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The Parish Council is pleased to welcome Caron Ballantyne as our new Parish Clerk. Caron's contact details are at the head of the page and she will be working on Thursdays and Fridays for the Parish. Caron is a resident of Collingham and will be known to many of you through her membership of the WI.

Thank you to so many of you attending the public meeting and writing letters regarding the consultation on the proposed closure of Collingham Fire Station. The consultation period is now closed and recommendations will go forward to the Fire Authority on September 11. The Chair of the Fire Authority is County Councillor Darrell Phulk. If you would like to contact County Councillor Phulk his email address is ccl.darrell.phulk@nottsscc.gov.uk or his postal address is County Hall, West Bridgford, Nottingham, NG2 7QP. The Parish Council will be writing to him to restate our concerns.

The work on the new Lincolnshire Co-operative Society development should start at the end of August with work on the Station Road entrance. The work will be phased so that parking is always available and a notice will be displayed outside the existing store. Completion of the whole development should be in the autumn of 2015.

We heard in August that our application for a major grant for the Community Park had been successful and earlier this year we received approval for another smaller grant from Fields in Trust. Both our applications were complimented on the community consultation we had carried out, so a huge thank you to everyone who filled in comment forms, put stickers on charts and voted for the designs, we couldn't have done it without you.

The Defibrillator Fund has also received two significant boosts, the Rotary Club of Newark have given us a cheque to cover the cost of a defibrillator and case following a fund raising lunch at the home of Tim and Anna Sheldon. Our thanks to them and all the Rotarians who raised funds, especially those who live in Collingham and worked so hard organising the day and clearing up afterwards.

The Fire Crew also donated to the defibrillator fund, with fifty per cent of their sponsorship money from their bike ride to Skegness. (The other fifty per cent went to the Firefighters Charity.) Thank you to all the cyclists and their back-up team. It's another reminder of how much the Fire Crew do for us outside their official duties.

Now that September is here and the bird nesting season is over, hedges may be cut back and tree branches trimmed, to avoid obstructions and overhang. Trees and hedges are the responsibility of the land owners. It has been a tremendous year for foliage growth so please check that hedges and trees are not encroaching on pavements, rights of way footpaths and roadways.

With hopes for a lovely autumn,
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. .