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COLLINGHAM BUSINESS CLUB UPDATE

In line with the “new normal”, the February Business Club meeting was held on the 24th at Collinghams *Royal Oak* virtual pub venue; just like the real thing, but sadly without the refreshments. The “pub” is open from 5pm to midnight seven days a week, providing a place where you can meet-up with your friends and family without prior booking using the link **www.collab.org.uk/virtualpub/**.

Given the future uncertainty caused by Covid-19, some time was spent at the meeting discussing the retail units planned as part of “*The Future*” development, adjacent to the railway station. There is a strong demand for workspace in the village as businesses expand, but it is hard to know exactly what form this will take. The requirements of a possible fitness centre, for example, may be affected by any long-term need to maintain social distancing.

The meeting also heard from the founder of the initiative to be found at **www.opendoor1.co.uk**. This is a long-standing service aimed at providing support for sufferers of early-stage memory loss, which can have a debilitating effect on sufferers. This is an initiative that has been operating across North Nottinghamshire for a number of years, and which is now looking for suitable premises to offer its services in Collingham.

The ongoing Government consultation entitled “*National Model Design Code*” was also discussed, a consultation which anyone with an interest in planning matters should take a look at as it will define the terms under which future planning applications are judged. Full details can be provided via the e-mail below.

The next virtual Business Club meeting will take place between 6 and 7pm on Wednesday, 31st March 2021, is free to attend, and is open to anyone in the local area with an interest in business matters.

To join the Club e-mail list, or for Club information, or for more details about any of the above, please contact terrynash@gusto-uk.com