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The Skate Park Advisory Group (Chris Allen, Andrew Broadberry, Wayne Brooks, Jane Guest, Tom McGill, Rosie Scott and Claire Weeks) has been meeting since October 2016. The Fire Station has kindly provided room for the Group to meet. We would like to update you on our progress so far and let you know how you can support the project. Consultations have been carried out with many village groups and residents over the last 14 months to find how we can improve the Skate Park. We want to make it safer and more suitable for younger children on scooters as well as challenging for older users. We also want to improve the area around the new Skate Park and have already made a successful grant application for a new path around the Skate Park to Nottinghamshire County Council which has been matched by the Parish Council.

At the recent consultations at Collingham Show and the Co-op we showed three fantastic designs for a new concrete park from two different companies, Wheelscape and Freestyle. The design brief given to these companies was based on the feedback from earlier consultations. Visitors to our stand had the opportunity to view the designs in detail and vote for their favourite.

Further consultations (with the opportunity to vote) are being arranged with John Blow Primary School and other village groups over the next few weeks. If you would like us to visit your group please let me know. You can visit our Facebook page 'Collingham Skate Park' to vote for your favourite design and leave any comments you want to make. You can also go here to vote online: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/6MHNH36>

The votes from all the consultations and the Facebook/Survey Monkey poll will then be counted up and comments made taken into account to decide which is the winning design.

The next stage of the process will be to obtain letters of support from as many residents, village groups and businesses as possible to support grant applications that will be made to national organisations. Letters of support are vital for grant applications to be successful. If you can help with this, please post your letter of support to the Parish Council at 71 High Street, Collingham or email Jane.Guest@collingham-notts.org.uk. Any donations from local businesses and village groups no matter how small would be very much appreciated and will all help to make a difference and show support for the project.

We were lucky to be chosen as a Lincolnshire Co-op Community Champion earlier this year. Please visit <https://www.lincolnshire.coop/community/community-champions/choose-your-champion> to register your dividend card to the Skate Park project. This doesn't affect your own dividend points at all, the Co-op will just donate a little more towards the Skate Park.

Keep checking our Facebook page 'Collingham Skate Park' for updates, we hope to have more exciting news soon!

Jane Guest

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, except June which is at the Chapel in Brough 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.