

# COLLINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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Thank you to Chris Allen, our joint Vice-Chair for the last edition's Parish Council article. All Parish Councillors will be taking a turn to write our monthly update for The Fleet.

This month we are looking for volunteers! If you can spare time to help Inspire at the Library who are looking for new volunteers to work various hours or would like to find out more, please contact the Parish Clerk. Following on from the success of the new equipment at the Community Park, the Parish Council plans to review the existing skate park to see how residents, particularly our younger members, would like it improved. If you are interested in being involved, this could be by speaking to village groups or helping with grant applications, we would love to hear from you! Please let me know if you are interested or would like to learn more. Whilst mentioning the Park, the Parish Council has arranged for more frequent collections to empty the Park's wheelie bin. We hope that this will alleviate the recent problems but would add that is helpful if you can take your rubbish home with you too.

Now we have passed the end of the nesting season, we would like to remind you that you are now able to trim back those trees and shrubs that may be overhanging a footpath or pavement, making it difficult for pedestrians and those with pushchairs and wheelchairs to pass.

You may have noticed the overflowing glass recycling bins at the Village Centre car park. The different colour glass bins get emptied into the same lorry to be taken away, so if you have green glass and the green bin is full, please add yours to the other colour bins if there is room. If all are full, please don't leave your bottles by the side of the bins, this creates problems with broken glass and sometimes smells and wasps. The recycling bins are not the responsibility of the Parish Council but we hope this advice will make the service work better for all of us.

Back to volunteers! We are hoping to set up a committee for those interested in seeing Collingham triumph in future years 'Best Kept Village Competitions'. Unfortunately, we did not reach the second round of the competition this year. Any ideas or contributions would be most welcome to see how we can do better in years to come!

*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.*