

# COLLINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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Finally! The summer is upon us once more! There is much talk of holidays, garden parties, day trips, the end of another school year, sunburn; and the bustling buzz of the village as we enjoy long warm lazy summer evenings.

Many of the groups in the village continue with fund raising across a variety of worthy causes. An inaugural summer event is being held by the Friends of John Blow on Saturday the 8th July 2017. Our school is central to our community and proceeds raised from the event are being used to support it. Check out our village notice boards for more information and let's support the event such that it becomes a worthy annual event!

Planning and development within the village is a topic of great interest to many of us and we as Parish Council are working to mitigate development that we feel is not in-keeping with the village. In particular we have the proposed development at the Oaklands/Dykes End. To help us in any fight against development within the village we are keen to develop a Neighbourhood Plan for the village.

A neighbourhood plan has many benefits but primarily it allows us to determine the direction of development within our village rather than having it dictated to us. As a village, we have the opportunity to develop a vision for our community that ensures it reflects what we want and where we want it; all through the implementation of a neighbourhood plan.

We are keen then as a Parish Council to promote a neighbourhood plan, but it is a considerable undertaking to put in place. We are keen for residents to become engaged in the development of a neighbourhood plan for our village and would ask any person interested to get in touch to find out how to help. For more info please see <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/neighbourhood-planning--2>

Our many keen cyclists in the village will no doubt be pleased to hear that the Tour of Britain is passing through Collingham. The Tour is passing through the village on Wednesday the 6th September 2017; entering the village via Besthorpe on its route to the Sconce Park in Newark. We would ask the village to support the Tour as it passes and if you could, please keep the High Street as clear of vehicles as much as possible on the day. For more info please see <http://www.newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk/tob/>

The Tour will give our village a short window of opportunity to promote itself as the cyclists and camera crews come racing through. Bunting and flyers lining the High Street would be welcomed and local business may wish to get their advertising banners out. The Parish would like to hear from local business if they would like to sponsor prominent positions within the village for advertising purposes on the day.

Congrats to all of those who took part Collingham's Crawl & Canter and a very large well done to Collingham Pre-School committee who arranged and organised it!

Please don't forget that Cricket Week will soon be upon us, so bats at the ready! Frequent users of our community park will notice some new play equipment in the coming weeks and please also don't forget Collingham Village Care's up and coming event.

As ever please do keep a keen eye out for the many events occurring over the next few months in the village, all from the wide and varied selection of fantastic local groups we have that work so hard to make Collingham the great village that it is! Finally, thank you for taking time to read this article and we look forward to updating you with more great news next month!

Have a great Summer, Best, *Lee Marshall*

*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, except June which is at the Chapel in Brough 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.*