially as there are plenty of dog poo and waste bins located throughout the village which the Parish Council pays to have emptied. This is also a public health issue and can cause blindness in our children. Free disposal bags are provided by the local vet. If there are particular areas that need more notices, please contact the Parish Clerk. If you have any suggestions as to how those dog owners who are not acting responsibly can be encouraged to be responsible, please contact the Parish Clerk.

As part of the 2018 commemoration of the ending of WW1, the Parish Council has decided to take part in the East Midlands Train initiative "Adopt your Station". Collingham Station was used by troops on their way to the front and this is a good time to brighten up the station. Events are being organised by the Parish Council and several other organisations in the village – look out for notices.

*Michael Davies*

This year we have endeavoured to keep our precept increases to a minimum. However as for everything else that us as individuals need to pay for costs to the parish council also go up every year with inflation. Therefore Collingham parish council have increased their part of the council tax by 1.5 percent. This equates roughly to an extra 1.4 pence per month on a band D property. This goes towards covering the fantastic facilities we have within the community and the maintenance that the parish council needs to pay for such as the play park, bins and grass cutting.

*Tim Musson*

*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.*