



Colwick Parish Council

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Minutes of the full council meeting of Colwick Parish Council, held in the Small Hall of the Community Centre at 7:30pm on Monday 18th October 2021

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

In attendance: Jane Richardson, one elector and Nottinghamshire County Councillor Mike Adams

A one minute silence was observed as a mark of respect to Sir David Amess MP who had been killed in his Leigh-on-Sea constituency the previous week.

62. Apologies for absence: were received from Cllrs Alison Nunn and Femi Ogundipe.

63. Minutes of the previous Parish Council meeting held on Monday 20th September 2021: were proposed, seconded and resolved as a correct record.

64. Updates from previous minutes: the Clerk reported that Cllr Nunn was continuing to liaise with NatWest Bank to change the bank signatory mandate.

65. Declarations of interest specific to the agenda: Cllr Lawrence declared a non-pecuniary interest as a member of Gedling Borough Council and therefore would not comment on any decision regarding Agenda Item 10) a) Hedge adjacent to the community centre.

66. Observations from borough and county councillors and Colwick Electors:

Colwick Elector: the recent installation by the Environment Agency of two sets of steps from the Colwick Rectory Recreation Ground to the top of the flood alleviation bank was welcomed, as they would assist with access onto the footpath at the top of the bank.

Gedling Borough Councillor Meredith Lawrence:

Cllr Lawrence circulated his report. He had attended various Gedling Borough Council meetings including the Netherfield Locality Steering Group, Planning Delegation Panel meetings, and the Audit Committee; the Colwick Parish Annual (Public) meeting; and a Colwick Theatre Club Committee meeting. He was currently identifying contractors to provide quotes for repairs to the wooden jump surfaces of the Joshua Dale Skate Park. In addition he had also undertaken mayoral duties.

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Cllr Lawrence had responded to casework, and there had been no major issues on the Colwick Village and Colwick Village Noticeboard Facebook pages, although anti-social parking continued in the Mile End Road area.

Major issues outside of the parish boundary but within the 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 had 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 had asked the applicant to respond to their enquiries.

Nottinghamshire County Councillor Mike Adams:

Cllr Adams had liaised with the parking enforcement officer at Nottinghamshire County Council in an attempt to prevent the irresponsible parking on Mile End Road on Saturday mornings, it is understood many of the cars are used by those attending football on the Colwick Rectory Recreation Ground. He confirmed that the temporary parking restrictions would remain in force. Cllr Adams was also in discussions with James Tilford, site manager at Colwick Country Park to explore options for making more parking spaces available in the country park, more information would be available at the next meeting.

Cllr Adams had met with the Environment Agency and Tom Randall MP regarding the Colwick Sluices Fish Pass project. The project would increase biodiversity and also include interactive educational features for children and families to use to engage with the project. He stated there would be no impact on the effectiveness of the sluice gates and flood defence as a result of the project. More information was available on the Environment Agency website.

Cllr Adams had also been contacted by residents about the dust arising from the surface of the Colwick Rectory Recreation Ground car park. The Clerk stated that Gedling Borough Council had no funds to lay down a tarmac surface..

Residents had reported issues with car parking on the zig zag area adjacent to St John's school and parking on the pavements. Cllr Adams had obtained signs for the school to be displayed in the area advising about irresponsible parking. The police were responsible for enforcing no parking rules, and following discussions had agreed to carry out spot checks.

Cllr Adams had reported the noisy grate at the end of Mile End Road and a large pot hole at the end of First Avenue to the Highways authority.

Cllr Adams had attended meetings of the Environment and Transport committee at Nottinghamshire County Council, and stated there will be new LED lampposts installed

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in the area. Cllr Adams had also attended the Clinical Commissioning Group Scrutiny Committee and highlighted the difficulties of accessing GP face to face appointments.

67. Correspondence including emails: Cllr Nunn had circulated a complaint received from a Stratford Close resident concerning noise from skips being emptied at the Hillary's Blinds site and rubbish blocking a ditch in the area. Cllr Lawrence would contact Gedling Borough Council Planning Department to consider the planning requirements for their operations.

68. Planning applications: none had been received

69. Finance: payments to be approved/noted:

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7th October Alison Nunn Amazon purchases, (prizes, printer ink, Sellotape.) £106.89; 8th October Staff Wages £1889.65; 8th October PAYE £202.84; 10th October Water Plus £65.79; 15th October Insurance £1223.17

Payments for Direct Debits not yet taken:

Talk Talk £28.07; Sage £37.20; Total Energies Gas £33.60.

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

70. Main Business:

a) Colwick Rectory Recreation Ground Play Area – Cllr Nunn and the Clerk had met with children from Netherfield and St John's Primary Schools, and were impressed by their engagement with the project. The children had submitted drawings of their favourite/ideal playground and one from each school were selected and the children presented with art kit prizes. Cllr Nunn was still to arrange for all councillors to be set up as administrators for the dedicated Facebook page. Petitions in support of the project had been circulated in the parish to local businesses including the pharmacy, both shops, the Vale Social Club, Blueprint, and a member of staff from Xylem had taken one to put in their workplace. Both schools had returned some completed petitions. Cllr Nunn would also display some posters in the community centre that were provided from Proludic and display a copy of the petition on the notice board and provide one for the preschool group. Cllr Nunn had also sent an email to all groups and stakeholders, including local councillors requesting a letter of support to be returned by 5th November.

b) Annual Parish (Public) Meeting report – Cllr Lawrence provided a summary of the topics of discussion at the meeting. These included that;

I. the meeting had been attended by six residents, Tom Randall MP, two representatives of Nottinghamshire Police, and four parish councillors;

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- II. Cllr Nunn had reported that as a result of the pandemic the council had suffered a loss of £15,000 rental from community centre bookings and subsequent closure;
 - III. a resident had stated that benches on Colwick Rectory Recreation Ground had been removed and another resident had requested more benches to be installed adjacent to the flood alleviation bank – the Clerk was requested to ask Gedling Borough Council if any are planned to be installed in the area to replace the ones removed;
 - IV. a resident had asked if there were plans to extend the Colwick Rectory Recreation Ground car park, the Clerk stated there were no plans by Gedling Borough Council to do this;
 - V. a resident from Ramblers Close reported ongoing issues with Contract Furniture at 32 Mile End Road, which was not complying with planning permission conditions, i.e. operating outside of permitted hours and allowing rubbish to accumulate in the vicinity – Cllr Lawrence would take this up with planning enforcement;
 - VI. on behalf of County Cllr Mike Adams, Tom Randall MP stated that all drains have been cleared from the highways;
 - VII. a resident had complained about the trees on the Colwick Loop Road at the back of Valeside Gardens – on behalf of County Cllr Mike Adams, Tom Randall MP stated that Cllr Adams had contacted the tree team at Nottinghamshire County Council who confirmed they would not carry out any trees works unless the trees are dying, diseased or damaged;
 - VIII. the meeting closed at 21:00.
71. **Parish Logo** – the headteacher at Carlton Le Willows had passed Cllr Lawrence’s request for pupils to design a logo onto the Head of Art for consideration who had asked if there was a deadline. Cllr Lawrence considered before the half term school holidays, however some Schools had already broken up for half term. Cllr Lawrence will give this some further consideration and will respond to the school.
72. **Senior Citizens Christmas Meal** – after discussion it was agreed not to arrange a Christmas meal this year at the Vale Club on the provisional date of 13th December due to uncertainty about COVID-19 risks.

It was proposed, seconded and resolved not to arrange a Senior Citizen’s Christmas meal this year, and to discuss other options at the next meeting of the parish council.

72. Colwick Community Centre Update:

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- a) **Hedge adjacent to the community centre** – a quotation had been received from Gedling Borough Council’s Parks and Street Care department to trim all of the hedges and to carry out a landscape tidy up around the community centre. Despite attempts to obtain other quotations none had been received. It was noted that the works were required to be undertaken before the start of the bird nesting season in March 2022.

It was proposed, seconded and resolved to accept the quotation from Gedling Borough Council’s Parks and Street Care department of £1558.51 (Inc VAT).

- b) **Electric Vehicle charging point in the car park** – Cllr Handley reported on options if the council agreed in principle to install one.

These were:

- i) Apply for a government grant to fund the cost of the installation, however the criteria would mean that the council would not be able to charge for usage, or
- ii) Fund the installation from the council’s resources so it could charge for usage.

Cllr Handley believed that the installation charge was approximately £1,000 per unit. Cllr Lawrence asked whether any Parish residents would benefit from this provision. It was suggested to defer further discussions until the next meeting in November, by which time Cllr Handley would be able to circulate more information. The Clerk was requested to contact Gedling Borough Council and request information about their charging points.

It was proposed, seconded and resolved that the provision of electric charging points be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

73. **Ongoing matters:** there were none.

74. **Any other items the Chair considers urgent:** there were none.

75. **Date and time of next meeting:** Monday 15th November at 7:30pm in the Community Centre Small Hall.

(The Vice-Chair closed the meeting at 20:50pm)

Signed by the Chair/Vice-Chair:

Date: