

THE MEETING OF THE COUNTSTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL WAS HELD IN THE VILLAGE CENTRE, STATION ROAD COUNTSTHORPE ON THURSDAY, 12th MAY 2005 AT 7.30 PM. WHEN THERE WERE PRESENT: -

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| Chairman | Mr. A. Collis-Smith |
| Vice-Chairman | Mr. D. Jennings |
| | Mesdames: M. Baum, C. James, J. Jennings J. Weatherstone |
| | Messrs: D. Ball, D. Duffield, F.E. Duffield, Rev. M. Gillespie, K. Mason, I. Paterson, 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.

2005/76. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Were received from Mr. A. Billings, Mr. A. Clifford, Mr. T. Blood and Mr. G. Gamble

2005/77. 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)

Village Hall

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

Reports of Working Parties, Representatives & District Councillors

Mr. M. Smith - Governor of Greenfield Primary School

Active Arts/Glebe Gardens Event Item 18

Mr. I. Paterson

Payment of Accounts

Mr. M. Smith – Governor of Greenfield Primary School

Mr. D. Ball – Rotary Club

2005/78. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Mr. D. Jennings proposed, seconded by Mr. K. Mason that Mr. A. Collis-Smith be Chairman for the ensuing year. This was unanimously resolved.

2005/79. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

Mrs. J. Weatherstone proposed, seconded by Mr. F.E. Duffield that Mr. D. Jennings be Vice-Chairman. Mr. I. Paterson made an amendment, seconded by Rev. M. Gillespie that Mr. M. Smith be Vice-Chairman. When put to a secret ballot the proposal was carried by 7 votes for to 6 against. It was therefore resolved that Mr. D. Jennings be Vice-Chairman for the ensuing year.

2005/80. POLICE MATTERS

The Chairman welcomed Inspector M. Martin from Blaby Local Policing Unit and asked him to address the meeting.

Inspector Martin stated that he was visiting all the Parishes in the district to introduce himself as he felt that a good working relationship was essential. Two way communication was needed.

Mr. F.E. Duffield reported on the Police Liaison meeting held this afternoon where once again the theme was good communications between the Parish and the Police. The damage caused by graffiti to the newly painted playground equipment on Leysland Park was mentioned. It was felt that the village was still experiencing a fairly high degree of anti social behaviour in certain areas.

The Chairman thanked Inspector Martin for attending the meeting.

2005/81. ELECTION OF REPRESENTATIVES: -

It was resolved that the following were duly elected to be the Parish Council's representatives.

- a) Council for the Protection of Rural England – Mr. I. Paterson
- b) Countesthorpe Twinning Association – Mr. A. Billings
- c) Blaby Branch of the Local Association of Parish Councils – Mrs. J. Weatherstone and Mr. A. Collis-Smith
- d) Countesthorpe Information Centre-Management Committee – Mr. D. Jennings
- e) Countesthorpe College/Sports refurbishment scheme/Community Council – Mr. K. Mason
- f) Police Liaison – Mrs. Y. Bennett, Mrs. J. Weatherstone, Mr. G. Gamble, Mr. F.E. Duffield, Mr. D. Ball and Mrs. K. Yates

g) 'A' Better Countesthorpe – Chairman to co-opt should the group start up

h) WORKING PARTIES

Planning – Mr. I. Paterson, Mr. G. Gamble, Mr. K. Mason, Mrs. K. Yates, Mrs. M. Baum, Mr. A. Clifford, Mrs. J. Jennings, Mr. F.E. Duffield, Rev. M. Gillespie

Maintenance of Council Properties – Mr. F.E. Duffield, Mr. D. Duffield, Mr. T. Blood, Mr. A. Collis-Smith, Mr. K. Mason and Mr. D. Ball.

Best Kept Village/Front Garden Competition - Mrs. C. James, Mrs. J. Weatherstone, Mr. D. Ball, Mrs. M. Baum, Mr. T. Blood and Mr. A. Billings.

Finance - Mr. G. Gamble, Mr. F.E. Duffield, Mr. M. Smith, Mr. I. Paterson, Mr. D. Duffield, Mr. K. Mason and Rev. M. Gillespie

Parish Plan

Mr. A. Collis-Smith, Rev. M. Gillespie, Mr. K. Mason, Mr. I. Paterson, Mr. M. Smith

Policy & Resources The Chairman of all working parties + the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Parish Council.

Tree Warden – Mrs. C. James

Footpath Warden – Mr. A. Collis-Smith

Street Lighting Warden – Mr. D. Jennings

COMMITTEES:

Village Hall Management Committee – Mr. G. Gamble, Mr. K. Mason, Mr. I. Paterson, Mr. F.E. Duffield, Mr. T. Blood, Mr. D. Ball and Mrs. M. Baum.

DISCIPLINARY – Chairman + Five members of the Parish Council

APPEALS – Vice-Chairman + Five members of the Parish Council

The Chairman is ex-officio on all Working Parties and Committees.

2005/82. TO ARRANGE DATES, TIMES & VENUES FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

Mr. D. Jennings proposed seconded by Mr. D. Ball that meetings should be held on the second Thursday of the month and start at 7.30pm. Mr. I. Paterson made an amendment seconded by Mr. M. Smith that the meeting should start at 8 pm. When put to the vote the

proposal was carried. It was resolved that the Parish Council meetings should be held on the second Thursday of each month at 7.30 pm. in the Village Hall.

2005/83. MINUTES OF A MEETING Held on 14th April 2005 as circulated by the Clerk were approved as a correct record subject to the following:-

Minute 2005/66 – The estimate for the provision of posts and fixings for hanging baskets to the front of the Village Hall should have been £1015 + vat not £770 + vat.

2005/84. MATTERS ARISING There were none

2005/85. CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION PURPOSES

Clerks and Councils Direct

East Midlands Regional Plan

Rural Community Council – Summary of Activities 1.11.04 to 31.1.05

Blaby District Council – Local Development Framework Statement of Community Involvement

2005/86. 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 |
|-----------------------|------------------------------|---|
| 0502431 PX 11.3.05 | 1 Springwell Close | Application granted subject to conditions attached to planning permission |
| 0502491 PX 10.3.05 | 12 The Hawthorns | ditto |
| 0502341 PX 8.3.05 | 18 Pinewood Close | ditto |
| 0501911 PX 14.2.04 | Land rear of 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 |
|------------|---------------------|--|-----------------|
| 0504251 PX | 27 Westfield Avenue | Single storey side & rear extensions & erection of detached garden store to rear (to include | No observations |

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| | | demolition of existing garage/store) | |
| 0503521 PX | 109 Station Road | Conversion of existing garage to residential annex & erection of pitched roof over | No observations |
| 0503481 PY | 75 Station Road | Single storey rear extension to form conservatory | No observations |
| 0503781 PX | Land corner of Leicester Road/New Street | Erection of four dwellings with associated garaging & car parking | No observations |
| 0503861 PX | 2 Ladbroke Grove | Two storey front/side extension | No observations |
| 0504361 PX | 12 Foston Road | Two storey rear extension | No observations |
| 0504561 PX | 5 Willoughby Road | Single storey side extension to form garage | No observations |

Adjacent Parish Notification of Application for Development – Plan No. 0503601 PY – Location – Land off Countesthorpe Road Whetstone - Description – Retention of siting of 6 no. gypsy caravans for use by one family and formation of new access (Revised Scheme)

The following observations were forwarded to Blaby District:-

Planning regulations should be adhered to as a matter of principal less dangerous precedents should be set which would cause the whole planning system to fall into disrepute. Any development would be outside of the Approved Local Plan.

1 The Chestnuts – Boundary fence The Enforcement Officer from Blaby District Planning Department has visited the property and stated that the fence is now in accordance with the approved plans.

Bus Route Improvement Scheme Bus stop clearway road markings will be installed at the following bus stop locations – Winchester Road –outside of college and opposite college entrance – Station Road near to St. Andrew’s Church and bus stop on the Bank.

2005/87. MAINTENANCE OF COUNCIL PROPERTIES

Mr. D. Ball reported on the working party meeting held on 9th May 2005 at Willoughby Road playing fields.

Willoughby Road – The football club are to be asked to secure the cover to the sewerage system with a metal bar and padlock.

Grit Bins – After a period of consultation it has been decided to recommend that the grits bins on Gwendoline Drive and Leysland Avenue be removed. This was resolved. It was agreed to ask the Highways Department if they would like the bins and to reinstate the land.

Hanging Baskets – Six extra hanging baskets to be ordered from Plantscape for the new poles in front of the Village Hall.

Graffiti Removal Project – Leicestershire County Council and the Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnerships are running a project across the County to remove graffiti, tidy up litter and remove chewing gum. The groundsmen are to be asked to note locations that would benefit from the removal of chewing gum.

Leysland play area – The equipment has been very badly vandalised. The newly painted equipment will have to be sanded and repainted.

Cemetery Foston Road – A further request, by a relative of the deceased, has been received for a seat to be purchased and sited in the cemetery. It was resolved to grant this request subject to the seat provided being of a type approved by the Council.

2005/88. REPORTS OF WORKING PARTIES, REPRESENTATIVES & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

Mr. M. Smith declared an interest in the next item as he is a Governor of Greenfield Primary School and did not take part in the discussion.

Mr. K. Mason reported on a Finance working party meeting that was held prior to the Council meeting:

Section 137 Grant Aid requests were received from the following:

- The Open Space Society – It was resolved not to offer any grant aid in this instance as the Parish Council pay an annual subscription to the Society.
- Macmillan Cancer Relief – It was resolved not to offer any grant aid in this instance.
- Greenfield Primary School – A request for the playing fields to be opened and closed at Greenfield Primary School during the summer holidays. It was resolved as in previous years to give £250 towards this scheme.

2005/89. VILLAGE HALL UPDATES

Mr. K. Mason reported that a new part-time cleaner had been employed as the previous cleaner had left for personal reasons.

The following accounts were passed for payment:-

| | £ |
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| Blaby District Council – Rates | 308.00 |
| Performing Right Society | 359.29 |
| Secom – Check & reset alarm | 88.13 |
| John Maynard – Stocktake | 70.00 |
| Waverley – Wines/spirits | 173.81 |
| Ray’s Supplies | 50.72 |
| Scottish Courage – beers | 640.78 |
| BT – Telephone | 60.38 |
| Pratt & Chesterton – PAT testing | 150.69 |
| Severn Trent Water – Quarter ending 3.5.05 | 367.68 |
| ADT Fire & Security – Annual maintenance | 155.96 |
| G. Gamble – RXT 12 induction loop receiver | 55.99 |
| C’thorpe Parish Council – VAT to quarter ending 31.3.05 | 69.64 |
| Tranter Fire & Security Systems Ltd. – Repairs | 160.97 |
| Bagshaws Supplies – 2 x gas | 24.94 |

Salaries for May

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| Salaries for Bar Manager & cleaner x 2 | 612.24 |
| C’thorpe Parish Council – tax returns/pensions etc. | 385.31 |

Return of Deposits

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| R. Wheyway – 13 & 20 May | 150.00 |
| Mr. & Mrs. Hardy – 14.5.05 | 150.00 |
| Blaby Meridian Rotary Club 24 February & 15 May | 150.00 |
| A. Reid – 30.5.05 | 50.00 |
| U3A – 3.6.05 | 150.00 |

2005/90. PARISH PLAN

The Parish Plan working party proposed that they raise their status and become a ‘Committee’ with an agenda and minutes taken by the Clerk. They are a busy working party and felt that they needed to take decisions instead of waiting for the next Parish Council Meeting. It was also felt that the Clerk could have an input with regard to what other working parties were proposing. Ultimately the committee would report back to the full Council.

After a heated discussion Mr. D. Jennings proposed, seconded by Mr. K. Mason that the Parish Plan group should remain a working party.

Mr. I. Paterson made an amendment, seconded by Mr. M. Smith that the Parish Plan group become a Committee.

When put to the vote the proposal was carried. The Parish Plan group was added to the list of working parties with the following representatives:-

Mr. A. Collis-Smith, Rev. M. Gillespie, Mr. K. Mason, Mr. I. Paterson and Mr. M. Smith.

2005/91. OFFICE COMMUNICATIONS (PARISH PLAN)

Rev. M. Gillespie reported on the last Parish Plan meeting where it was felt that the Council should have its own Home Page. It was recommended that an outside professional body should construct and look after the site with input from the office staff. Advice has been sought from the company that set up Quorn Parish Council site and the cost would be approximately £2500 plus an annual cost of £250. Two more estimates will be required before any decision is made. Such a site would enable Councillors to have their own e-mail address within the site.

It is still planned to produce a booklet. It is proposed to obtain the relevant information required via the telephone as previous attempts at contacting people by letter have failed.

A Broadband connection has been ordered from BT and this should be installed next week.

It was also recommended that an IT consultant be employed on a 3 month trial basis (cost approximately £25 to £30 per hr.) to look at the office equipment and advise the office staff on any problems they may encounter as well as installing Broadband.

This was resolved. In the first instance the working party could spend up to £200.

2005/92. NOTICE OF AUDIT

Notice of the annual audit for the year ending 31st March 2005 has been received from UHY Hacker Young Accountants; this must be returned to them by 1st August 2005. The Clerk reported that this will be posted to them within the next few weeks.

2005/93. NEW HOURS COUNTSTHORPE LIBRARY

A notice has been received from the District Community Manager Libraries in Blaby District with proposed changes for Countesthorpe Library from June this year:

| | <u>Current</u> | <u>Amendments</u> |
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| • Monday | 14.00 – 19.00 | 14.00 – 17.30 |
| • Tuesday | Closed | Closed |
| • Wednesday | 10.00 – 12.00 | 14.00 – 17.30 |
| • Thursday | 10.00 – 12.00 & 14.00 – 19.00 | 10.00 – 12.00 & 14.00 – 19.00 |
| • Friday | 14.00 – 17.30 | 14.00 – 17.30 |
| • Saturday | 10.00 – 12.30 | 9.30 – 13.00 |

2005/94. ACTIVE ARTS/GLEBE GARDENS EVENT

Mr. I. Paterson reported that Glebe Gardens will be holding a pop concert on the Sunday and Monday of the August Bank Holiday from 12.00 – 20.00. The cost of an advanced ticket will be £7 paid in advance and £12 on the day.

2005/95. INCREASE IN TRAFFIC FLOW – SCALBOROUGH CLOSE

A complaint has been received from a resident of Scalborough Close about the speed and increase in traffic flow along this estate road.

A discussion ensued and it was resolved to contact the Police with regard to speeding and the Highways Department to see if a survey could be undertaken.

2005/96. YOUTH WORK IN VILLAGE

A report on the work of discovery in Countesthorpe from January to April 2005, from Mr. M. Brown, was circulated to members.

Mr. Brown also informed the Council that they will be holding a summer project from 18th – 23rd July. A number of activities will be organised for local young people including a cyber café every evening, 2 sports and film afternoons and a large youth event on Saturday evening, which will be held in Countesthorpe.

On July 19th a team of 10 – 15 supervised young people would like to offer their services to benefit the local community. After a discussion it was suggested that they may like to litter pick around the perimeter of local schools and the Clerk was asked to contact Mr. M. Brown to ask him to liaise with the relevant head teachers.

2005/97. BUS STOP/SHELTER, STATION ROAD

The Clerk reported that she had contacted Blaby District Council prior to the meeting to see what progress had been made. She was informed that the person dealing with the problem was on long term sick leave so no information was to hand.

Mr. D. Jennings stated that he would look into the matter.

2005/98. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

The following accounts were passed for payment:-

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| Countesthorpe Parish Council - Wages | 7269.12 |
| J. Adcock – postages | 31.84 |
| D. Ball – Frames for certificates Best Kept Front Garden | 22.56 |
| ABC – Petrol/Oil | 162.28 |

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| J. Jeffcott – Brass Locks | 12.98 |
| Cornhill Allianz – premium 1.6.05 – 31.5.06 | 3276.51 |
| Neptune – Wooden bench – Leicester Road | 623.92 |
| B. Telecom | 267.72 |
| EP Builders Merchants - Mix post set | 15.28 |
| Data Protection – renewal fee | 35.00 |
| M. Smith – Software for Broadband | 41.14 |
| Greenfield Primary School – Grant Aid Section137 | 250.00 |

2005/99. MATTERS FOR THE CLERK

St. Andrew’s Church

The Clerk read a letter of thanks from the PCC of St. Andrew’s Church for the upkeep of the churchyard. They also welcomed the Parish Plan survey and offered their support.

Rural Community Council

Anyone wishing to start a new community group and needs assistance with funding should contact the RCC who are offering up to £2000 towards community projects in rural areas with community roots.

Chairman’s Evening

This will be held on Friday 9th September, 2005 in the Village Hall.

Meeting closed at 9.50 pm.

Signed Chairman

Dated 2005