



**Colwick Parish Council**

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**Minutes of the full council meeting of Colwick Parish Council, held remotely using the online zoom app, at 7:00pm on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2020.**

**Present:** Cllrs Alison Nunn (Chair), Meredith Lawrence (Vice-Chair), Cllr Scot Handley, Cllr Femi Ogundipe and Cllr Nicki Brooks, Nottinghamshire County Council, Julie Cannell (Community Centre Booking Clerk)

**In attendance:** 1 elector from the community.

**69. Apologies for absence:** Received from Cllr Janene Davis

**70. Minutes of the previous Parish Council meeting held on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2020:**

The minutes were approved as a correct record. Proposed by Cllr Nunn and seconded by Cllr Lawrence.

**71. Updates from previous minutes:**

Julie Cannell has been appointed as the Community Centre Bookings Clerk, she commenced her role on 14<sup>th</sup> September.

**72. Declarations of interest specific to this agenda:**

Cllr Lawrence declared a non-pecuniary interest as a member of Gedling Borough Council's planning committee and therefore would not comment on planning application consultation discussions.

**73. Observations from Borough and County Councillors and Colwick Electors:**

**Cllr Lawrence:**

Since the last parish council meeting on 20 July, Cllr Lawrence has attended the following one event and four meetings:

22 July, Trentside Medical Centre official opening

2 September, GBC Full Council (Microsoft Teams)

8 September, Councillors meeting with Netherfield Locality Co-ordinator

9 September, GBC Planning Committee (Microsoft Teams)

16 September, GBC Full Council (Microsoft Teams)

Cllr Lawrence has throughout responded to casework and kept an eye on and responded to posts on the Colwick Village and Colwick Village Community Facebook pages.

He has also followed up the following issues:

Colwick Loop Road anti-social racing – awaiting report from Nottinghamshire Police

Valeside Gardens footpath from Vale Road to First Avenue – awaiting Jigsaw Homes to clear the vegetation

Valeside Gardens footpath from Vale Road to Valeside Gardens – awaiting reply from GBC Estates department regarding ownership

Major issues

St John's School plane graffiti – I was pleased that GBC agreed to clean the graffiti at no cost to the school. Donations – £1,000 from Cllr Brooks's Nottinghamshire County Council divisional fund, £500 from my GBC community fund, £500 from the Netherfield Locality co-ordinator's budget, £595 from a Just Giving page, and £250 from Colwick Parish Council – have now exceeded the £2,674 cost of repainting.

The Joshua Dale Skate Park vandalism – I arranged for a speedy repair and have made an insurance claim.

**Cllr Nicki Brooks (Nottinghamshire County Council):**

As always, I have taken up all case work that has come my way and followed up on all outstanding/unresolved cases.

I have been liaising with Cllr Nunn regarding the footpath at Valeside Gardens. The problem is establishing ownership of the path between 47 & 49 which is currently unknown. I contact GBC and have been informed that Estates are doing some digging with the Land Registry and they may have found an old Deed but more work needs to be done. They will come back to me. Ownership and Deed problems can be quite common and extremely difficult to resolve.

For information: The barriers are erected on the Highway side of the end of the path and could have been done by any number of authorities since the estate was built, I'm afraid records don't go back that far.

The original tarmacking would have been done by the developer along with the rest of the roads and paths in the estate. The path was shown on an old site plan which seems to indicate the developer was to make up the path and intended the path to be adopted but for some reason the adoption did not happen.

The lamp Colum is just on GBC land and although NCC dispute ownership, they do maintain under an informal arrangement.

Like many residents, I was deeply saddened by the vandalism to the iconic St John the Baptist Primary School's aeroplane and have been delighted to donate £1000 towards its repair and repaint from my County Councillor's Divisional Fund. I have kept in touch with Head Teacher Rachel Ireland throughout the COVID crisis and offered support and assistance where possible.

I am so glad that my lobbying of Highways has paid off and they have agreed to install double yellow lines at Mile End Road and its junctions with Colwick Manor Farm, Crosslands Meadows and Ramblers Close. Public consultation is now open on this scheme until 25 September 2020.

I was also delighted to witness the appointment of Colwick resident Muhammad Malik as Gedling Youth Mayor for 2020-21. Muhammad is a lovely young man and I am sure he will make a great Youth Mayor, his acceptance speech was very good and full of hope for the future.

It was a pleasure to support the MacMillan bake sale on Hotspur Drive and the efforts of resident Georgina Bacon. Even the weather was kind.

I have regular contact and meetings with the police as well as the locality co-ordinator Jenny Eurge.

County Council is holding all its meetings virtually at least until the end of the year with all scheduled meetings taking place.

**74. Correspondence including emails:**

None were discussed.

**75. Planning:**

Two planning applications were received after the Agenda was set for this meeting. Both have been published on the Colwick Village Facebook page should any Councillor or resident wish to send a comment they can do so by viewing them on Gedling Borough Council's webpage, they are: Ref No. 2020/0873, demolition of two industrial units and erection of 18 industrial units in 3 blocks for B1, B2 and B8 business and industrial usage, Location: Midland Catering Road No 5.

Ref No. 2020/0874, erection of detached annex at 6 Crosslands Meadow Colwick

**76. Finance. Payments to be approved/noted:**

21st July DD Talk Talk 33.98, 29th Sue Stack Audit £100.00, 3rd Aug St Johns School Grant £2028.50, 3rd Aug DD PC World Lap top cover. £9.90, 10th Aug Water Plus DD £56.60, 14th Aug Wages Total £ 1348.20, 18th Aug Sage DD £17.04, 19th Aug Talk Talk DD £36.32, 28th Aug St John's School £250.00 towards painting.

Emailed for Authorisation 30/08/20 as no meeting in August 2020.

1st Sept Alison Nunn Purchases & Mileage £222.50, 1st Sept Mark Douglas Cleaning products £448.76, 1st Sept Mercury Fire New Fobs £108.00, 1st Sept Mercury Fire Annual Maint £144.00, 1st Sept Mercury Fire Redcare £156.00, 1st Sept DD PC World Lap top cover. £9.90, 1st Sept DD GBC Waste Clearance £176.15, 2nd Sept DD BT Redcare Alarm line £45.54, 11th Sept Total Wages Bill £1394.18, 11th Sept PAYE £97.20, 11th Sept DD Water Plus £56.60, 17th Sept Sage DD £17.40, 17th Sept ICO GDPR Registration DD £35.00.

Payments were agreed, proposed by Cllr Lawrence and seconded by Cllr Handley.

#### **77. Main Business:**

- a) Senior Citizens Christmas Dinner: Cllr Lawrence suggested we cancel this year due to COVID and most of the attendees being within the vulnerable category. We could organise an additional event next year. Cllr Nunn confirmed she would promote the cancellation with community posters and on Facebook.
- b) Repainting of the Plane at St John's School: Following the appeal from the School for donations, the total amount and additional sums have been collected. The additional amounts raised will be spent on additional books for the School.
- c) Alternatives to using Zoom for Parish meetings: Various options considered, it was decided to purchase an annual subscription from Zoom (£119.90 plus VAT) which will allow longer than 40 minutes per meeting. Proposed by Cllr Lawrence and seconded by Cllr Nunn. The Clerk will organise this
- d) Recruitment of Bookings Clerk: The attendees welcomed Julie Cannell to the Parish, Julie spoke about her career experience to date.
- e) Footpath between Valeside Gardens and Vale Road: This item has been covered under point 73 above, in addition Cllr Nunn discovered a letter within the Parish files about the same issue from 2004 so it appears this has been an historical issue.

#### **78. Community Centre Update:**

- a) Following advice from central government about the re-opening of Community Centres, Cllr Nunn and the clerk have ensured the community centre is COVID secure so that the user groups can return with their classes. A robust COVID controlled Risk Assessment has been put in place along with distancing measures and signage in the community centre. Some of the classes have had to split their classes due to the reduced amount of people that can attend and remain COVID secure. The user groups are carrying out some cleaning at the end of their sessions which is complimenting additional cleaning by Carol. Cllr Lawrence reported he had received a letter from the mother of one of the user groups requesting a free rental period to assist the finances of the businesses affected. Cllr Nunn communicated to all user

groups that they could take advantage of 6 weeks free rental from the start of their classes, i.e. from 7<sup>th</sup> September when the community centre reopened. This needs to be ratified within this meeting and a suggestion of a longer period was discussed. The Council approved 6 weeks free rental, approved by Cllr Lawrence and seconded by Cllr Handley. Cllr Nunn agreed to work on the estimate figures of lost income by comparison to the previous year's income.

- b) Cllr Handley has prepared a schedule of works required for the new lighting, he has agreed to pass these onto Cllr Nunn so quotes can be obtained.
- c) Two new fridges will be purchased when required, at present they are not in use as the kitchen facilities are prohibited at present.
- d) Cllr Nunn is still to contact Notts Fire Service about the Heat Sensor query.
- e) The PAT testing and Gas checks are due in September, Cllr Nunn and Julie are organising this.

**79. Ongoing Matters:**

- a) Parish Website: Neil continues to provide regular updates and is happy to do so as a community donation of his time. Cllr Nunn has some amendments to send to Neil.

**80. Any other items the Chairman considers urgent:**

Colwick Parish has been identified as a stakeholder for the Netherfield and Colwick Strategic Plan which is currently being worked up by Jenny Eurge. The Parish has been asked to comment on the plan and provide feedback. This item was not officially on this Agenda due to it being received the day of the meeting so it will be prioritised within the October agenda.

**81. Date and time of next meeting:**

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October, 7pm on the Zoom app.

(The Chair closed the meeting at 7:36pm)