

# COLLINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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Hello all from Tim Musson with the first article since the festive period so may I take this opportunity to wish you all a happy 2018. There are one or two points to run through in this issue so let's start with the weight restrictions on vehicles being made permanent. Our thanks to Councillor Maureen Dobson on this who has worked tirelessly to ensure this was not only put in place originally but that it has been made a permanent fixture down the 1133. I'm sure there are many down the High street that will be grateful for a quieter night from the traffic.

Agreement was reached to proceed with the neighbourhood plan for Collingham, this is a great initiative taken up by many communities to enable them to have greater say over planning decisions within their towns and villages. The draft terms and conditions have been agreed and any changes to this will be brought back to the Parish Council for approval. However the main steering committee hasn't had as many responses as we would like so please get in contact with the Parish Clerk if you are interested.

It has been noted that there have been some comments about the grass at the cross site and Pinfold on Woodhill road, these areas are being prepared for wildflower planting which will not only look attractive but will also provide help for pollinating insects.

After fundraising by the baby and toddler group a train is being installed at the play park aimed at the younger children. A grant has been applied for to pay for an additional carriage, installation will hopefully take place in the spring.

A Pre-consultation meeting was held at the Youth and community centre with Network Rail detailing closure of level crossing, relocating footpaths and installing a new road above the level crossing on Swinderby Road.

*Tim Musson*

*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.*