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Yet another successful Collingham Show in September. I couldn't believe the number of attendees when I arrived about 1.30 pm to do my stint on the Parish Council stall. I'm sure it was all down to the weather as we had a really lovely day.

To those who attended our stall with our new gazebo will have noticed that we asked residents to write down on a white board any comments they thought the Parish Council could address. We filled a whole side.

There were a number of issues that related to speeding (speed bumps, active flashing signs), parking on the High Street which are the responsibility of Nottinghamshire County Council (NCC) along with extra buses. There has been a lot of activity on one of the community Face Book pages recently regarding speeding which can only be addressed by volunteers joining the Speed Watch team to monitor those drivers and give the evidence to the Police and NCC Highways. It's been effective in the past as an Interactive Sign was installed on Low Street although temporary. We have ordered a new Speed Detecting device, so sign up and try it.

Other points were portaloo at the allotments (Parish Council may be able to provide a grant), toilets in Play Park would mean we would have to pay business rates so not viable. Lighting on public foot paths is not possible as most paths run through private land and the maintenance of these is the responsibility of NCC. We often report street lighting issues to NCC and monitor that any repairs are carried out. Dog training (is a business), empty shops (outside our control) and village and sweet festival surely is the May Fair.

What we can do is obtain more trees albeit saplings which we can plant around the play park, orchard and other areas we own but they are always subjected to vandalism so we will lose a few. We will arrange planting with the Young Farmers Club (YFC) club as mentioned. We will look into changing the MUGA surface, Solar panels on the Councils properties, small skate park for 3 to 7-year olds. A Beer Festival is on the list and we have asked for the Royal Oak to run one. With regard to more benches and waste bins we need to know more about your suggestions as to where they are needed please. The request for a BMX track requires some suitable land which we currently don't have. The Collingham Scout Group was mentioned, and we are happy to engage with them if they would like to make a few suggestions as to what specifically they would like assistance from the Parish Council for.

Don't forget that there is a Grant System available for local groups to apply for and an application form is on our Web site.

An interesting list which can be added to at any time as this is your Parish and the Councillors are here to serve the Community as best they can.

Chris Allen – Vice Chair

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 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.