

THE MEETING OF THE COUNTSTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL WAS HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL, STATION ROAD COUNTSTHORPE ON THURSDAY, 8th JUNE 2006 AT 7.30 PM. WHEN THERE WERE PRESENT: -

Chairman & County Councillor	Mr. D. Jennings
Vice-Chairman	Mr. M. Smith
Mesdames:	M. Baum, C. James, J. Jennings
Messrs:	D. Ball, A. Billings, T. Blood, D. Duffield, F.E. Duffield, Mr. A. Collis-Smith, M. Gillespie, K. Mason
Mrs. J. Adcock	Clerk to the Council

There were 6 members of the public present.

2006/106. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Were received from Mrs. P. Mount, Deputy Clerk to the Council, Mr. G. Gamble, Mr. I. Paterson, Mrs. J. Weatherstone and Mr. A. Clifford.

2006/107. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST ON THE AGENDA

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

Planning Matters:

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

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

Mr. D. Jennings – Planning Application 3 Waterloo Crescent - Personal & prejudicial

Mrs. J. Jennings – Planning Application 3 Waterloo Crescent - Personal & prejudicial

Village Hall:

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

Reports of Working Parties, Representatives & District Councillors Grant Aid Application:

Mr. M. Smith Personal & prejudicial – application from Greenfield School

2006/108. MINUTES OF A MEETING Held on 11th May 2006 as circulated by the Clerk were approved as a correct record with the exception that Mr. F.E. Duffield asked for his name to be removed from the Planning working party.

2006/109. MATTERS ARISING FOR INFORMATION PURPOSES ONLY

There were none.

2006/110. CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION PURPOSES ONLY

- Minutes & Annual report re AGM of Leics. & Rutland Playing Fields Association
- Stepping Stones – Course for Wildflower Identification 1.7.06
- Fieldwork – newsletter – Council for the Protection of Rural England
- AGM – paperwork for Council for the Protection of Rural England
- Open Space Society – Removing path paraphernalia
- East Midlands Regional Assembly – Review of proposed alterations to the Review Project Plan

2006/111. POLICE MATTERS

Mr. K. Mason reported that there had been a meeting of the Police Liaison working party on 1st June 2006. PC Gary Butterworth (the new village policeman) and Sgt. D. Speight were in attendance. The working party were informed that it was very unlikely that PC Butterworth would be taken away from his duties within the village. Anyone who was served with an ASBO was taken to Beaumont Leys Police Station and then their parents were invited to collect them.

2006/112. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Mr. C. James gave mention to the green advice note received from Blaby District Council re the removal of trees from the Manse, Church Street. She advised that Mr. P. Kenyon (Forestry Department Leicestershire County Council) had inspected the area and had agreed to have them felled on the condition that there was a new planting scheme.

Mrs. C. James added that she felt that the green notice sent to the Parish Council was a complete waste of time because the said job had already been carried out. It should be sent to the Parish Council prior to any decision being made in order that the Parish Council could make comments thereon.

Town & Country Planning Act 1990 – Notification of decision in respect of proposed work to trees – Blaby District Council:

The Manse, 9 Church Street – Removal of 32 conifer trees, 2 ornamental cherry trees, 1 apple tree and 1 maple tree.

The trees are not protected by a Tree Preservation Order but are situated in Countesthorpe Conservation Area.

17 Main Street – Crown reduction of one Ash tree and sever ivy.

The trees are not protected by a Tree Preservation Order but are situated in Countesthorpe Conservation Area.

3 Waterloo Crescent – Mr. D. Jennings and Mrs. J. Jennings vacated the meeting at this point before any discussion took place due to their personal and prejudicial interest. Once the decision was made Mr. & Mrs. Jennings returned to the meeting.

Plan No. & Date	Address	Blaby District Councils Decision
0602281 PX 15 th March 2006	41 Waterloo Crescent	Application granted subject to conditions attached to planning permission
0602271 PY 15 March 2006	2 The Vineries	- ditto -
0602441 PX 20 th March 2006	22 Scotland Way	- ditto -
0602571 PX 21 March 2006	Outbuildings Adjacent to the Water Tower, The Drive	- ditto -
0602941 PX 4 April 2006	15 Walnut Way	- ditto -
0603201 PX 7 April 2006	19 Westfield Avenue	- ditto -

Plan No.	Address	Description of Application	Observations
0604441 PY	7 Cosby Road	Single storey rear extension to form conservatory	No observations
0604301 PX	6 Almond Close	Two storey front and side extension and single storey front extension	No observations
0601881 PX	10 The Chestnuts	Amended Plan Alterations to the roof design. Positioning the extension a further 0.3m from the boundary with No. 12 The Chestnuts	No observations
0604631 PX	3 Waterloo Crescent	Single storey & two storey rear extension	No observations
Leicestershire County Council	Countesthorpe Community College	Proposed ext. to dining room with remodelling of foyer	No observations

2006/113. MAINTENANCE OF COUNCIL PROPERTIES

Mr. D. Ball reported on a working party meeting held on Monday 5th June 2006:

The Hawthorns – The Clerk would arrange for Mr. P. Kenyon, Forestry Department, Leicestershire County Council to give advice on the overhanging tree.

Leysland Open Space Play Area – Advice had been received from ROSPA and the National Playing Fields Association stating that although a fence was not a legal requirement it was recommended. It was therefore resolved to accept the quotation from E.L. Fencing.

The Clerk was asked to report to County Highways the poor state of the footpath on the corner of Green Lane, following a complaint from a nearby resident.

The Bank – The Clerk was asked to write to the shop owners of the Bank and ask them to help keep the area clean and free of litter after receiving complaints.

New Bench – It was resolved to order a new bench for Leicester Road and ensure that it is more securely fixed to the ground. A claim could then be made to the insurance company.

Square Garden – The Clerk was asked to write to the owners of 7 The Square regarding the condition of the slate roof of the Barn, as recently slates had fallen and this was obviously a danger to pedestrians walking through the gardens.

Health Centre – The Clerk was to ask the groundsmen to apply weed killer to the Health Centre footpaths, car park, verges, alongside the fence and the Health Centre garden paths.

Churchyard – The Clerk was to ask the groundsmen to trim and weed kill the paths in the Churchyard and to remove the ivy near to the entrance of the Church that has started to climb over the windows.

Penfold Drive/Gwendoline Drive – County Highways have agreed to paint white road makings at the junction of Penfold Drive/Gwendoline Drive.

Water Tank – It was resolved to purchase a water tank at a total cost of £313 in order to attempt to conserve water during the summer season.

Willoughby Road playing fields – The Clerk advised that an ambulance had been called on 4th June 2006 at Willoughby Road playing fields due to an injury on the pitch. Due to the shape of the barrier to the car park, the ambulance was unable to gain admittance. On the day it was fortunate that a member of the club had a large van that was able to pass through the barrier and bring the injured person to the ambulance. After a lengthy discussion it was resolved that the Clerk obtain quotations to have the barrier altered and to have it secured with a lock and key. A key could then be given to the football club and Blaby District Council for grass cutting.

2006/114. REPORTS OF WORKING PARTIES, REPRESENTATIVES & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

Best Kept Front Garden working party – A meeting had decided that judging would commence week beginning 15th July 2006. All results to be returned to the Clerk by 24th July 2006. This year the final round would be judged by Mr. B. Hanraads of Glebe Gardens who had kindly offered a prize to the winner. The final round would be judged on 29th July 2006.

Mr. D. Ball reported that one of the cups needed replacing. There was only £50 left in the budget and a good cup would cost approximately £150.

Mr. M. Smith proposed, seconded by Mr. D. Jennings that this money should be taken from contingency. This was resolved.

Litter – Blaby District Council – Mr. M. Smith reported that together with the Clerk he had met with Mr. D. Gould, Blaby District Council where the problem of litter in the village was discussed. Blaby District Council was working with the College and hopefully a plan would be drawn up and put into operation in September. Mr. D. Gould stated that he would keep the Parish Council informed of the proposals.

Policy and Resources working party – The Clerk reminded members that there would be a meeting on Wednesday 14th June 2006 to discuss Performance and Personal Development Review for the staff.

Finance working party – Mr. K. Mason reported that requests for grant aid had been discussed at the meeting:

- Youth Work – Mr. K. Mason seconded by Mr. D. Jennings proposed £500 be put aside to help the Tuesday afternoon group with purchasing items for them. It was agreed that the Clerk, Mr. M. Gillespie and Mr. Mason would meet with Jane McCormack (Youth Worker) to discuss matters. This was resolved. Mr. F.E. Duffield did not participate in this discussion.
- U3A request for grant aid to purchase a screen to be retained in the Village Hall. The Village Hall Management Committee had decided to purchase the screen, therefore grant aid would not be required.

Mr. M. Smith vacated the meeting at this point as he is a school governor.

- Greenfield School – A request for grant aid to keep the grounds open during the summer holidays for use by the young people of the village had once again been requested. It was proposed and resolved to give grant aid of £300 to Greenfield School.

Mr. M. Smith returned to the meeting after the decision.

2006/115. VILLAGE HALL UPDATE

Mr. K. Mason reported that the Village Hall Management Committee had resolved to obtain a quotation for a new cupboard in the kitchen for the youth workers to store their things.

2006/116. PARISH PLAN

Mr. M. Gillespie reported that the web-site was up-dated regularly. There were 330 – 340 hits showing per month.

The booklet was now ready for delivery. A discussion ensued with ideas about who was to deliver. Mr. D. Jennings proposed seconded by Mr. M. Smith that the Clerk be given

delegated powers to arrange delivery as soon as possible to a cost of no more than £300. This was unanimously resolved.

2006/117. YOUTH WORK WITHIN THE VILLAGE

No report.

2006/118. TOILETS CENTRAL STREET – UPDATE BLABY DISTRICT COUNCIL

The Clerk reported that no further correspondence had been received from Blaby District Council.

Mr. D. Jennings stated that a debate was needed with villagers and he suggested that a full report be printed in the Herald. Mr. Smith stated that he would arrange this.

2006/119. AUDIT 2005/2006

The Audit has been called for 31st July 2006.

The Clerk had circulated copies of the final accounts for 2004/05 prior to the meeting for member's perusal. The Chairman duly signed the relevant documents which will now be forwarded to the external auditors Hacker Young.

2006/120. PARISHIONERS REQUEST FOR 'FOR SALE' BOARDS NOT TO BE PLACED IN HEDGEROWS ON THE EDGE OF THE VILLAGE

A letter has been received from a parishioner complaining about the number of for sale notices appearing in the hedgerows around the village. It was resolved to forward the letter to Blaby District Council planning department. A reply would also be sent to the parishioner.

2006/121. COMMUNITY DECLINE & CHARTER 88'S CAMPAIGN FOR A MODERN DEMOCRACY – EMPOWERING CITIZENS AND LOCAL COUNCILS

The Clerk had circulated a copy of this document to all members prior to the meeting. The contents were noted and no further action to be taken.

2006/122. COUNTSTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL OWNED LAND NOT REGISTERED

The Clerk reported that several pockets of land owned by Countesthorpe Parish Council had never been registered with the Valuation Office. She had telephoned the solicitor to ascertain whether he had any relevant deeds or conveyances. A discussion ensued and it was resolved that in the first instance enquiries would be made of Billson and Sharpe (the Council's previous solicitor) and Glen Parva Parish Council (the previous Clerk was also Clerk at Glen Parva at the same time and it was felt that there might be some documents retained in their office) to ascertain whether they held any papers relating to Countesthorpe Parish Council.

2006/123. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

The following accounts were passed for payment:

	£
C'thorpe Parish Council – Wages	7992.65
J. Adcock – Postages	34.68
ABC Motors – Petrol and oil	215.75
goIt – work carried out on 24.5.06 to Councils specification	317.25
Alice Graphics – 3,500 Information Booklets	1880.00
Blaby District Council – Mowing Willoughby Road playing fields/ Leysland Open Space/Dale Acre/Spoilbank/Cemetery	648.39
Glebe Gardens – Lawn seed and light bulbs	90.90
Countesthorpe MOT Centre – parts for pick up truck	36.39
Playsafe Ltd. – 2 x sites for inspection	158.63
Greenfield Primary School – grant aid (section 137)	300.00

2006/124. MATTERS THAT THE CLERK MAY WISH TO RAISE FOR INFORMATION PURPOSES ONLY

a) An invitation has been received from the Chairman of Blaby District Council for 2 guests to attend her 'at home' on 16th June 2006. As the Chairman was attending in his capacity as District Councillor he asked if any councillor would like to attend, to notify the Clerk.

b) Press Releases from Blaby District Council

- Arts Festival 2006
- Bats & Bogs walks programme

c) Mr. F.E. Duffield asked the Clerk to ask the Judo Club members not to park in the disabled car parking spaces as they were required by disabled people.

d) The Chairman asked the Clerk to pass on the Council's good wishes to Mrs. Mount.

Meeting closed @ 8.50 pm.

Signed Chairman

Dated 2006