

THE MEETING OF THE COUNTSTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL WAS HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL, STATION ROAD COUNTSTHORPE ON THURSDAY, 12<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2006 AT 7.30 PM. WHEN THERE WERE PRESENT: -

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

There were 41 members of the public present.

2006/191. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Were received from Mr. K. Mason, Mrs. C. James and Mrs. K. Yates.

2006/192. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST ON THE AGENDA

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

Planning Matters:

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

Mrs. J. Weatherstone (Planning - Blaby District Council)

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

Village Hall:

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

Youth Work within the Village:

Mr. A. Clifford – Employed by Leics. C.C. in the Youth & Community Education Section

2006/193. POLICE MATTERS

The Chairman introduced Sgt. Shellard from Blaby Police Station, PC Gary Butterworth, Countesthorpe's local policeman and Steve Parker, Manager Anti Social Behaviour Section, Blaby District Council.

Many residents attended the meeting from the Woodlands and the Leysland open space area to express their deep concerns about the behaviour of young people who congregate there during the evenings. The following is a list of complaints:

Very large groups of youths gather on the Woodlands and on the open space at the Leysland drinking and causing a noise nuisance. Evidence can be seen the next morning by the amount of litter, cans, bottles etc. left behind.

Damage has been caused to cars and fences. Residents are intimidated and verbally abused if they try to protect their property.

The police are called out on a regular basis but the problem still exists!

Sgt. Shellard explained that he was new to the area but had studied the reports and had decided that a 'hands on' approach was needed and he was in the process of putting a plan into action whereby an operation would be mounted and hopefully this would deal with the problem.

PC Butterworth stated that he had visited licensed premises in the area with the Trading Standards people with regard to the selling of alcohol to under aged persons. He stated that certain premises are under investigation.

Steve Parker stated that he required names and addresses of people causing problems so that Anti Social Behaviour orders can be served. Unlike the police he can take action on the basis that a person is probably guilty. So far 46 names have been given to him and warning notices are in the process of being issued. A 'mosquito' device was fitted to a shop in the village where youths congregated. This machine emits a sound at a frequency that only persons under the age of 25 can hear. This was very successful. Mr. Parker stated that any information given to him would be treated in the strictest confidence.

Mr. D. Ball asked if a Dispersal Order for the area could be brought into force again as the last one was very successful.

Steve Parker stated it was not easy to obtain Dispersal Orders but if the Parish Council wished to apply for one they needed to contact the Local Policing Unit Commander, Inspector Martin in the first instance.

Sgt. Shellard asked residents to bear with him and to see what results are achieved after the planned operation.

The Chairman thanked the police for attending the meeting.

#### 2006/194. PROBLEMS ON THE WOODLANDS & LEYSLAND OPEN SPACE

A resident requested that the park on the Leysland open space be illuminated and the shrubbery cut back in order that the youths can be seen. It was resolved to ask the Maintenance of Council Property working party to look into this matter.

Other problems in this area were dealt with under Police Matters.

2006/195. MINUTES OF A MEETING Held on 14<sup>th</sup> September 2006 as circulated by the Clerk were approved as a correct record.

The Chairman asked members if item 17 – Youth Work within the village – presentation thereon could be taken next. This was resolved.

2006/196. YOUTH WORK WITHIN THE VILLAGE – PRESENTATION THEREON

A report prepared by Tammy Ballard, Youth Development Worker, Countesthorpe Community College was circulated to members.

Tammy introduced herself and Jane McCormack to the meeting then proceeded to read her report. Listed in the report was the following expenditure from the grant aid given of £350 by the Council under section 137:

Argos: Equipment such as toasters, games & blenders	102.59
Tesco: Mugs etc. tea & coffee	54.90
4 x 90 A Boards	104.06
Co-op: tea & coffee	<u>6.32</u>
	267.87

The Chairman thanked Tammy for the report and feed back from the Youth Café.

2006/197. MATTERS ARISING FOR INFORMATION PURPOSES ONLY

The Clerk read a letter from Matt Brown the Reality Youth Project Worker thanking the Council for grant aid of £2000 which was donated to the Reality Youth Project which seeks to work with young people in Countesthorpe.

2006/198. CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION PURPOSES ONLY

- Leicestershire County Council – Youth Opportunity Fund & Youth Capital Fund in Leicestershire.
- Blaby District Council – Awards for Outstanding Achievement 2006
- Blaby District Council – Flood Fair 7.11.06 postponed
- Leicester City Council/Central Leicestershire Local Transport Plan – Five year delivery report 2006
- East Midlands Regional Assemble – Consultation Dates
- Draft Regional Spatial Strategy for the East Midlands – The Chairman offered to read this report and report back to next months meeting on the contents thereon.

## 2006/199. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Mrs. J. Jennings reported on the following:-

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

8 Sunbury Rise – Lopping of branches to one Oak tree  
23 Scarborough Close – Pruning of one Ash tree

Plan No. & Date	Address	Blaby District Councils Decision
0606671 PX 20.7.06	9 Almond Close	Application granted subject to conditions attached to planning permission
0607401 PX 7.8.06	Dine India Restaurant 62 Main Street	- ditto -
0607681 PX 15.8.06	3 Maple Avenue	- ditto -
0607471 PX 9.8.06	20 Buckingham Road	- ditto -

2006/Leysland/01 – Leicestershire County Council Retrospective Planning Application Leysland High School – this will be discussed by the County Council on the 16<sup>th</sup> November.

The Chairman asked members if Mrs. Chamberlain from The Drive could speak re the fence around Leysland High School. This was agreed.

Mrs. Chamberlain circulated a map of the College campus which showed the fencing around the area and the gaps in the boundary fence. Mrs. Chamberlain approved of the fence but felt that the gaps in the fence would encourage people to use The Drive to gain access to the playing fields and wondered if these could be filled in.

The Vice Chairman explained that a meeting had been held at the High School with the Head teacher to discuss the fence. The Head teacher did agree to move the basketball nets to an area which is accessible to the public.

A discussion ensued and it was resolved to send the following comments to Leicestershire County Council:

- That the gaps in the fence be made good
- A pedestrian access to the hard play area be provided
- To note that it is felt that consultation with the Parish Council and neighbours should have taken place before the fence was erected

2006/Countacc/01 – Leicestershire County Council – Countesthorpe College Winchester Road – Temporary Access – This should be for construction traffic only.

0505061 PY – Planning Appeal – The Paddock, Hospital Lane, Blaby – The same comments as previously sent to Blaby District Council.

2006/200. PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED FROM BLABY DISTRICT COUNCIL AFTER THE AGENDA WAS PUBLISHED

Plan No.	Address	Description of Application	Observations
0608791 PY	17 Peatling Road	Single storey rear extension to form conservatory	No observations
0608031 PX	16 Hazelbank Road	Amended site address 14-16 Hazelbank Rd. Conversion of single dwelling into two dwellings (Retrospective)	No observations
0607561 PX	AMENDED Land at 4 Green Lane	Conversion & extensions to existing cowshed to form dwelling house	Note land falls within a conservation area
0608821 PY	30 Peatling Road	Retention of use of part of property as hairdressing salon	The Parish Council does not object in principle provided that off street parking is available & the consent is personal to the current occupier only
0601821 PX	AMENDED Newton House Bambury Lane	Erection of detached building comprising of garages & farm office on ground floor & bed-sit with farm office over for agricultural worker	A restriction should be placed on the dwelling to ensure that it is only used for agricultural purposes

2006/201. APPLICATION TO REVIEW THE BULLS HEAD, COUNTSTHORPE – LICENCING ACT 2003 BLABY DISTRICT COUNCIL

Mr. F.E. Duffield stated that he was on the Licensing Committee at Blaby District Council but has no dealings with licensed premises within Countesthorpe whatsoever.

A copy of a letter from Blaby District Council dated 29<sup>th</sup> September 2006 entitled Licensing Act 2003 – Application to Review the Bulls Head, Main Street, Countesthorpe was circulated to members prior to the meeting.

Concern was once again raised about the continuing nuisance at the Bulls Head public house. Letters of concern and a petition were forwarded to Blaby District Council after last months meeting and it was resolved to reiterate concerns made by residents.

#### 2006/202. ENVIRONMENTAL – NOISE NUISANCE WILLOUGHBY ROAD

The Chairman stated that he had received a letter from the Environmental Health Department, Blaby District Council concerning the ‘Summer Breeze’ held in fields off Willoughby Road on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2006.

The Senior Environmental Health Officer stated in his letter that several of the licence conditions may have been breached and the matter was being looked into.

The Chairman stated that he had received many complaints about the noise as had the Parish Office and other Parish Councillors. The noise went on well beyond 11 pm., the cut off time. The music could be heard as far away as Rosebank Road.

Comments and complaints will be forwarded to Blaby District Council.

#### 2006/203. MAINTENANCE OF COUNCIL PROPERTIES

Mr. D. Ball reported on a working party meeting held on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2006:

Foston Road Cemetery – It was recommended that 20 Queen Elizabeth rose bushes and 8 Loving Memory rose bushes be ordered to replace the roses in the existing beds.

A letter of complaint has been received with regard to tree roots affecting a head stone in the cemetery. The head stone in question has been inspected and no visible damage can be seen. It was resolved to keep the situation under review.

Damage was caused to a car on the Village Hall car park when the groundsmen removed the old notice board. A claim of £55 has been received from the owner of the car. It was recommended that this should be paid. This was resolved.

A letter has been received from Countesthorpe Athletic Club requesting the removal of one of the old portacabins and replacing it with a new metal hut.

The Clerk was asked to arrange a meeting between the working party and the football club to discuss the matter.

#### 2006/204. REPORTS OF WORKING PARTIES, REPRESENTATIVES & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

The Chairman reported on the following correspondence he had received:-

The Youth Opportunity Fund and Youth Capital Fund in Leicestershire. Bids for money can be made to this organisation. The Clerk was asked to circulate details to all youth groups within the village.

Leysland High School had its Ofsted inspection in September and had received an excellent report.

Better Communities- Encouraging Volunteering (enter the Better Communities Awards 2006/2007 and your group could share in up to £30,000).

#### 2006/205. REQUEST FOR GRANT AID – SOUTH LEICESTERSHIRE CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU

Mr. F.E. Duffield reported that the Finance working party had met prior to the meeting tonight and had recommended that grant aid of £250 be awarded to the South Leicestershire Citizens Advice Bureau under section 137. This was resolved.

#### 2006/206. VILLAGE HALL UPDATE

Mr. G. Gamble reported on the Village Hall Committee meeting that was held on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October:

It had been resolved to purchase a dishwasher for the Village Hall.

The projection screen had been fitted and favourable reports had been received.

New Christmas tree lights were being considered for the tree outside of the Village Hall.

#### 2006/207. PARISH PLAN

Rev. M. Gillespie reported that a meeting had taken place on 3<sup>rd</sup> October re the Reassurance Project. Before a further meeting is arranged careful consideration should be given to the Agenda.

The Clerk reported that she had obtained grant aid toward the new notice board of £2260 from Blaby District Council.

The new board has been well received, particularly the map but it is felt that the space for general notices is too small and therefore it is proposed that the old notice board be re-erected to the front of the library. This was resolved.

Mr. I. Paterson asked if a copy of the map could be taken off the CD for availability to the public and also to send a copy to the Herald. This was resolved.

## 2006/208. LEGAL OWNERSHIP OF GLEBE DRIVE

The Chairman reported that a newspaper cutting from the Oadby and Wigston Mail dated Friday June 17<sup>th</sup> 1988 had been circulated to members which stated:

### **Residents call for action over muddy road**

‘Glebe Drive, Countesthorpe, is so pot-holed that even in summer it is so muddy that people living in caravans nearby have to wear Wellington boots whenever they go out.

But, because no-one knew who owned the unadopted cul-de-sac off Station Road, nothing has been done to make matters better.

But now residents complaints have led to Blaby District Council tracking down the owner – the Church.

Solicitors acting for the Leicester Diocesan Board of Finance, which looks after the church’s money matters have said that it is unlikely that the church will repair the road.

So the district council has agreed to find out how much it would cost to repair the road and then might decide to go ahead with the work themselves.’

Investigations into the ownership of the drive are still ongoing.

## 2006/209. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

The following accounts were passed for payment:

	£
J. Jeffcott (B & Q) Staples/ring shank for fence St. Andrew’s Church	10.66
Countesthorpe Parish Council – Wages	7952.54
J. Adcock – Postages	38.16
Countesthorpe Parish Council – (Village Hall) Drinks for Chairman’s evening	243.50
C. Platnauer – Tina’s catering – Chairman’s evening	750.00
R. Wilding – Taking 72 photos & 7 certificates Best Kept Village Comp.	25.00
D. Elgar – 2 table arrangements for Chairman’s evening	37.50
Blaby District Council – grass cutting x 2 months	432.10
Chapmans Garden Machinery – repairs to mowers/hedgetrimmer	124.75
Oswin Builders – to replace slate on Chapel of Rest roof	29.38
Bowers & Freeman – plaque	96.35
Communicorp – Subscription November 06/07 Clerks & Councils Direct	9.00
A.R. Smith – Engraving + new cup for Chairman’s Choice BKVC	218.44
N.H. Motors – Supply & fit new clutch kit to pickup truck	160.00
K. Broadhead – Repair to car damaged on car park by groundsmen	55.00
ABC Motors – petrol/oil	150.86
South Leicestershire Citizens Advice Bureau – Grant Aid Section 137	250.00

2006/210. MATTERS THAT THE CLERK MAY WISH TO RAISE FOR INFORMATION PURPOSES ONLY

Civic Service – Blaby District Council will be holding a service on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2006 at St. Peter’s Church, Church Road, Glenfield, commencing at 2.30 pm. If any member wishes to attend please contact the Clerk so that details can be forwarded to the district council.

A letter of apology to Mr. D. Jennings has been received from Mr. J. Chamberlain re an article that appeared in the Herald.

Chairman’s Evening

The Chairman wished to thank everyone who had worked to make the evening a success.

The Clerk was asked to send a letter of thanks to Mr. R. Wilding for taking the photographs for the Best Kept Front Gardens prizes and Mr. Bernard Hanraads from Glebe Gardens for the flower display and donating the prize for the best kept garden.

Meeting closed at 9.55 pm.

Signed ..... Chairman

Dated ..... 2006