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I'm Chris Allen, Vice Chair and it seems that this is the month when we need to send out reminders of things ahead of us but before I start I would on behalf of the Parish Council wish to thank Marcia Parkin for the 16 years she served on the Council. Throughout that time she has held the position of Chair and for a number of years Chair of Planning. Her knowledge of Collingham has been a great asset to the Council when issues have arisen on the agenda that other Councillors were not aware of. We wish her all the best and a big thank you.

Regarding those reminders – our Speed Watchers will have been out in force during March, mainly because of the works in High St which will push drivers into the back streets of Collingham and without doubt be exceeding the 30 mph limit. Please be reminded of the recommended 20 mph signs around John Blow School and Play Park on Swinderby Road. They are there for the safety of our children. We will also report the use of Mobiles and those not wearing seatbelts. Be warned!! We are still looking for volunteers please to man the speed gun mainly during commuter hours morning and evenings.

1st May is the annual May Fair at the Cricket Ground. If you want a stall, there are still some available or if you wish to join the group that organise the event you will be very welcome now or on the day. There's always a lot to do on the day getting the site ready and helping with parking so please get in touch.

The Best Kept Village will be upon us in June so please start keeping the areas around your homes clear of weeds and debris. If you haven't cut back your hedges or bushes over hanging the pavement then please do so now before the birds start nesting. Whilst on the subject of birds we understand that gulls are being fed in the area around The Hemplands and Lawns. These birds are scavengers and should not be encouraged.

Dog fouling is on the increase again. Be reminded that there is a hefty fine should you be caught. Any residents who identify particular locations where this is a problem can report this to the clerk and notices will be erected to deter offenders.

Last of all the Safer Neighbourhood Group is thriving and now includes attendees from all the neighbouring villages along the A1133. Watch this space as it's intended to create a communication link between the villages so we can warn each other of any offences in progress that might pass on to other villages. Please be vigilant and taken note of anything that may be suspicious and report to 101.

Have a good month and an enjoyable Easter.

Chris Allen

Collingham Parish Council meets on the fourth Thursday of every month and the second Thursday in December. The meeting in August may be cancelled if there is insufficient business. The meetings are held at the Youth and Community Centre on Low Street, except June which is at the Chapel in Brough and begin at 7:15pm. The general public are welcome at all meetings, though they have no rights to participate except at the beginning of the meeting or at the Chairman's discretion and with prior notice to the clerk. Once the meeting is under way the public are welcome and encouraged to stay and listen to the Council. There may be times because of the sensitive nature of the business being discussed that the public and the press are asked to leave though this happens very rarely.