



**COLWICK PARISH
COUNCIL**

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Minutes of the Colwick Parish Council meeting, held in the Small Hall, Colwick Community Centre at 7:30pm on Monday 16th May 2022 following the Annual Meeting

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

In attendance: Jane Richardson (Clerk) and five electors.

9. **Apologies for absence:** were received from Cllr Nunn.
10. **To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 21st March 2022:** it was proposed, seconded and **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 18 May 2022 were an accurate record
11. **Declarations of interest specific to this agenda:** there were none.
12. **Updates from previous meeting:** there were none.
13. **Gedling Borough Councillor's report:** Cllr Lawrence apologised that there was no written report due to family circumstances.
 - a) **Contract Furniture, 32 Mile End Road:** Cllr Lawrence had received an email from Gedling Borough Council's Planning Department stating that the company were relocating. However an elector stated they were still trading from the premises. Cllr Lawrence would contact the Planning Department to update them with this information.
 - b) **Chris Allsop Recycling, off Mile End Road, Concrete Mixing Plant:** the Planning Department were still awaiting answers to their queries.
 - c) **Chris Allsop Recycling, off Mile End Road, Planning Application 2021/0537, Erection of replacement dwelling and reversion of existing dwelling back into industrial use:** a meeting of the Planning Delegation Panel on 11 March 2022 had agreed with officers that the application should be refused on the grounds that the site was allocated for industrial use. Cllr Lawrence explained that the existing use had no planning permission but was subject to a Certificate of Lawful Development due to the length of time it had existed.
 - d) **Gedling Borough Council Annual Meeting, 6:00pm, On Wednesday 18th May 2022:** Cllr Lawrence would complete his Mayoral year at this meeting.. Electors were welcome to attend.

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14. Observations from electors

- a) **Colwick Rectory Recreation Ground, Steps from flood-bank:** an elector stated that these were too steep for those less able. The Clerk advised the meeting that the installation had been carried out by the Environment Agency to whom queries should be referred to them.
- b) **Rambler's Close, obstructive parking:** an elector stated that cars were driving on the pavements. Cllr Lawrence had requested a meeting all concerned with the Portfolio Holder for Public Protection, but this was refused on the grounds that it is not illegal to drive on the pavement and to refer the issues to Nottinghamshire County Council Highways. Cllr Lawrence agreed to contact Cllr Adams (Nottinghamshire County Councillor).
- c) **Detonate Festival, Colwick Country Park (Nottingham City Council):** an elector reported that the City Council had informed those attending that the car parks for the Country Park would be closed and directing them to the Gedling Borough car park off Mile End Road. It was believed this would exacerbate the issues raised in minute 13b) above. The Clerk gave the elector the email addresses for the City Council's Country Park Site Manager and Head of Public Realm in order for the elector to contact them directly. Cllr Lawrence agreed that the City Council should not do this and would contact GBC's Parks Department to advise them.

15. Correspondence

- a) **Rivendell Care Home:** the Clerk reported that they were interested in adding their logo to any planned planters or signs in the Colwick area. Concerns were raised that the planters would require regular maintenance and there was no-one available to undertake the work.
- b) **Gedling Borough Council Planning Department:** an email had been received regarding suggestions for the naming of the Framework development on the corner of Mile End and Rectory roads. Cllr Lawrence reported that he had suggested Barry Drake Court (Barry Drake had been a founder-member of the council), but the council had replied that one of the three names with an electrical theme would be used and no new suggestions would be considered.
- c) **Nottinghamshire Association of Local Councils:** the Clerk advised members about training courses available that may be useful for them to attend.
- d) **Nottinghamshire County Council:** the Clerk reported an email regarding the Lengthsman scheme had been received. This would involve regular payments for services that were usually carried out by them: i.e. unblocking drains, weed treatment. etcetera. Members could not see the use of the scheme.

16. Planning Applications consultation: there were none

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- 17. Finance: Payments to be made, approved and noted:** Cllr Nunn had circulated a list for the months of March, April and May (up to the date of the meeting). It was proposed, seconded and **RESOLVED** that payments for the months of March, April and May to be made, approved, and noted as appropriate.
- 18. Main Business**
- a) **Colwick Rectory Recreation Ground Children’s Play Area refurbishment:** the Clerk reported that the majority of information required for the funding bid had been received and collated into a report. Cllr Lawrence was reminded that he still needed to write a letter of support. The deadline for the funding bid was 8th June, with a decision expected in September.
 - b) **Colwick Garden Competition and Good Neighbour Award:** it was noted that application forms had been delivered to all households in the Colwick Ward.
 - c) **Annual (Public) Parish meeting:** as the accounts were not ready to be presented on the previously agreed date, the meeting needed to be rearranged. It was proposed, seconded and **RESOLVED** that the Annual Parish Meeting be held on Friday 24 June. (The Clerk would invite Gedling’s MP, County Councillor and the Police to attend.)
 - d) **Website:** the Clerk reported that this was still down, and that Cllr Nunn had liaised with Neil Pert (who manages the website) and had paid the fee to reinstate it.
 - e) **Internal Audit:** the accounts had been passed to the internal auditor.
- 19. Community Centre Update:** the clerk thanked those who had either opened or closed the community centre following private bookings.
- 20. Ongoing Matters:** there were none.
- 22. Other items that the Chair considers urgent:** there were none.
- 22. Date and time of next meeting:** Monday 20th June at 7:30pm in the Small Hall, Colwick Community Centre.

The Chair closed the meeting at 8:30pm

Signed by the Chair/Vice Chair.....

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