

THE MEETING OF THE COUNTRESTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL WAS HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL, STATION ROAD COUNTRESTHORPE ON THURSDAY, 13TH OCTOBER 2005 AT 7.30 PM. WHEN THERE WERE PRESENT: -

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

There were 22 members of the public present.

2005/164. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Were received from Mr. A. Collis-Smith, Mr. A. Clifford and Mr. M. Smith.

2005/165. 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 & 2 Almond Close)

Mr. F.E. Duffield (Planning Blaby District Council)

Mr. D. Jennings (Planning Blaby District Council, Leicestershire County Council)

Village Hall

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

2005/166. MINUTES OF A MEETING Held on 8th September 2005 as circulated by the Clerk were approved as a correct record.

2005/167. THE WOODLANDS

Members of the public were welcomed to the meeting.

The Vice-Chairman stated that 34 letters had been received complaining about the open space known as the Spoilbank. Very large groups of youths congregate on this open space most evenings. Under aged drinking, intimidating behaviour, trespassing on to private property, noise, litter (danger from broken bottles) and ineffective policing were the main complaints. Concern that travellers may use this open space was also raised.

The Vice-Chairman asked PC Phytic, the local police constable if she would like to comment on how the police were dealing with this situation.

PC Physis stated that the police had been dealing with this ongoing situation. The youths had been spoken to and in some cases taken home to their parents. Alcohol had been confiscated and local shops had been visited and warned about selling alcohol to under aged children. Youth workers from Blaby had been informed and had visited the site. The response so far had proved unsuccessful so further measures were planned.

The Clerk stated that she had circulated a letter to members from Blaby District Council about 'Designated Public Places Orders' which stated:

'..... if the problem is young people drinking alcohol in public then this ban will have no effect as what they are doing is illegal and a police matter. A DPPO will only be considered when alcohol related crime has been a consistent problem identified in an area'.

Members of the public were then given the opportunity to comment, their major concerns were:

- Intimidation caused by large numbers of youths congregating during the evenings
- The drinking of alcohol by under-aged children
- Noise late into the night
- Damage to property
- Police response
- Litter

Their quality of life was being severely affected and they were helpless to help themselves.

The Council discussed the matter and the following recommendations were made:

- a) To contact Blaby District Council asking for a Designated Public Place Order.
- b) To remove the climbing frame and safety surface (it was felt that this equipment was not adequately used by young children).
- c) To invite Inspector Martin to next months Parish Council meeting.

This was unanimously resolved.

2005/168. MATTERS ARISING

The Clerk read the following letter, from Mr. K. McDermott, Headteacher, Leysland High School:

Thank you for your letter of the 13th September regarding litter in the village. I would like to reassure the Parish Council that we care passionately about concerns of residents regarding litter in the community, as we do around the school and its environs.

Within our Personal, Social and Health Education programme we stress the importance of good citizenship and the need to act responsibly in our community and care for the

environment. I will be reiterating this in assemblies also. We are currently working on a litter education scheme at school to encourage sensible disposal around our own site and will use this as an opportunity to stress the importance of doing so around our neighbourhoods too. Leysland, naturally, wishes to be a good and responsible neighbour.

The contents of the letter were welcomed.

2005/169. CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION PURPOSES

- Village Voice
- East Midlands Development Authority – News
- Blaby District Council – Corporate Plan
- National Association of Local
- Councils –Periodic Electoral Reviews Consultation
- Blaby District Council – Press Release – Litter Bins
- Leicestershire County Council – Pond Creation & Management
- Leicestershire County Council – Fungus Foray
- L.R.A.P.L.C. – Draft Outline Local Area Agreement
- Leicestershire County Council – Branchline Issue 43
- Parish Councils/Blaby District Council – Open Spaces Meeting 9th Aug. 2005
- Open Space Magazine
- Blaby District Council – Key Partnerships
- A.P.L.C./N.A.L.C. – Information Newsletter & Leics. Local Area Agreement
- South Leicestershire Primary Care Trust

2005/170. POLICE MATTERS

At the last Police Liaison meeting held on Thursday 29th September Sgt. Watson suggested that the heading ‘Community Safety Issues’ should be put on the Parish Council’s agenda instead of Police Matters.

After a discussion it was resolved to keep Police Matters on the agenda as everyone was aware of what this item referred to.

PC Physis reported that a car had been damaged in Westfield Avenue. She considered that parts of Westfield Avenue were very dark and she had requested an extra street light in the area.

2005/171. 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
0508181 PX 8.8.05	44 Wigston Street	Application granted subject to conditions attached to planning permission
0508361 PX 11.8.05	3 Bute Way	- ditto -
0508251 PX 11.8.05	26 Scarborough Close	- ditto -
0508691 PX 24.8.05	11 Almond Close	- ditto -
0508561 PX 23.8.05	34 Holyrood Drive	- 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
0509291 PX	170 Leicester Road	Single storey rear extension to form conservatory	No observations
0509241 PY	15 Holyrood Drive	Single storey rear extension to form conservatory	No observations
0508891	Stable Block off Peatling Road	Erection of barn to store tractor, hay & straw	No observations
0509721 PX	20 Main Street	Single storey rear extension & erection of detached double garage (to include demolition of existing garage)	Note property is in a conservation area
0509581 PX	10 Linden Avenue	Single storey rear extension, conservatory & new pitched roof to rear elevation	No observations
0509491 PX	16 The Woodlands	Two storey side & single storey front extension	No observations
0509591 PX	19 Judith Drive	Single storey rear extension, conversion of garage into habitable accommodation & new flat roof over	No observations
0509571 PX	2 Almond Close	Single storey front/side extension & new pitched roof to existing garage	No observations
0509641 PY	7 Cherry Tree Close	Single storey rear extension to form conservatory	No observations

0104081 VY	Former St. Andrews Church Hall, Main Street	Variation of condition No. 3 attached to planning permission 0102041 PX to retain raised landscaped area adj. to Main St. boundary & extension of existing parking area adjacent to rear of site. Creation of landscaped area & retention of gates to vehicular access.	No observations
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Blaby District Council - Town & Country Planning Act 1990 – Notification of decision in respect of proposed work to tree @ 55 Scarborough Close – Felling of one Ash tree.

Rose Farm Cottage, Leicester Road – Withdrawal of application re creation of a new vehicular access.

Leicester Road/Hospital Lane Junction Proposed road improvements to reduce accidents.

As part of the County Councils commitment to reduce road accident casualties it is proposed to introduce a local safety scheme at the above junction, which is designed to reduce the personal injury accidents that are occurring at this junction.

The scheme incorporates the following:

- Improved signing at the junction
- Improved advanced directional signs
- High friction surfacing
- Improve white lining and slow markings

After a discussion it was resolved to ask Leicestershire County Council if they would consider constructing a mini roundabout at this position.

Leicestershire County Council – A consultation on the provisional local transport plan 2006 – 2011 has been received for comment. The closing date is 28th November 2005. Several members took a copy of the document for perusal.

2005/172. MAINTENANCE OF COUNCIL PROPERTIES

Mr. D. Ball reported on the working party meeting held on Monday 10th October 2005 whereby the following was discussed:-

The cost of winter bedding plants had not been allowed for in this year’s horticultural budget. It was therefore resolved that the cost, this year, could be taken out of the village improvements budget.

A request for a 'no balls game' on the open space in Holyrood Drive has been received from a resident. As this area of land is owned by the County Council this matter will be referred to them.

The seat on Leicester Road, near to the sewage works, has been stolen. It had been bolted to the ground. This matter has been reported to the police.

2005/173. REPORTS OF WORKING PARTIES, REPRESENTATIVES & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

Finance working party – Mr. K. Mason reported that they had met Matt Brown with regard to grant aid towards the Reality Youth Project which is being set up by St. Andrew's Church to re-place the work Agapé carried out in the village. This project has applied for charity status and should be established in 3 – 4 weeks. When this has been granted Matt has been asked to attend another meeting with a copy of their balance sheet for the matter to be re-considered..

2005/174. VILLAGE HALL UPDATE

Mr. G. Gamble reported on a Village Hall Management Committee meeting held on Thursday 6th October 2005:

Car Park Lights – Further remedial work is required.

The 10th anniversary of the opening of the village hall will be in September 2006. It was suggested at the meeting that this should be celebrated at the Chairman's reception which has been booked for 29th September 2006. This was resolved.

2005/175. PARISH PLAN

Mr. M. Gillespie reminded members of the working party that there would be a meeting on Monday afternoon in the Parish Office to discuss the 'home page'.

A third quotation has now been received for printing the booklet.

On Wednesday 19th October a special Parish Plan meeting to discuss the Environment and Planning has been arranged. A preliminary meeting was held to discuss youth projects and there was a very good response. The next meeting has been arranged for 26th October to prepare for the open meeting on 16th January 2006. Traffic and Crime will be discussed at a meeting to be arranged in March 2006.

Mr. Gillespie stated that he would be updating the action plan.

2005/176. YOUTH WORK – There was nothing to report.

2005/177. HEALTH CENTRE – CAR PARK

A letter has been received from Dr. M. Wright, Senior Partner at Countesthorpe Health Centre with regard to the query last month re the wording of the notice displayed on the car park outside the Health Centre.

Dr. Wright explains that the notice is twofold (a) to discourage people from parking their vehicles during surgery hours in the car park when they are not visiting the health centre and (b) to remove liability for damage to vehicles when parked. The partners are well aware of the division of ownership between themselves and the Parish Council and have no intention of claiming ownership.

It was resolved to note the contents of this letter.

2005/178. BYE-LAWS COUNTESTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL

After a discussion it was resolved that the Clerk should contact the District Council and the Association of Parish Councils to ascertain the way forward with regard to changing and adding new bye-laws for areas owned by the Parish Council.

2005/179. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

The following accounts were passed for payment:

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Countesthorpe Parish Council Wages	7300.01
J. Adcock – Postages	48.69
Oswin Builders – Repairs to Church wall	41.13
ESPO – Foot pump/plaque for cemetery	42.30
Glebe Gardens – Gift vouchers/bouquet of flowers/round up/reposition concrete planter (Station Rd.)	229.02
J. Jeffcott – screws/2 pairs of goggles	9.26
ABC Motors – petrol/oil	156.55
B. Manton – Felling & cutting tree in Broadfield Way	28.00
B. Telecom – Telephone	158.62
Canon – Rental/photocopying	233.36
EP Builders – Timber/screws	23.68

2005/180. MATTERS FOR THE CLERK

An invitation has been received from the campaign co-ordinator for the Sustainable Communities Bill to attend a public meeting on Friday 28th October at 7.30 pm. at Park Community College, Welland Park Road, Market Harborough. The Clerk was asked to contact the Chairman to see if he would be willing to attend.

Meeting closed at 8.55 pm.

Signed Clerk to the Council

Dated 2005