

## Colgate Parish Council Newsletter February 2019

**Next meeting will be held at Durrant Village Club House at 7.30pm on 11<sup>th</sup> March. Everyone is welcome.**

**Would anyone be interested in some free first aid training? We are trying to gauge interest. If you would please contact the Clerk on [clerk@colgatefaygate.com](mailto:clerk@colgatefaygate.com) before 11<sup>th</sup> March.**

### Colgate Noticeboard

Good news, the insurance company has accepted the claim for the Colgate noticeboard. Watch out for the new noticeboard which I hope will be coming soon.

## Be More Connected

**The Parish Council is piloting a new Facebook page. To locate the page, go to groups and search-Colgate Parish Council. The council will use this additional platform to advise of meetings and notices.**

**Don't forget there is a wealth of information on the website too-  
[www.colgatefaygate.com](http://www.colgatefaygate.com)**

**Clerks contact -  
[clerk@colgatefaygate.com](mailto:clerk@colgatefaygate.com)**

## ELECTIONS

**2019 brings the Parish Council elections on 2<sup>nd</sup> May. If you think you have what it takes to become a councillor, please look out for the posters or contact the Clerk for more information.**

### **MAKE A CHANGE, BECOME A LOCAL COUNCILLOR**

**Colgate PC is calling on residents, passionate about their community to stand in the local elections in 2019.**

**What do councillors do?**

**Councillors are the champions of their community and give residents a voice on the decisions the council makes. Becoming a councillor will allow you to make a real difference in your community by engaging with residents, local groups and businesses to find out their needs; making decisions on which services and projects the council should take forward; and getting involved locally to ensure the services are meeting your community's needs.**

**How long does it take?**

**The National Association of Local Councils (NALC) Local Councillor Census Survey found that councillors put aside, on average, three hours a week for council work. This often includes attending meetings, engaging with residents and speaking on behalf of the council to other bodies.**

**Can I stand?**

**There are only a few rules to stand for election. You must be:**

- **A British citizen, or a citizen of the Commonwealth, or the European Union**
- **18 years of age or older**
- **Live in an area that is served by a local council**

**How can I get involved?**

**Contact the Clerk on [clerk@colgatefaygate.com](mailto:clerk@colgatefaygate.com) to find out more or visit [www.nalc.gov.uk/elections](http://www.nalc.gov.uk/elections)**