

THE MEETING OF THE COUNTSTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL WAS HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL, STATION ROAD COUNTSTHORPE ON THURSDAY, 8th SEPTEMBER 2005 AT 7.30 PM. WHEN THERE WERE PRESENT: -

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

There were 14 members of the public present.

2005/147. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Were received from Mr. K. Mason, Mr. D. Ball, Mrs. M. Baum

2005/148. 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 & Governor at Countesthorpe Nursery School)

Mr. F.E. Duffield (Planning Blaby District Council & Governor at Countesthorpe Nursery School)

Mr. D. Jennings (Planning Blaby District Council, Leicestershire County Council & Governor at Countesthorpe Nursery School)

Mr. M. Smith (Countesthorpe Cricket Club)

Village Hall

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

Youth Work

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

M. Gillespie (Member of St. Andrews Church)

D. Jennings (Blaby District Council Standards Committee)

Mr. F.E. Duffield (Blaby District Council Standards Committee)

2005/149. PRESENTATION OF BEST KEPT GARDEN AWARDS

This year's winners of the best kept front garden/hanging basket/tub competition were as follows:

Best Kept Garden – first prize

Mr. & Mrs. A. Freer
4 Mull Way
Countesthorpe

Best Kept Garden – second prize

Mr. & Mrs. P. Stevens
10 Heather Way
Countesthorpe

Best Kept Garden – third prize

Mr. & Mrs. B. Gamble
51 Gwendoline Drive
Countesthorpe

Malcolm Smith Memorial Trophy

Mr. & Mrs. P. Tunncliffe
27 Gwendoline Drive
Countesthorpe

Best Hanging Basket/tub - first prize

Mr. & Mrs. J. Burnham
17 The Woodlands
Countesthorpe

Best Hanging Basket/tub - second prize

Mr. & Mrs. Boden
1 Fir Tree Avenue
Countesthorpe

The Chairman presented awards to Mr. & Mrs. A. Freer, Mr. & Mrs. P. Stevens, Mr. & Mrs. B. Gamble and Mr. & Mrs. J. Burnham who were present at the meeting.

2005/150. MINUTES OF A MEETING Held on 11th August 2005 as circulated by the Clerk were approved as a correct record.

2005/151. MATTERS ARISING - There were none.

2005/152. CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION PURPOSES

- Blaby District Council – Key Partnerships
- Blaby District Council Press Release – Community Facilities Thorpe Astley
- Rural Community Council – Growing Village Champions AGM 22.9.05
- Leicestershire County Council – Community Strategy
- NALC – Confirmation of Byelaws Relating to Countryside Recreation : Guidance for Byelaw-making Authorities
- Local Works – Campaign for the Sustainable Communities Bill
- Deputy Prime Ministers Awards for Sustainable Communities 2005
- Leicestershire Rural Partnership – Annual Review 2005
- Campaign for the Protection of Rural England – Fieldwork Magazine and Planning Road Show

2005/153. POLICE MATTERS

The Clerk reported that she had circulated a copy of a letter received from Police Sergeant M. Boon, Blaby Policing Unit, to all members prior to the meeting regarding the delay in collecting CCTV evidence.

Mrs. J. Weatherstone reported that she had attended a Police meeting at Greenfield Primary School on 16th August. The Area Commander and other officers were present to answer any concerns that the public had with regard to policing in the area.

A number of residents were present from the Woodlands who expressed their concern about the behaviour of youths who congregated on the Spoilbank. Drinking of alcohol and the taking of other substances is a nightly occurrence.

The Clerk was asked to arrange a Police liaison meeting before the next Council meeting so that the activities at the Spoilbank could be discussed in full. It was also felt that more publicity should have been given to the police meeting which was held at Greenfield School.

2005/154. 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
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0506621 PY 23.6.05	7 Shetland Way	Application granted subject to conditions attached to planning permission
2005/053601 27.05.05	Countesthorpe Nursery School, The Drive	- ditto -
0506361 PX 16.6.05	22 The Woodlands	- ditto -
0506831 PX 27.6.05	22 Hallcroft Avenue	- ditto -
0506871 PX 27.6.05	36 Shetland Way	- ditto -
0506271 PY 13.6.05	Countesthorpe Cricket Club, Bassett Avenue	- ditto -
0507381 PY 18.7.05	8 Holyrood Drive	- ditto -
0506921 PY 29.6.05	110 Station Road	- ditto -
0506841 PX 27.6.05	6 Archery Close	- ditto -
0506661 PX 23.6.05	2 Fir Tree Avenue	- ditto -
0506571 VX 22.6.05	156 Leicester Road	- ditto -
0506931 PX 29.6.05	24 Cosby Road	- ditto -
0507351 PX 13.7.05	2 Springwell Drive	- ditto -
0507091 PX 6.7.05	Rear of 85 Station Road	- ditto -
0507981 PY 4.8.05	76 Gwendoline Drive	- ditto -
0507171 PX 7.7.05	29 Cosby 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
0508181 PX	44 Wigston Street	Two storey rear extension (Revised Scheme)	No observations
0508251 PX	26 Scarborough Close	Single storey side extension and single storey rear extension to form conservatory	No observations

0508361 PX	3 Bute Way	Two storey front extension and replace existing flat roof with new pitched roof to side elevation	No observations
0508561 PX	34 Holyrood Drive	Two storey side & single storey front extension	No observations
0508691 PX	11 Almond Close	Two storey side & rear & single story rear extension	No observations
0508811 PY	119 Winchester Road	Single storey rear extension to form conservatory	No observations

Town & Country Planning Act 1990 Notification of decision in respect of proposed work to tree:

Application number 05/0743/1/TC – 15.7.05

2 Stanyon Close

Proposed Works: Reduction, dead wooding and crown lifting of one Salix Cupreous tree (tree not protected by a Tree Preservation Order but is situated in the Countesthorpe Conservation Area)

The following documents had been received from the Borough of Oadby & Wigston:

- Residential Development (draft supplementary planning document)
- Residential Development Sustainability Appraisal Report

2005/155. MAINTENANCE OF COUNCIL PROPERTIES

Mr. F.E. Duffield reported on the working party meeting held on 5th September 2005 whereby the following was discussed:-

Willoughby Road Playing Fields – The work to weed and feed the pitches has been carried out by Leicestershire County Council.

Litter – Concern about the amount of litter that is dropped on a daily basis since the school have started back was raised. The worst areas are along Station Road, Gwendoline Drive, Penfold Drive and Linden Avenue. After a discussion it was resolved to write to the Head teachers of the College and Leysland High School to ask if they could remind their pupils not to drop litter.

Village Hall Rear Car Park – The groundsmen are to be asked to paint white marks on the kerb of the new area of the car park.

Winter bedding plants – The Clerk was asked to ascertain whether or not money is available for winter planting.

St. Andrews Closed Churchyard – Concern was once again raised about the unofficial path that is being created between the Rainbow shop and the church.

The Square Garden – Mr. I. Paterson stated that he felt that the new No Ball Games sign in the garden was out of keeping with the surroundings.

Spoilbank – As concern had been raised with regard to the drinking of alcohol on Council property the Clerk was asked to provide all members with a copy of the current bye-laws and also to contact the Borough of Oadby & Wigston with regard to what steps they had taken with regard to this problem. The item will also be on next months agenda.

2005/156. REPORTS OF WORKING PARTIES, REPRESENTATIVES & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

Finance Working Party – A request for grant aid has been received from K.T.B.F. on behalf of six Countesthorpe village athletes who have been selected for the Great Britain Amateur Athletes Team to compete in the Martial Arts division of the World Cup January 2006.

The working party recommended that as the Parish Council does not give grant aid to individuals they should contact the Stuart Cosby Memorial Trust, who received grant aid from the Parish Council, and give grants to individuals. Leicestershire County Council and Blaby District Council should also be approached. This was resolved.

Mrs. J. Weatherstone reported that she had attended the branch meeting of the Leicestershire & Rutland Association of Local and Parish Councils at Glenfeild where the following was discussed:

Community Planning - there will be a seminar at Blaby District Council on 27th September 6.30 pm. – 9 pm.

A Farmers Market will be held in Blaby on the 24th September 2005.

The next meeting will be on the 7th December at Glenfield.

Mr. D. Jennings reported that illuminated warning signs will be sited on the A5199 (formally the A50) near to the Kilby Village junction and the Foston Road turn.

2005/157. VILLAGE HALL UPDATES

The Chairman of the Village Hall Management Committee, Mr. G. Gamble, reported on the following:

A large larder refrigerator has been installed in the kitchen.

Bar Licence – Personnel licences have been granted but an objection has been made against the bar licence. The objection will be heard on the 23rd September at Blaby District. Mr. Gamble stated that he would be present.

Rear Car Park – Six of the lights need to be repaired as the screws have been taken out. An electrician has been asked to carry out any necessary repairs.

It was reported that the Bar Managers wife is unwell. The Clerk was asked to send her some flowers on behalf of the Council.

The following accounts were passed for payment:-

	£
Blaby District Council – Rates	238.00
Powergen – Electricity	571.78
Secom – Annual rental/Redcare monitoring	524.14
Severn Trent Water – Water Rates	497.10
Scottish Courage – Beers	734.96
Waverley – Wines	219.45
Iceland – Larder fridge kitchen	215.98
ESPO – Gas	42.48
Tranter Fire & Security Systems Ltd. – Annual maintenance	172.72

Salaries for

Bar Manager, Cleaner x 2	631.35
Countesthorpe Parish Council – Tax returns	418.26

Refund of Deposits

Mrs. King – 10.9.05	150.00
Mrs. Ayscough – 17.9.05	150.00
Blaby Rotary Club – 23.9.05	50.00
Mr. D. McAughey – 24.9.05	150.00
Mr. P. Reed – 1.10.05	150.00
Mrs. P. Copping – 8.10.05	150.00
Oadby & Wigston Lions Club (part refund re cancellation)	30.00

2005/158. PARISH PLAN

Mr. M. Gillespie wished to thank members of the Village Plan working party for all their hard work as they had attended two or three meetings a month.

A meeting had taken place with a representative from Green Wave to discuss the home page for the web site. This had been a productive meeting and he had gone away with sufficient information to start his planning.

The booklet is well on the way but we are still awaiting a third quotation for printing.

It was suggested that Councillors have their photographs printed in the booklet and put onto the website. No objections were raised to this proposal. The Clerk was asked to contact the Councillors who were not at this evenings meeting to ascertain their approval.

The launch of the action plan will be at the Public Meeting to be held in the Village Hall on the 19th October at 7.30 pm. when planning and environmental issues can be raised. A preliminary meeting has been arranged for 10th October at 10 am. The meeting will be advertised in the next issue of the Herald.

Letters have been sent to youth leaders and organisations within the village inviting them to attend a meeting on 21st September in the Village Hall at 7.30 pm. to discuss ways forward to help the youth.

The Clerk reported that she had obtained information from Blaby District Council about the availability of grant aid.

2005/159. YOUTH WORK

Mr. D. Jennings and Mr. F.E. Duffield wished it to be recorded that they took no part in the following discussion as they were both members of the Standards Committee at Blaby District Council:

The Chairman asked Councillor Clifford if he had made any enquiries with regard to a dispensation in respect of a prejudicial interest so that he would be able to partake in discussions on youth work.

The Clerk stated that she had now received forms with regard to this matter and handed Councillor Clifford an application form which he is required to complete and return to the Clerk so that she can forward it to the Monitoring Officer of Blaby District Council.

Mr. M. Smith proposed, seconded by Mrs. K. Yates that this application should be supported by the Council. This was resolved.

Mr. M. Gillespie wished it to be recorded that he took no part in the following discussion:

A letter was circulated to all members prior to the meeting from Matt Brown, one of the Village Youth leaders explaining that he no longer worked for Agapé. The Parish Council have given grant aid to Agapé in the past to fund Matt Browns work within the Village. Matt will now be working for St. Andrews Church.

After a discussion it was resolved to ask Matt to attend a Finance working party meeting, which will be held on Thursday 13th October at 7 pm. prior to the Council meeting to discuss this matter.

2005/160. HEALTH CENTRE CAR PARK

Concern was raised about a sign that is displayed in the car park of the Health Centre stating that the car park belongs to the Health Centre. In fact the first few car parking spaces are owned by the Parish Council. A lively discussion ensued whereby it was decided to arrange a meeting with Dr. Wright to discuss this matter. The Clerk and Chairman to attend.

The Clerk was asked to ascertain what the deeds to the land stated.

2005/161. REQUEST BY MONITORING OFFICER

A further request has been received from the Monitoring Officer of Blaby District Council for a copy of the agenda and minutes of the Parish Council. After a discussion it was resolved not to send copies to the Monitoring Officer but to draw her attention to the fact that in a few months time it is hoped that the agenda and minutes will be available on our web site.

2005/162. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

The following accounts were passed for payment:-

	£
Countesthorpe Parish Council – Wages	7355.56
J. Adcock – Postages	32.20
Blaby District Council – Grass cutting April, May, June & July	1259.06
ESPO – Seat for Cemetery £252.63	
Stationery £45.86	298.49
Wicksteed Leisure – Wet pour repair kit	184.87
EP Merchants – Mixed post set	15.28
Chapmans Garden Machinery – Cable, clutch washer lever	38.73
goIt – to supply automated back-up for computers x 2	346.63
ABC Motors – Petrol/oil	110.63

2005/163. MATTERS THAT THE CLERK MAY WISH TO RAISE

An invitation to attend the County Service on Sunday 9th October 2005 has been received. The Chairman stated that he was unable to attend but Mr. D. Jennings the Vice Chairman stated that he would represent the Parish Council.

The South Leicestershire Primary Care Trust is holding their annual general meeting on Thursday September 22nd at 2 pm. at Blaby District Council. Representatives from the Parish Council are invited. Anyone wishing to attend should contact the Clerk before 22nd September so that the necessary arrangements can be made.

Chairman's Reception – It was resolved to hold the next Chairman's reception on Friday 29th September 2006. The following names were put forward for a working party:
Mrs. C. James, Mr. I. Paterson, Mr. F.E. Duffield, Mr. D. Ball + The Chairman ex-officio.

The job of this working party would be to organize the format of the Chairman's evening.

It was also felt that the shield for the Best Commercial Property should be awarded again next year.

Meeting closed @ 9.05 pm.

Signed Chairman

Dated 2005