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Some of you may have already seen the large yellow box on the wall of Collingham Fire Station. It is our new defibrillator, the first one to go up. Our thanks to the Fire Service for installing it and to the Fire Crew and Newark Rotary for their contributions to the cost of the defibrillator and case.

The generosity of the donations for the defibrillator fund has been wonderful and it looks as though we will have four defibrillators, at north, south, east and west points of Collingham. The next installation will be at William Bailey House, by permission of Newark and Sherwood Homes. Our thanks to all our donors and sponsors. Regular updates on installations and training will follow.

You will have seen that work has started on the refurbishment of the Community Park. The installation of the new equipment will take four to six weeks, depending upon the weather. Reseeding of some areas of the Community Park will have to be carried out and we will take advice on how long these areas have to be protected. The security fencing allows good views of the work taking place, so it will be good to watch the progress of the refurbishment. Our thanks go to all the Community Park committee members past and present, they have been working on this project for over two years.

On 12 March 2015, it is the Annual Parish Meeting of Collingham Parish Council at the Youth and Community Centre, Low Street, to which all residents of the parish are invited. There will be a brief review of the past year and information about plans for the coming year, both for the Parish Council and village organisations. There will be elections for the Parish Council in May 2015, and all Councillors will stand down and have to be elected if they choose to stand again. In the April Fleet there will be more information about standing for election as a Parish Councillor.

As the four years of this Parish Council come to a close it is remarkable how many plans have come to fruition in the last year. My overwhelming thoughts and memories are of the generosity of the people of this parish in responding to community matters and appeals for help. It is a privilege to be part of that.

Rosie Scott

Collingham Parish Council meets on the fourth Thursday of every month except August and December. The meetings are held at the Youth and Community Centre on Low Street and begin at 7:30pm. The general public are welcome at all meetings, though they have no rights to participate except for the fifteen minutes prior to the beginning of every 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.