MINUTES OF THE COLLINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 23 MAY 2013 AT THE YOUTH AND COMMUNTY CENTRE, LOW STREET, COLLINGHAM

Mrs Scott welcomed newly elected NCC Maureen Dobson to the meeting. Mrs Dobson thanked the meeting for the support and messages of congratulations given to her. She represents Collingham and her division irrespective of politics and emphasised her willingness to help. Mrs Dobson will attend Full Council meetings only but encouraged contact in between meetings.

Mrs Dobson then left the meeting to attend the bi-annual Parish Meeting at Girton.

1. Apologies for absence

S Dove (unwell)		M Parkin (recovering	NSDC M Shaw	
Present				
C Allen R Scott (Chair J Guest, Clerk	•	D Evans T Ozbourne	C Moody V Wright	G Norcott NCC M Dobson

2. Declarations of Interest:

- (a) To declare any personal interests in items on the agenda and their nature none declared
- (b) To declare any prejudicial interests in items on the agenda and their nature none declared

3. Minutes – to consider for approval the minutes of the meeting of 25 April 2013 – the minutes were accepted, proposed by Mr Ozbourne, seconded by Mrs Moody and unanimously approved.

4. Progress reports: (for information)

(i) Pothole outside 112 High Street and problem with stopcock covers at 57 Woodhill Road – the pothole is to be repaired. A NCC Inspector has visited Woodhill Road and does not think that any work is necessary.

(ii) Railings over Cross Dyke – NCC have advised that these will be repaired at some point but are not a priority.

(iii) Drainage grates on High Street – Mrs Wright reported that temporary repairs have been made. NCC has advised that further repairs will be made in due course.

(iv) Meeting with Notts CC Highways Officer on 13 May – this was a very productive meeting, a result of which is that all gulleys on Low Street will be cleaned and, hopefully, be inspected by camera. Mr Allen will continue to monitor this. Spalling of the brickwork to All Saints Church wall was also discussed, including the need to close the road quickly when flooding occurs to reduce the problem. It was pointed out this also happens in heavy rain

too, but the cleaning of the gullies should help. Mr Allen and the Clerk have a further meeting at NCC on 20 June to find out more about what the Highways department do. (v) Planning enforcement order, Westbrook Lane – NSC Planning Department will pursue enforcement through the courts if necessary. A resident has thanked the Parish Council and NSDC M Shaw for their hard work.

(vi) Web domain 'Collingham.info' – the Business Club has been contacted and they do not wish to purchase the domain.

(vii) Reply to Patrick Mercer's letter – the Clerk has contacted Mr Mercer's office to obtain his views of the restrictions Parish Council's face when setting precepts and whether Parish Councils should obtain a share of business rates. A reply is awaited.

(viii) Update on noticeboards and benches - Thanks were given to Mr Sheldon for quickly removing a falling tree close to the new bench opposite the Cricket Club. The two new noticeboards should be in place soon. The two new benches have received many compliments.

(ix) Update on Green Lanes, South End – Mrs Scott is arranging a meeting with NCC Footpaths Officer Stephen Tipping to discuss this matter further.

5. Income and Ex	penditure			
Warren Shaw	Work on kitchen at Youth and Community Centre*	£3110.55	£622.11	£3732.66
D Lyne	Weed spray at Burial Ground and Cross Site	£20.00	£4.00	£24.00
Kings Flooring	Flooring in the kitchen at Youth and Community Centre *	£108.33	£21.67	£130.00
Robert Anderson	Erecting 2 dog bins	£60.00	£0.00	£60.00
AEB Landscapes and Equestrian Services	Play Park inspections - April	£150.00	£0.00	£150.00
Society of Local Council Clerks	Clerk's registration fee for CiLCA course	£150.00	£0.00	£150.00

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* This money will be reimbursed to the Parish Council by the Derbyshire Environmental Trust Limited.

Mrs Wright requested that the purchase of a new battery for the speedgun by approved, it has been found this week to be not working and a new one is required as matter of urgency.

The above payments were proposed by Mr Ozbourne, seconded by Mrs Moody and approved by majority (1 abstention).

Update on completion of the Annual Return - the return has been given to the Internal Auditor, his comments are awaited. The Annual Return will need to be approved at the meeting of 9 June 2013, which will be designated a Full Council Meeting because of this.

6. Correspondence

Email from NSDC regarding application for wind turbine close to Brough – to agree comments to be submitted to NSDC – the plans were fully discussed. This application is very close to Brough and doubts were expressed over the efficiency of wind turbines generally. The application was not supported by a unanimous vote.

7. Burial Ground Fees – to discuss and agree the increasing of fees. Our fees are lower than some surrounding Parish Council's but not considerably. Grave digging is charged by undertakers which is why the Parish Council's fees seem lower. It was agreed to increase fees by 10%, fixed for two years. Mrs Wright has met with Mr Tingle to discuss this. The Burial Ground and previously the Parish Council area of St John's churchyard have given income of £15800 over the last 25 years.

8. Newark & Sherwood Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) – Consultation on proposed changes to list of infrastructure projects to be funded by CIL – It was unanimously agreed that secondary education should not be funded by CIL and comments will be sent to NSDC.

9. Application to vary the Premise Licence under the Licensing Act 2003 for the Cooperative Store – The application is to standardise the existing licence with opening hours. Proposed by Mrs Scott, seconded by Mrs Wright and unanimously supported.

10. Community Park – The Consultation on 6 May was a great success with good results achieved. Mrs Scott has consulted with the residents of William Bailey House over adult equipment and the name of the park, again positive results were received. A Consultation will take place with God Companions on 13 June at the Mayfield Room. The village Scout and Cubs groups and Orchard School pupils have been sent questionnaires to complete. Mrs Scott will approach Tuxford School to see how they can help.

A requirement of the two Fields in Trust grants is that the park is renamed 'Queen Elizabeth II field – and then a name of the Parish Council's choice. The suggestion from the Community Park committee was 'Collingham Community Park' which was strongly supported during the consultations. The new name was proposed by Mrs Scott, seconded by Mrs Wright and unanimously approved.

11.Northcroft Lane street name sign – to discuss and agree the purchase of a street sign for Northcroft Lane at a cost of £141.55 plus VAT. It was agreed that there were no funds available to purchase the sign and it was felt that it was not necessary as there is no housing on Northcroft Lane. A sign may be purchased in future.

12. Councillor's Reports and items for future agendas

Mr Evans reported that he has checked the dates of District Council and other Parish Council meetings in the future and is unlikely to miss any Collingham Parish Council meetings.

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Mr Dowell reported that scrap wagons have been seen in the village many times and on one occasion on Moor Road the police had to be called. A reminder was given to everyone to report all incidents requiring police attention to 101 immediately.

Mr Allen spoke about a constant noise from the west of the village, possible from Besthorpe Quarry. The Clerk will contact the quarry.

Mrs Wright reported that the speed monitor close to The Green does not work when rain soaked branches from the nearby trees fall in front of it. The Clerk will report this to NCC. The AGM of the Tenants and Residents Association is on 10 June at 2pm.

Mrs Wright mentioned the trimming of the edge of the Community Park behind the goal post; the Clerk will look into this.

Mrs Scott reported on several hedges overhanging footpaths, hard cut backs cannot be made now until the end of August. Relevant householders will be contacted then.

The meeting with Adam Boucher of Severn Trent had been productive, lots of information was received and Adam is sending leaflets to be distributed to food outlets in the village regarding the safe disposal of cooking fat.

A reminder was given that judging for the Best Kept Village competition beings on 3 June. The new street map will be sent before then to the judges.

Mrs Scott is researching grants; works needs doing to the pointing and eroded brickwork of the Youth and Community Centre.

The County Council Civic Service is to be held on 23 June at 3pm; those wishing to attend should inform the Clerk.

Paddy Tipping, Nottinghamshire Police Commissioner is visiting Collingham on 15 August; this will be an agenda item at June's Full Council meeting.

David Yabbacome and his wife Esther are to be invited to a future Parish Council meeting. NSDC M Shaw has obtained hi-vis jackets for the Speedwatch volunteers; his help is very much appreciated.

The Clerk reported that Collingham Fire Station is having an open day on 1 June from 10am to 4pm.

The meeting closed at 8.51pm

2 members of the public present No members of the press present

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