

Firstly let me say that since the arrival of Jane as our Clerk things have run much more smoothly planning wise.

Planning this year has been much like any other year really. We won some and we lost some. It seems that wind turbines are on the agenda both at the beginning of the year and at the end of the year. This time last year it was Mr Laird's on Potter Hill which is STILL pending consideration though for what reason we have no idea.

The Bowls club had their prefabricated Toilet Block approved and we came to an amicable agreement with the cricket club over their signs. Permission was also granted to all saints church to repair the roof without using Lead and so far we have not heard of any more thefts. However the Baptist church was sold and planning permission granted enabling it to be turned into a house. There was much concern over the graves in the grounds and an application to move the headstones was approved though I am still not sure that everything was resolved.

Breamer Farm development was brought back onto the table and that is also still pending consideration at Newark and Sherwood. Another company Wildgoose wanted to put in plans to develop an area in the middle of the village that has always been classed as open space and a very heated meeting was held in the Memorial Hall, some months later they did actually submit a different plan, which the PC voted against and it was later withdrawn without us finding out the reason.

The Parish council voted against both a bungalow being built in a garden on Temperance Lane and a house in a garden on Lunn Lane but lost out in both decisions at district where they were both approved.

The New Co-op has not been started yet due to some contractual problems amongst the parties to the agreement.

There have been quite a few conservatories that have had full planning approval.

22 Station Road finally went ahead with not the original 24 houses from the original application of at least ten years ago but with only 4 large houses though twice a further application has been submitted and refused for an extra building plot.

A plan for the long awaited Station Car Park was submitted, approved by all and then Network Rail were told that it was too small, they are currently trying to get another plan to the district on which there are 58 spaces and this needs to be done quickly so they can start building it before the 2014 deadline when the money will no longer be available.

I have maybe missed some things out but the most significant plans during the year have been touched on, let us hope that in the coming year we get yet more agreement from the district planning committee as to what is and is not acceptable to us here in Collingham. Though I think that it is unlikely that we will ever have 100% agreement