

# COLEORTON PARISH COUNCIL

## 2017/18 Annual Report

### Constitution

- 6 councillors served throughout the year: Cllrs Michael Specht (Chair), John Cotterill (Vice Chair), Martin Farrand, Michael Akroyd, Terry Betts & Colin Smith.
- Andrew Hogsden has been the Parish Clerk throughout the year.

### Activities

- The village sign at the Millennium Gardens has been cleaned
- The Parish Council purchased and erected lamppost poppies for display around armistice day
- A grant has been awarded from the War Memorial Trust and the war memorial was cleaned in April 2018
- Work on the woodland management plan has been undertaken at the Zion Hill recreation ground
- The annual litter pick took place in March 18 on a cold day but was successful at all 3 locations
- The Parish Council are working with North West Leicestershire with a view to reducing the incidence of fly tipping in the Parish
- Coleorton Wood and New Lount Nature Reserves are being used as forest schools by Viscount Beaumont School and Swingboat Nursery
- Eurovia Contracting have helped the Parish in cleaning graffiti from a bus shelter, cleaning the Zion Hill play equipment surface and re-painting the goal posts on the Zion Hill Recreation Ground
- The Parish Council has a Crime Prevention Champion and some crime prevention devices available
- Led by a group of residents, the Council has supported a process to change the parish boundaries. A petition is available for signing.

### Communication

- There were 129 names on the newsletter mailing list at April 2018
- Typically, between 2,000 and 3,000 pages are viewed on the web site per month from around 700 - 900 visitors.

### Finance

- The Precept was £14,348 for the year, no increase on the previous year. £1,899 VAT refund was received and £185 Local Council tax Support Grant from NWLDC.
- The spend gross of VAT was £16,744. The main significant areas of spend (including VAT) were:

Woodland management at Zion Hill Recreation Ground	£3,525
Zion Hill Recreation Ground Play Area surface repair	£1,500
Staff costs	£3,821
Grounds maintenance	£2,562
Parish Laptop	£718
Materials for replacement bench	£567