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We will start with some good news - the present bus service will remain until early 2019.

Thereafter one or two minor changes may be made to the timetable for future services. We are awaiting further information from the County Council who are in discussions with the operator

Work on the skate park is due to start on 17 September now that a suitable contractor has been found and will last approximately six to eight weeks. By the time you read this it should be well under way.

Several people have expressed an interest in relaunching the twinning with Villeneuve sur Yonne. If you are interested in helping to run this, please contact the Clerk, Caron Ballantyne.

We are also looking for anybody (club, society, organisation) willing to sponsor the planting at Collingham Station. The planters and compost (sponsored by East Midlands Trains) are due to be delivered in the next few weeks.

Have you seen the first notices about COLLINGHAM IN THE GREAT WAR? There are a lot of events by local groups to commemorate the Armistice of 1918. Some events have still to be finalised so there will be constant additions to the list. There is a dedicated noticeboard in the Village Centre – look for the poppies around it. We will also list all information on the Parish website and Facebook page. Copies will be available at as many local places as possible.

A copy of a Village Trail will be delivered to every house in the Parish in late October, with the latest events list. There will also be an opportunity to record your family history on the 'My Story' section of the Collingham in the Great War page of the Parish Council website. Alternatively, there will be specially designed postcards to write down your family history and hang the card on Remembrance Tree at the Methodist Church, while the 'Welcome 2 All' café is open weekday mornings 9.30am to 11.00am. Our thanks to all the people who have supported the Collingham in the Great War project, as individuals or groups. Look for the poppy banners and our beautiful logo, it means an event is happening.

Finally, a note on planning. When considering recent applications, Newark & Sherwood Planning Department have acknowledged that Collingham has met its housing quota for the current Plan period, although the Plan is currently under review.

Jean and Michael Davies

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.