

# COLLINGHAM *Parish Council*

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First of all, a big thank you to those residents who came to the Parish council stand at the Collingham Show to suggest where Parish Council grants could benefit the community. The comments were many and varied and if anyone has any further ideas for funding, the Parish Council would like to hear about them. Whether your request is for a large or small amount, please discuss this with a Parish Councillor or the Parish Clerk who will be pleased to give advice.

There has been a lot of chatter on Facebook regarding speeding and other motoring issues in the Village. One post attracted more than 130 comments which indicates that many residents are concerned and wish to see something done. Our Speed Watch Co-Ordinator has on more than one occasion offered to chair a meeting on the subject to discuss all those concerns but none of those 'chatters' have said they would attend, possibly because they are not prepared to monitor motorists. It is essential to prove to the Police and Highways that some speed activated devices are required to inform drivers of their irresponsible actions. Residents can make a positive contribution by volunteering for speed watch to monitor traffic in the Village. Additional volunteers are required to enable more locations to be monitored. Other villages doing Speed Watch are achieving results, so if you want a meeting to discuss the issues around traffic and speeding, please contact the Parish Clerk and indicate your willingness to attend.

The wildflower meadow at the Cross site has now completed its first season and was covered with daisies in the spring, followed by a variety of other species. Once the flowers have set seed, the area will be cut ready for a show next year. The meadow will take a few years to establish, so patience is the key. The Parish Council has joined the bumblebee society who have advised that the planting of wildflower meadows, however small, will encourage a wide range of insects, butterflies and bees.

A plea to all residents to ensure that their house numbers are plainly visible from the road. It is particularly important that property numbers can be clearly seen after dark, especially for the emergency services.

Finally, some good news - Collingham has achieved the Local Council Award Scheme Quality level. This demonstrates that the Parish Council achieves good practice in governance, community engagement and council improvement. Quality councils go above and beyond their legal obligations, leading their communities and continuously seeking opportunities to improve and develop even further.

*Jean Davies 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.*