

Colwick Parish Council

Minutes of the full council meeting of Colwick Parish Council, held in the Main Hall of the Community Centre at 7:30pm on Monday 21st February 2022

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

In attendance: Jane Richardson

102. Apologies for absence: Received from Cllr Femi Ogundipe.

103. Minutes of the previous Parish Council meeting held on Monday 17th January 2022: were proposed, seconded and resolved as a correct record.

104. Updates from previous minutes: Are discussed under the Agenda items for this meeting.

105. 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. Cllr Lawrence also declared a non-pecuniary interest as the Chair of the Joshua Dale Skatepark Charity and would not comment on agenda item 9 (i).

106. Observations from borough and county Councillors and Colwick Electors:

Gedling Borough Councillor Meredith Lawrence:

Since the last Parish Council meeting Cllr Lawrence has attended several meetings at Gedling Borough Council including Planning Delegation Panel and Planning Committee.

Cllr Lawrence has throughout responded to casework, and there have been no issues on the Colwick Village and Colwick Village Noticeboard Facebook pages.

Major issues

a) Anti-social parking at the Mile End Road area: Cllr Lawrence contacted the Portfolio Holder for Community Safety and he is querying the reply received. The issues are caused by a number of factors, such as Nottingham City closing their car park on the Country Park from River Road, Increased visitors to the Country Park since lockdown (and continuing), drivers reluctant to use the City Council's car park adjacent to the Starting Gate pub, the football club and the many teams playing on the Rectory Rec Ground as opposed to the normal home ground at Lambley Lane Rec Ground. The lifting of the Nottinghamshire County Council Temporary Parking Restrictions on Mile End Road and surrounding streets. There isn't sufficient room to extend the Rectory Rec Ground Car Park due to the location of the Multi Use Games Area and Play Area.

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b) Chris Allsop Industrial Park, Private Road No. 2, Colwick Industrial Estate NG4 2JR – 2021/0163 Proposed concrete mixing station: GBC Planning Department have recently written to the applicant chasing up planning queries with regard to how drainage, dust and noise will be addressed.

Other issues

- a) Vale Road speeding: the results of the speed check by Gedling Police on 7 January, were that five drivers were warned, two were reported for summons.
- b) Alleged drug den underneath the tin bridge near St John's School: Cllr Lawrence was recently alerted to this and he awaits further information from Gedling Police.

In the Community

Aladdin, Colwick Theatre Club between 17-19 February and several Mayor duties.

Colwick Elector: One elector has queries regarding the planning application under agenda item 7 below, the queries will be raised directly with the planning department at Gedling Borough.

Cllr Mike Adams, Nottinghamshire County Councillor, not present at the meeting but provided an email update:

New signs installed at the Gedling approach to Colwick Park now highlighting all car parks available. Facebook and Nottingham City website, address for Colwick park changed to "End of Racecourse Rd, Nottingham NG..". All pins now changed on the internet to direct people to Racecourse Rd to ensure SATNAVS from places like UBER etc deliver visitors to the right location.

I wrote to Cllr Meredith Lawrence, raising the issue of parking for football. As this problem parking is being caused by increased use of an already busy site to cater for football, allocated to this site by GBC, I have suggested they seek a new location or provide better parking facilities. I have also made it clear I don't support the park being used for a second year of football without improvements to parking. The knock on effect has been additional cars parked all over the roads, sometimes double parked. This is causing hazards to residents and also potentially preventing emergency vehicles from being able to access certain roads. NCC can only enforce double yellows. I will continue to send enforcement over that way as I have since elected in 2021.

Trees, happy to put in a request. If you want to send me numbers you would be after.

Your charity can apply for funding through the LCF program for the skate park etc. here are further details; <https://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/newsroom/news/latest-funding-scheme-to-support-notts-communities>, once you have this and have applied. Let me know, I will need to provide you with an email to confirm my support.

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To apply for a charge point you can do it here; A grant is available.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/government-grants-for-low-emission-vehicles#workplace-charging-scheme>

I will check on the youth provision for Colwick residents.

Valeside Rd had an inspector do a full drive around and was satisfied with state of the road. This was their reply

"We have inspected the area reported and found a small area on the footway where the surface is worn, however it doesn't currently breach investigation levels. The marking on the footway we think was marked out by virgin media as a potential blockage in their ducting as there is no record of any works being issued to patch the footway here.

Please be assured we have a very dedicated team of Highway Inspectors who carry out regular inspections in this area. Should conditions deteriorate, we will then arrange for the necessary works to be undertaken."

107. Correspondence including emails:

- a) Correspondence received from Nottinghamshire County regarding consultation on the Waste Local Plan.
- b) The Natwest Bank are closing the City Centre self-serve in Victoria Centre.
- c) Currys – extended warranty for laptop, not required.
- d) Bank Statements
- e) Invoice received for Trade Waste.
- f) Invoice received for hedge trimming.

108. Planning applications:

- a) 2021/0537 – Erection of replacement dwelling and reversion of existing dwelling back into industrial (B2) use – Chris Allsop Recycling LEEC Development site.
- b) 2021/1476 – 5 Little Ox, Colwick. Demolition of Conservatory and erection of single storey rear extension.

All planning comments to be made directly to the Planning Department at Gedling Borough Council using the on-line portal

109. Finance: payments to be approved/noted:

Payments made since last Parish meeting on 17th January 2022:

27th Jan 22 A Gill return of Booking Deposit £50.00, 27th Jan 22 GBC External Tree & Hedge works £1558.51, 27th Jan MJ Sharpe Stage repairs £135.00, 28th Jan Staff Wages £1698.94, 28th Jan PAYE £202.20, 10th Feb Water Plus DD £37.23, 17th Feb Sage DD Payroll /Accounts £37.20, 21st Feb Total Energies (Gas) DD £345.59, 21st Feb Talk Talk DD £ 24.00

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Invoiced but not yet taken from bank account - BT Alarm line £45.58

Payments/Invoices to be Authorised:

Mark Douglas Cleaning Supplies £249.57, GBC Christmas Lights (2021) £620.50.

Monies Received since last meeting:

£1110.25

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

110. Main Business:

- a) **Colwick Rectory Recreation Ground Play Area** – The Parish agreed to continue with the work required for the evidence of community need portfolio for the funding application. GBC parks will repeat the procurement of the tender. Tenderers will be aware that the project is subject to a successful funding application. Cllr Nunn and the clerk will progress the community information required.
- b) **Audit Feedback** – Queries raised by the external auditor regarding the figures from the internal audit. These need to be clarified prior to submitting next year's AGAR figures. Revised figures are to be sent to External auditor by 31st March.
- c) **Senior Citizens Afternoon Tea/Christmas Meal:** - Nathan from the Vale Club has funds leftover from the Christmas meal. It will be Nathan's decision on how and when to expend this amount. The Parish will discuss this year's Christmas meal event in the September meeting.
- d) **Trips and Falls Exercise Classes:** - Cllr Nunn has contacted the organiser of the classes and is awaiting a response therefore defer to March meeting.
- e) **Colwick Week of Action:** - The Parish decided not to run a community litter pick. Cllr Nunn will continue to liaise with Cllr Mike Adams re: improvement of the litter levels on the Colwick Loop Road and to clean the highway road signs.
- f) **Change of Bank Account Mandate:** - The bank have sent the updated forms for signature.
- g) **Electric Vehicle Charging points:** - Cllr Handley received a quote for a double charging point at the Community Centre. This is very expensive and it is unclear the % of residents and user groups of the community centre who could potentially benefit. There is a grant of £350 available with an imminent deadline. We need to understand how long it would take to recover the capital outlay and whether there will be more suitably funded grants available in the future resulting from the net zero carbon targets.

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- h) **Youth Provision:** - Cllr Adams is checking with Nottinghamshire County Council on the current provision for Colwick, therefore defer to March meeting or until more information is available.
- i) **Funding of the Joshua Dale Skate Park repairs:** - *(Cllr Lawrence left the meeting)*

The current repairs are priced at £3060, this is to ensure the skatepark remains safe to use, however two suppliers have confirmed the skatepark will need major improvements within the next couple of years and currently the condition of the facility indicates it is nearing the end of its life. The Joshua Dale Skate Park Fund has limited funds for the repair but are keen to keep the facility open.

(Cllr Lawrence was asked to return to answer questions after which he left the meeting again).

The Parish agreed to fund the repairs but this is a one-off and requested the Charity actively fundraise for future repairs. Proposed by Cllr Handley and seconded by Cllr Nunn.

(Cllr Lawrence returned to the meeting).

- j) **Items for discussion from the Gedling Borough ward Councillors meeting:**

The School holiday club provision organised by Jenny Eurge Locality Co-ordinator for Netherfield. Jenny has requested a contribution for the provision, however following feedback from those attending last year the activities were poor and were not well attended, also, the community centre will not be available for use due to existing bookings. It was suggested a more suitable use of funding would be to see if the Joshua Dale Skatepark Charity could organise and run a Skatepark event. Cllr Lawrence agreed to make some enquiries at the next Charity meeting. It was proposed this event would be a good opportunity for the Charity to fundraise for future repairs.

Colwick Garden Competition. Cllr Lawrence suggested running an event this year in Colwick. Jenny Eurge organises a similar project for the Netherfield and Conway residents which has been organised for a number of years. Cllr Nunn advised it is unlikely we have enough volunteers in the Parish to organise this but we could suggest to Jenny Eurge the competition is expanded to include Colwick residents.

At this point of the meeting the running time of the meeting reached 9:30pm. The Parish constitution requires agreement from those in attendance to extend the meeting. It was resolved to continue the meeting, proposed by Cllr Nunn and seconded by Cllr Olushola

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k) **Parish Logo:** - The Parish bookings Clerk has a contact who is a Graphic Designer, she will approach the company to see if they are able to provide us with a new logo.

111. Colwick Community Centre Update: - The community centre cleaner has left a replacement has been found.

112. Ongoing matters: None.

113. Any other items the Chair considers urgent: None.

114. Date and time of next meeting: Monday 21st March at 7:30pm in the Main Hall of the Community Centre

(The Chair closed the meeting at 21:50pm)

Signed by the Chair/Vice-Chair:

Date: