

**COLLINGHAM with LINTON PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held at CaLSA**  
**20th May 2024**

**Present:** Parish Councillors: Julie Brown (Chairman) Julian Holmes, Angela Martin, Chris Corkhill, Debbie Forsyth- Conroy, 18 residents.

**In Attendance:** Tina Wormley, Clerk

**Apologies:** Cllr Scott Bascombe

**1. Welcome and Apologies for Absence**

Cllr Brown welcomed everyone to the Annual Parish Meeting and explained that the report would be delivered as a presentation which can be found on the Parish Council website and as an appendix to these minutes.

**2. Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> May 2023**

The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 25th May 2023 had been published on the website and noticeboards, and copies were made available at the meeting.

**3. Chairman's Report (Appendix 1)**

Councillors gave a presentation to the meeting on the Parish Council's work over the last year and the proposals for the coming year. The report can also be viewed on the Parish Council website: [www.clpc.info](http://www.clpc.info)

**4. Questions from Residents**

A number of questions and concerns were raised by residents:

Q Will there be traffic lights by the Old Star pub and if so, will it cause congestion?

A Yes. They are compulsory we have no choice. But we will have mechanical control choices so can decide where the traffic will flow. We hope it will reduce the volume of traffic by discouraging people from driving through Collingham.

Q Will there be pedestrian crossings at the Wattle Syke junction?

A Yes there will be a pedestrian crossing allowing access to the footway.

Q Speeding hasn't got any better. What is the Chief Constable of West Yorkshire's view on the speeding problem? Do you do community speed watch? Why don't we do that?

A In North Yorkshire they will train residents with a speed gun but will not in West Yorkshire. In West Yorkshire they don't allow it. However, we will revisit the issue.

Q Can we get HGVs banned on Harewood Road?

A There are not enough HGVs using the road, we have previously investigated it. HGVs represent 2.5% of the volume of traffic and it needs to be at 10% before a ban will be considered. We are looking at air quality, which may also help the case for restricting HGVs.

Q How long will Beck Wood car park be closed for and how many times? What are the plans if cars overflow into neighbouring streets? Why don't you get paid attendants and charge people for using it?

A It will be a temporary one-week trial to see what the impact is. It will be on the agenda for further discussion and debate. Car parking attendants won't work as it's not value for money. We are considering closing it at night and are trying lots of different approaches to managing problems.

Q Traffic wardens don't turn up when they are called. The Police have said they will attend but don't. Not sure how we get them to do the job?

A Traffic Wardens and PCSOs have been to the woods over busy weekends. They do help and have committed to helping.

Q Millgarth Court – Who is responsible for maintaining hedges at the Mill Lane flats?

A It should be LCC but is not on their list for maintenance. It may end up being the Parish Council. We will chase Parks and Forestry department.

Q Will Elizabeth Court be resurfaced?

A No as the owner wasn't prepared to contribute to the costs.

Q Is there a CaLSA spill over car park?

A Yes where the football club use to be and it is sign posted.

Q Could the Parish Council put a group together to monitor the new Site Allocations?

A We will be checking regularly but a group could be set up separately from Parish Council.

Q Has the speed camera in Scarcroft made the police speed van more available to other communities?

A Yes, the speed van is now in more places than previously and is a lot more visible.

A number of residents thanked the Cllrs for all their hard work and achievements for the community.

Cllr Julie Brown explained that any further concerns or issues can be forwarded to the Clerk. The meeting closed at 8.40pm.

# Appendix 1

Collingham with Linton  
Parish Council

Annual Meeting May 20<sup>th</sup>  
2024

## Financial Highlights

- Precept has been maintained at £50k for 2024/25.
- £19,546 mortgage payment for Glebe Field will be completed this year.
- £16k project expenditure including opening the CaLSA overflow car park for general use, recovery of common land between 2 Millbeck Green and Mill House, and floral displays. Car park at Hastings Court improved at no cost to PC.
- £36k maintenance of our assets, up from £31k the year before, even more tree surgery, fence repairs, watering of flowers and general village improvements.
- £15k grants and community support up from £3.5k the year before including to the Orchard Garden, Linton Memorial Hall and CaLSA.

## Planning Highlights

- 45 applications considered, 39 approved, 3 refused and 3 withdrawn. We objected to 11.
- Main refusal reasons impact on Conservation Area, Green Belt, Trees, and Highway Safety.
- Miller Homes on-going. All conditions not yet approved: working at own risk. Main issue is the build platform impacting on site levels leading to water being shed on to neighbouring properties and unacceptable overlooking. New planning Officer Richard Gilbert may help resolution.
- Traffic signals to be installed permanently at the Old Star Junction and Wattle Syke Junction, possibly starting September 24?
- Kebbell Homes. Reserved matters approved. Construction method elements approved but key aspect on site access during excavation works not resolved.
- Consultation Leeds Plan to 2040 likely to be this year. Almost certain sites in Collingham and Linton will be proposed.

## Our Green Areas - 1

### Beck Wood

- A birds eye view and video <https://vimeo.com/942388865?share=copy>. Further seasonal footage will our create a history and a visual year-book
- Managing Ash die back challenges – 80% at risk with 15 identified for removal over 3 years
- Continuing to plant new trees - 4 mature trees planted and 3,000 mixed varieties of disease resistant whips – which have taken well
- Willow tunnel planted
- No ivy cut back programme
- Car Park closure consideration



## Our Green Areas - 2

- **Improvements and Management**
  - Tree trunk style seating
  - Less Signage – heritage style
  - Car park and paths pothole management on going
  - Continued dialogue with local authorities to offer support in hot weather such as new Policing team at Wetherby, traffic attendants, refreshed double yellow lines
  - Volunteer and paid for litter picking

## You asked – we delivered – 1

- Requests for play equipment for younger children – new equipment now installed at Collingham under consideration for Linton
- Complaints about parking problems around the shops – double yellow lines re painted and increased around the shops
- Complaints about potholes at the shops' car park– worked on a joint project with LCC and the Hastings Court landlord, to provide resurfacing of the area
- Complaints about speeding traffic on Harewood Road – Working on a project to provide a hard standing for a police vehicle. Have also installed Speed Indication Devices (SIDs) to monitor traffic, which is analysed and used to support our continued requests for more action from the police and LCC

## You asked – we delivered - 2

- **Concerns about speeding on the A58 – have installed SIDs and provided paid police speed checks**
- **Concerns about lack of lighting along the Harewood Road ginnel – have now installed low level lighting**
- **Concerns about lack of lighting on the path between Millbeck Green and the Scout hut – low level lighting currently being installed**
- **Requests for benches – We have provided 6 new benches located around the villages**
- **Issues with dog fouling around Millbeck Green ginnel – purchased and installed No dog Fouling signs**

## Village Housekeeping

**Matters frequently raised and dealt with by the PC either by using own contractors or referring them on to the appropriate agency include:**

- **Broken gates/fences**
- **Illegal Sign removals**
- **Overflowing or uncollected bins**
- **Parking**
- **Graffiti removal**
- **Residents breaching TPOs on trees**
- **20mph signage**
- **Shrubbery and verge creep clearance – undertaken throughout the year**

# Gateway Crests

We are reviewing crest designs signage features in both villages examples of which will be circulated



## Floral displays







And finally..

- Parish Councillors work for the community
- What we can achieve depends on our parish councillors: we need people who care about our villages so that we can do more.
- Why not join us – come along and observe a meeting or have a chat with any parish councillor