

Colwick Parish Council

Minutes of the full council meeting of Colwick Parish Council, held in the Small Hall of the Community Centre at 7:30pm on Monday 15th November 2021

Councillors: Alison Nunn (Chair), Meredith Lawrence (Vice-Chair), Scott Handley (a), Femi Ogundipe (a), Hilda Olushola.

In attendance: Jane Richardson, one elector and Inspector Chris Pearson from Nottinghamshire Police.

76. **Apologies for absence:** were received from Cllrs Scott Handley and Femi Ogundipe.
77. **Minutes of the previous Parish Council meeting held on Monday 18th October 2021:** were proposed, seconded and resolved as a correct record.
78. **Updates from previous minutes:** The hedges around the community Centre have been trimmed by Gedling Borough Council tree team. It was agreed the team did a professional job and thanks will be passed onto them.
79. **Declarations of interest specific to the 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.
80. **Observations from borough and county Councillors and Colwick Electors:**

Inspector Chris Pearson, Nottinghamshire Police update:

Chris reported their department are expanding in terms of staffing. There are now two beat managers for Netherfield and Colwick, they are George Wright and Tom Packer. A further three police officers and three PCSO's will be in place by 20th December 2021. This is in addition to six staff members in the Reacher team. Chris confirmed there are eight ladies in the team too. There will be additional vehicles in addition to the use of electric bikes that currently have a GPS system enabling the Police to promote their whereabouts on social media.

The Police force current main priorities are anti-social behaviour (ASB), Burglary and Drug Supply. ASB is the biggest challenge particularly between the 14 years and 16 years age group. The police are working in partnership with Niki Pecal, the Council's Anti-social behaviour co-ordinator. The Police are seeking the young people to sign up to acceptable behaviour contracts rather than civil action. The Police have a zero tolerance approach to ASB. Reasons for the ASB are generally peer pressure, difficult upbringing/homelife.

Drug Supply – The Police reported 64 warrants and breaking down of offender's doors in the last year. £275k of criminal money is being paid to the police to be reinvested into the communities in Gedling. There have been drug issues reported on Valeside Gardens and Chris confirmed George will be picking this up. In the meantime Chris encourages residents to continue reporting the issues. Chris confirmed

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there is substantial background work required prior to warrants being implemented. The Police can prepare and send a letter drop to all residents advising how to report issues. The Police also publish a monthly newsletter.

Burglary is a major challenge and priority across the Borough. Chris reported there were none in Colwick in the last 6 months. The Police will be carrying out a Christmas Burglary campaign, details will be forwarded to the Parish to share with residents.

There will be a public consultation project being rolled out in January requesting residents to provide feedback on future policing priorities.

Gedling Borough Crime figure updates. During the last 6 months there has been a 3% reduction in ASB and a 42% reduction in personal ASB, however causing a nuisance has increased by 8% this is mainly vehicle use nuisance, i.e. vehicles in the retail park. The PCSO's are working to combat this. There has been a small increase in reported violence of the person but it is believed this is due to domestic abuse. There have been no reports of burglary, robbery or shop lifting in Colwick, however there have been 5 reports of auto crime.

During the run up to Christmas the Police will be carrying out walk through visits to pubs and attending pub watch meetings and there is currently a knife amnesty.

The reported issues on Balmoral continue to cause challenge and concern. The Police have engaged with the business who own the property and they are now consulted with regards to the suitability of new residents prior to taking up residence. If the Police deem the resident unsuitable an alternative is found and this seems to be working well. The Police officers have also been instructed to have a high presence in the area. Some residents have been removed due to criminal activity. The Police confirmed there is CCTV and sometimes staff on site and a willingness to engage with the Police.

The Parish Councillors thanked Chris for attending to provide this update.

Colwick Elector: the drainage grill on the road which runs parallel at the end of the properties of Riverview housing development next to Chris Allsop is blocked. The elector has reported this to John Evens at Gedling Borough Council but unfortunately the elector has not received a response. The Clerk confirmed she would contact John Evens to request that it is unblocked.

Following Cllr Adams report at the October meeting regarding assistance with tree planting in the Colwick area, the elector requested whether they could be planted in the green space between the Riverview Housing and the river bank. This area has a high water table and the trees would help to alleviate damp ground conditions particularly in the winter. The Clerk agreed to contact John Evens to check who owns this area of land. If it is owned by Gedling Borough Council permission would need to be given from them to carry out the tree planting and to identify if the ground is suitable.

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Suggestion to place posters at the Play Area promoting the petitions for the community to support for the funding application to refurb the play area.

Gedling Borough Councillor Meredith Lawrence:

Cllr Lawrence circulated his report at the meeting. He had attended various Gedling Borough Council meetings including the Local Councillor's meeting with Jenny Eurge in Netherfield St Georges, GBC Planning Delegation Panel meetings, and several meetings at the new Sainsburys store.

He has throughout responded to casework, and there have been no major issues on the Colwick Village and Colwick Village Noticeboard Facebook groups.

Major issues outside of the parish boundary but within the Colwick ward:

- a) Veolia ES (UK) Ltd, Land off Private Road No. 3, Colwick Industrial Estate NG4 2BA – Nottinghamshire County Council planning reference F/4262 Development of a waste management facility: Cllr Lawrence regrets he has still not had time to peruse the report and planning conditions.
- b) Chris Allsop Industrial Park, Private Road No. 2, Colwick Industrial Estate NG4 2JR – Gedling Borough Council planning reference: 2021/01623 Proposed concrete mixing station: Gedling Borough Council Planning Department have had no response from the applicant.

Since the last Parish meeting Cllr Lawrence has undertaken several Mayoral duties across the Borough including the official opening of the new Sainsburys store on 10th November.

Ken Wilkins in Colwick were awarded a Pride of Gedling Award for Business Environmental Heroes in recognition of their priority to phase out plastic in packaging and subsequent promotion.

The current Youth Mayor of Gedling is a Colwick resident and attended St Johns School.

81. **Correspondence including emails:** Cllr Nunn asked whether the Parish would be considering youth activities employing Extreme Wheels next year. Cllr Lawrence advised the Skatepark is in need of repairs and whilst it is not dangerous events are discouraged until the repairs are carried out. The cost of the repairs are currently over £3000. It was agreed to discuss the possibility of the Parish funding the repair costs and defer until January meeting. In addition, there are very little NCC youth activities in Colwick. A request to Cllr Adams to ascertain how much funding is available for youth activities from NCC. Discussion around youth provision is also to be on the agenda in January meeting and it was agreed to invite the Youth Mayor to the discussions.
82. **Planning applications:** none had been received
83. **Finance: payments to be approved/noted:**

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Payments to be noted:

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4th November 2021 Alison Nunn £112.51 various purchases for Community Centre & DBS Check, 5th November 2021 Staff Wages £1841.64, 5th November 2021 PAYE £202.00, 5th November 2021 Refund of Hire Deposit S Penmetsa £50.00, 10th November 2021 Refund of Hire Deposit L Newton £50.00, 10th November 2021 Water Plus DD £65.79

Invoice to pay/authorise:

Mercury Fire & Security £36.00, City Hygiene £ 162.00, DEM Electrical £138.00

Invoices received but payment not yet taken DD/Standing orders:

Talk Talk £31.70, Sage £37.20, Total Energies Gas £60.74, GBC Waste Disposal £176.15.

It was proposed, seconded and resolved to note the payments listed.

84. Main Business:

- a) **Colwick Rectory Recreation Ground Play Area** – The project is going to tender on 17th November. The tenders will be evaluated in January. The award of contract will be conditional upon the funding application outcome that is expected in June 2022. The funding bid will be submitted in March 2022, therefore by this stage we will need to have gathered all of the community evidence of support for the portfolio. The petitions have been circulated in the area, letters of support are coming in, the visuals will be displayed on the Community Centre walls to promote the project and try to obtain petition signatures for support. If we are successful with the funding bid work isn't expected to start until September 2022 with completion by November 2022.
- b) **Parish Logo** – Unfortunately Cllr Lawrence has not received any further communication from Carlton Le Willows. Cllr Lawrence confirmed he would chase this up. If assistance can't be sourced from the School we should consider a local Graphic Designer to produce one. This will be deferred until January 2022.
- c) **Senior Citizen's Christmas meal** – Alternative options will be discussed in January's meeting. The Vale Club have offered to provide a two course meal for those wishing to attend, this is following several requests from the residents. The Club will seek potential local business sponsorship for this. Unfortunately the Parish are unable to sponsor this financially due to a previous decision not to hold the event this Christmas.

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- d) **Staff and Councillor Training** – There are several courses now being resumed, some are online. Staff and Councillors are encouraged to update their training as appropriate.
- e) **Extreme Wheels** – defer until January

85. Colwick Community Centre Update:

- a) **Electrical Vehicle Charging Point** – defer until January as Cllr Scott needs to be in attendance for the discussions to take place.

86. **Ongoing matters:** Discussions are required at the January meeting to decide on the start time of future meetings.

87. **Any other items the Chair considers urgent:** Cllr Janene Davies has resigned from the Council. The Clerk will send a Thank you letter to Cllr Davies.

88. **Date and time of next meeting:** Monday 17th January at 7:30pm in the Community Centre Small Hall.

(The Chair closed the meeting at 21:20pm)

Signed by the Chair/Vice-Chair:

Date: