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MINUTES OF THE COLLINGHAM ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
held at 7.30 pm on 12 MARCH 2015
in the YOUTH & COMMUNITY CENTRE, LOW STREET, COLLINGHAM

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from: Mr Dowell, Stella Herbert, Di Birch

Whilst Di Birch was unable to attend she did send a message:

“As I’ve gone around the Village it’s evident the amount of work the Parish Council has done, not only in its own right but also supporting community groups. Well done.

Can I wish the Parish Council a positive Parish meeting, and continued success in supporting and representing our community.”

2. To receive the Minutes of the Parish Meeting of 13 March 2014

Copies of the minutes were available

3. Chair’s report on Parish events

Appendix 1

Chair of Planning Report

Appendix 2

4. Financial report for the previous year and auditor’s report

Appendix 3 and Appendix 4

Capital Revenue Report on the sale of land in the village centre Appendix 5

Councillors attendance figures published from May 2011 to February 2015 Appendix 6

5. Open forum for parishioners comments and questions

Maureen Dobson spoke and gave her thanks to everyone for their support. She noted that the Parish has been very active with lots of improvements for the community progressing well. Items that she wanted particularly to note:

- Traffic congestion on the High Street
- Potter Hill is to be resurfaced at the start of next financial year 2015/16
- Good news with regard to the purchase of 71 High Street by the Parish Council and the agreement with Nottinghamshire County Council that this will be used to secure the immediate future for the library. For the purpose of this relocation the County Council will be providing £20,000 of funding towards the refurbishment and provision of shelving etc. There was a reminder to everyone if you don’t use such facilities that you will lose it.
- The Junior Youth Club will be starting shortly

6. Representatives of voluntary groups within the Parish to report on their progress in the last year and plans for the future

Collingham Community Orchard

The treasurer gave an update on the activities at the Orchard.

- Access has been improved with the new footpath surfaces which have been laid
- a new notice board has been installed for news items to be posted on
- sign posts have been erected on Swinderby Road and Crew Road at the entrances, to make them more visible
- This year oak posts will be erected next to each tree, displaying the fruit variety
- Men in Sheds are currently making benches for the orchard, so that people can stop and enjoy the space, rather than just walking through
- The grants received to date will then have all been spent on improving the area for the use of the whole community

Youth & Community Centre

The treasurer gave an update:

- Bookings continue to be good
- Recent refurbishment internally has taken place, with new curtains and chairs
- External maintenance is hoped to be carried out in the near future

The Committee wish to remember Colin Owens, previous Chairman and one of the trustees of the YCC, who died very suddenly in December. Colin worked constantly for the YCC for many years and through his efforts kept the building in good order and hirers happy

Collingham Business Club

Appendix 7

Collingham Community Trust – May Fair

The Chair of the organising committee gave an update.

The Advent Lights event was a success

The May Fair will again be organised this year by the Community Trust at the Dale Field – hope to be bigger and better than last year, with many lessons having been learnt in the 1st year.

- Men in Sheds are currently making poles for a new event exclusive to Collingham “Pitching the Maypole”

Collingham South End Cemetery

All the old records were available for people to look at and a quick estimate (and how that had been worked out) on the number of years that there would be plots available for. This worked out to be 50 years in the area currently being used with potentially another 50 years in the area at the front

Collingham Men in Sheds

The Chairman gave an update of developments:

- The organisation continues to grow
- The premises are being further developed
- An event is being held on Saturday 14th of March to which everyone is invited

7. Close of Annual Parish Meeting

The meeting closed at 8.35pm

42 members of the public present

No members of the press present