

THE MEETING OF THE COUNTESTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL WAS HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL, STATION ROAD COUNTESTHORPE ON THURSDAY, 9th JUNE 2005 AT 7.30 PM. WHEN THERE WERE PRESENT: -

Chairman	Mr. A. Collis-Smith
Vice-Chairman & County Councillor	Mr. D. Jennings
Mesdames:	M. Baum, C. James, J. Jennings, J. Weatherstone, K. Yates
Messrs:	D. Ball, A. Billings, A. Clifford, D. Duffield, F.E. Duffield, G. Gamble, I. Paterson, M. Gillespie, K. Mason, M. Smith
Mrs. J. Adcock	Clerk to the Council
Mrs. P. Mount	Deputy Clerk to the Council

There were 6 members of the public present.

The Chairman reported that Mr. Wilf Findlay, a regularly attendee at Parish Council meetings, had died and he asked members to pause for a minute's silence. This was duly done.

The Clerk read a letter from Mrs. Ruth Findlay thanking the Council for their condolences on the death of her husband Wilf.

2005/100. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Were received from Mr. T. Blood.

2005/101. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST ON THE AGENDA

Listed below are Councillors who wished to declare an interest in the following:-

Planning Matters:-

- Mrs. J. Weatherstone (Planning Blaby District Council)
- Mr. D. Jennings (Planning Blaby District Council and Leicestershire County Council)
- Mrs. M. Baum (re planning application for 8 Laurel Drive)
- Mr. D. Jennings (re planning application for 99 Station Road)
- Mrs. J. Jennings (re planning application for 99 Station Road)

Village Hall

- Mr. D. Jennings – Chairman of Committee for Registration of Civil Weddings (L.C.C.)

Youth Work

- Mr. A. Clifford (Member of the Youth Development Team L.C.C.)

2005/102. MINUTES OF A MEETING Held on 12th May 2005 as circulated by the Clerk were approved as a correct record.

2005/103. MATTERS ARISING

Minute 2005/95 – Traffic complaint Scarborough Close – The following letter has been received from the Safety Camera Team Leader Road Safety Unit, Leicestershire Constabulary:-

- I propose to deploy a covert speed detection device at this location. The device will count the number of vehicles travelling past it, as well as the speed and direction of travel, and will hopefully give a truer picture of the speeds travelled.

Once the results of the device are collected and analysed, I will contact you again.

The Council welcomed this action.

2005/104. CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION PURPOSES

- Leicestershire County Council – Branchline
- Leics. & Rutland Playing Fields Ass. – Annual report and notice of AGM
- Village Voice
- Leicestershire County Council Trading Standards - Consumer Affairs
- EMDA – News Letter

Blaby District Council – Press Release

- Mediation service for homeless teenagers
- Food Poisoning – Fight back by Council
- Council to ask Are You Doing your Bit
- Action against Domestic Abuse
- New Service to help local groups finding funding

2005/105. POLICE MATTERS

The Clerk reported that she had received a letter from the Blaby Policing Unit reporting that Sgt. Ball had now moved to another area and we would be notified when a new sergeant had been appointed.

The Chairman welcomed PC Matthew Wiggins to the meeting.

PC Wiggins stated that a member of the Blaby Policing Unit would attend Parish Council meetings, duties permitting. This was welcomed by members.

PC Wiggins reported that 43 calls had been made to the police from the Countesthorpe area. 18 crimes had been generated and 3 arrests had been made. The Dispersal Orders were still in force and were felt to be successful. The Police were patrolling the

Countesthorpe College Campus on a regular basis at the present time as property had been vandalised.

The Chairman thanked PC Wiggins for attending the meeting.

2005/106. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Mr. I. Paterson reported on the following:

Notice of decisions on planning applications Town and Country Planning Act 1990 from Blaby District Council:

Plan No. & Date	Address	Blaby District Councils Decision
0502751 PX 18.3.05	19 Broadfield Way	Application granted subject to conditions attached to planning permission
0503861 PX 8.4.05	2 Ladbroke Grove	- ditto -
0503521 PX 5.4.05	109 Station Road	- ditto -
0503481 PY 4.4.05	75 Station Road	- ditto -

The following planning applications have been received and the following instructions were given to the Clerk thereon:

Plan No.	Address	Description of Application	Observations
0505061 PY	The Paddock, Hospital Lane	Change of use of land for siting of two mobile homes & creation of vehicular access	This is outside of the planning boundary & the Local Plan. It would be intrusive in the Green Wedge. A site visit is urgently required.
0505021 PY	13 Pinewood Close	Erection of a front porch	No observations
0505231 PX	26 Scalborough Close	Single storey side extension	No observations
0504651 PX	4 Gwendoline Drive	Conversion of existing dwelling into two self contained flats	No observations
0505211 PX	13 Willow Drive	Two storey front extension	No observations
0504671 PX	13 Cosby Road	Single storey side extension to form garage	No observations
0505111 PX	99 Station Road	Single story rear extension & erection of a detached garage in rear garden	Site visit recommended (Concern re drainage)

0505541 PY	5 Orkney Way	Single storey rear extension to form conservatory	No observations
Leicestershire County Council	Countesthorpe Nursery School, The Drive	Proposed erection of steel bar gates & posts with video entry system	No observations
0503781 PX	Amended Plan Land corner of Leicester Road/New Street	Erection of four dwellings with associated garaging & car parking	No observations

Planning Appeal – 8 Laurel Drive – First floor extension over existing garage and single storey rear extension (Revised Scheme). After a discussion it was resolved to send a letter to the Planning Inspectorate advising them that the Council were against the appeal and their previous comments to Blaby District Council should be considered.

Mr. D. Jennings and Mrs. J. Jennings adjourned from the meeting when the planning application for 99 Station Road was discussed.

Mrs. M. Baum adjourned from the meeting when the planning application for 8 Laurel Drive was discussed.

2005/107. MAINTENANCE OF COUNCIL PROPERTIES

Mr. D. Ball reported on the working party meeting held on 6th June 2005 at Willoughby Road playing fields.

Graffiti Removal Project:

The groundsmen have identified areas around The Bank, outside the Co-op and the shops on Station Road that would be improved if the chewing gum on the pavement was removed. This information will be forwarded to the project organiser for their attention/.

Graffiti Leysland Park Play Equipment

The equipment has been badly vandalised and will need to be repainted as soon as possible.

Foston Road Cemetery

It was recommended that the Insurance Company be asked to carry out a survey and produce a report on the condition of headstones in the cemetery. They will be asked to carry out this survey during September. The cost will be approximately £1000. This was resolved.

The poles for the hanging baskets to the front of the Village Hall have been erected. The contractors will return to repaint any scratches.

The memorial to Private Buckingham VC has been re-sited.

2005/108. REPORTS OF WORKING PARTIES, REPRESENTATIVES & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

A request for grant aid has been received from VISTA. This will be discussed at the next meeting of the Finance working party.

Mrs. J. Weatherstone reported on the Annual General Meeting of the Leicestershire & Rutland Association of Parish Councils which was held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 8th June:-

One item raised was attendance allowances for Parish Councillors. It was resolved to put this item on next months agenda.

Mr. D. Jennings reported that Leicestershire County Council Highways Authority are in the process of undertaking a survey of recent residential developments within Leicestershire and the Leysland estate is one of the areas selected. Survey forms have been sent to residents.

2005/109. VILLAGE HALL UPDATES

Mr. G. Gamble reported on a Village Hall Management Committee meeting held on Thursday 2nd June 2005:-

Work to lay grass crete will commence in the rear car park on 11th July 2005. The car park will be closed to traffic for 2 weeks.

Arrangements have been made with the local garage to park the pick up truck and trailer on their land whilst this work is being carried out.

Application forms relating to the new licensing laws have been received. The Clerk will liaise with Mr. Gamble with regard to the completion of the forms as they need to be returned to Blaby District Council by 6th August 2005. It may be necessary to arrange a meeting to discuss this matter, if so members will be notified accordingly.

2005/110. PARISH PLAN and 2005/111. OFFICE COMMUNICATIONS (PARISH PLAN)

Mr. Gillespie asked if the two agenda items could be discussed together. This was resolved. He reported on the following:-

Information for the booklet is being gathered and will be brought together at a meeting to be held on the 28th June.

Website information is ongoing.

Broadband has now been installed and installation problems have now been solved. The computer system in the office is rather complex and further work may be required.

Mr. Gillespie felt that certain issues raised in the Parish Plan were not being dealt with quickly enough. Planning issues could be dealt with by holding a Special Parish meeting. After a discussion it was resolved to arrange a meeting for November inviting the Cabinet member responsible for planning and the Chief Planning Officer to answer questions from Parish Councillors and members of the public. Notice of questions to be forwarded to the officers before the meeting. It was suggested that a Wednesday would be a good evening to hold such a meeting. The relevant sections of the Village Plan and Action Plan would also be sent to the District Council prior to the meeting.

Other matters raised such as environmental issues, policing and health could be dealt with in a similar way.

The Chairman was asked to write a forward for the booklet.

2005/111. YOUTH WORK

Mr. A. Clifford reported that as he was employed in youth work by Leicestershire County Council he had been advised by Mrs. Johnstone, Blaby District Council that he should not speak on this subject at Parish Council meetings.

A lively discussion ensued whereby the members of the Parish Council felt that this was not satisfactory and a dispensation order should be obtained.

In the first instance Mr. Clifford would have to apply to the District Council. If this is unsuccessful it was proposed by Mr. M. Smith seconded by Mrs. K. Yates that a letter requesting such a dispensation be sent to the District Council. When put to the vote 15 members voted for this proposal. Mr. D. Jennings and Mr. F.E. Duffield were unable to vote as they are both members on the Standards Board at Blaby District Council.

It was resolved to support this proposal.

2005/112. BUS SHELTER STATION ROAD

Mr. D. Jennings reported that he had spoken to the relevant officer at Blaby District Council and work on the bus shelter should be started within the next 5 weeks.

2005/113. PARISH WALK REPORT

Mr. I. Paterson reported that 15 members of the parish turned out for the Parish Walk. The walk started at Rosebank Road and followed footpath Z35 to Foston Church where walkers had the opportunity to view the Foston Flower festival. The return walk was along footpath Z36 Reed Pool Spinney and back to Rosebank Road.

2005/114. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

The following accounts were passed for payment :-

	£
Countesthorpe Parish Council Wages account	7319.08
J. Adcock – postages	31.02
ABC – petrol/oil	101.45
R.E. Bowers & Freeman – plaque	136.30
ESPO – paper	21.39
Glebe Gardens – 1 bouquet of flowers, grass seed, deep root killer	93.59
Leics. County Council – Tree surgery – Willoughby Road playing fields	793.24
Fitzjohn’s PC – Repairs – Installation of broadband + cable & ext.	205.72
goIT – to resolve PC problems following broadband installation	94.00
BT – Internet Services	74.74
Chapmans Garden Services – repairs to mower & Strimmer	350.30
Playground Management Ltd. – ROSPA Report	207.98

2005/115. MATTERS FOR THE CLERK

The Chairman and his wife have been invited to a Service of Thanksgiving to Commemorate the 60th Anniversary of the end of WWII on Sunday 10th July 2005.

The Clerk advised that the new elected Chairman of Blaby District for the ensuing year is Councillor Mrs. Alex Dilks and Vice-Chairman is Councillor Mrs. Barbara Parkins.

A letter of thanks has been received from Mrs. B. Keen Chairman of the Governors at Greenfield School for grant aid given by the Parish Council to keep the playing fields open during the summer holidays.

A Code of Conduct training session will be held at Blaby District Council on 22nd August 2005 at 7pm. Please notify the Clerk if you wish to attend.

Meeting closed @ 9.10 pm.

Signed Chairman

Dated 2005