

COLLINGHAM *Parish Council*

Adopted: 26th July 2025

Next Review: July 2026

STATEMENT OF INTENT AS TO COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Collingham Parish Council aims to:

- ensure that the community understands the role of the Parish Council as the first tier of local government, its powers, limitations and its liaison with Newark and Sherwood District Council and Nottinghamshire County Council.
- ensure that a wide variety of communication channels are used to suit the needs of the Parish to pass on information from all levels of local and central government, emergency services and statutory bodies
- work closely with all residents, businesses and community groups that wish to participate or observe council meetings and procedures,
- maximise opportunity to be involved, consulted and informed to influence services, policies or decisions that affect working and living in the parish.
- consider specific concerns at council meetings and respond afterwards.
- listen to the views, experiences and wishes of parishioners.
- support the Nolan principles along with other public bodies to openly work in the public interest, with selflessness, integrity, objectivity, accountability, openness, honesty and leadership.

The Council produces a monthly news article that is published in each edition of the Fleet magazine and also on the website. All policies, code of conduct, standing orders and regulations are on the website www.collingham-PC.gov.uk. All documents are available on request in hard copy or large print.

Inclusion:

All people, businesses and community groups are welcome to be involved wherever possible in the work of the Parish Council. The council supports equality of opportunity for all parishioners.

Listening:

The council will listen to and respond to parishioners to enable their voices to be heard and for them to take an active role in shaping their local area.

Working together:

The council will act to facilitate development of the community, recognising and supporting the existing groups in the parish and the wealth of experience and contributions people make.

Trust

The council will work to understand the needs of people, businesses and community groups and to do what it is able to do in order to help where it can. This will be supported by competent actions, keeping to promises and by welcoming feedback in order to continuously improve.