

THE MEETING OF THE COUNTSTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL WAS HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL, STATION ROAD COUNTSTHORPE ON THURSDAY, 8<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2007 AT 7.30 PM. WHEN THERE WERE PRESENT: -

Chairman &  
County Councillor     D. Jennings

Mesdames                 M. Baum, C. James, J. Jennings, J. Weatherstone

Messrs:                    T. Blood, D. Ball, A. Billings, A. Clifford, F.E. Duffield,  
D. Duffield, M. Gillespie, K. Mason, I. Paterson,  
A. Collis-Smith

Mrs. J. Adcock            Clerk to the Council  
Mrs. P. Mount            Deputy Clerk to the Council

There were 7 members of the public present.

2007/43. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Were received from Mr. M. Smith, Mrs. K. Yates and Mr. G. Gamble.

2007/44. DISCLOSURES 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

2007/45. MINUTES OF A MEETING Held on 8<sup>th</sup> February 2007 as circulated by the Clerk were approved as a correct record subject to the following:

Minute 2007/36 Linden Junior School should read Greenfield Primary School.

#### 2007/46. MATTERS ARISING FOR INFORMATION PURPOSES ONLY

Letters of thanks for grant aid (section137) have been received from the following:

St. Andrew's Church – roof appeal  
The Stuart Cosby Memorial Trust  
The Turner Foundation  
Countesthorpe Judo Club

Bus Service – The No.45 bus has been re-diverted to its original route. New timetables have been issued.

#### 2007/47. POLICE MATTERS

A meeting took place in the Parish Office on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March between the Clerk, Mrs. Adcock, the Chairman, Mr. D. Jennings, Mr. D. Ball and representatives from the Department of Community and Neighbourhood Services, Blaby District Council, Mr. S. Parker and Mr. J. Leach.

This meeting was held to discuss communication problems that have arisen in the past and a way forward. It was explained to Mr. Parker that the Parish Council had taken advice on security and had already taken action on the recommendations suggested by the Crime Prevention Officer and much more besides. Mr. Parker agreed to forward information regularly to the Clerk on what action was being taken within the community regarding disorderly behaviour.

Mr. D. Ball read the following letter from a resident of the village:

“I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Police and community support officers for their help and concern after I was the victim of a nasty criminal incident at my home.

The immediate response and follow up support were excellent and are still on going.

Special thanks to PC Gary Butterworth for his kindness throughout.”

#### 2007/48. DISPERSAL ORDERS

No action needs to be taken at present.

#### 2007/49. CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION PURPOSES ONLY

Open Space – Magazine  
Environmental Health – Newsletter  
Oadby & Wigston Town Centres Area Action Plan – Consultation Sustainability  
Revised Model Code of Conduct for Local Authority Members  
Leics. Rural Community Council – Seminar Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> March @ 7 pm.  
Council for the Protection of Rural England – Newsletter

Blaby District Council:

Traffic Regulation Order in Car Parks  
Draft General Equality Scheme – Consultation  
Development of Community Forums Report

Press Releases Blaby District Council:

Parking Matters in the District of Blaby  
Promenade Concert in aid of Chairman's Chosen Charities

2007/50. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Mrs. J. Jennings reported on the following:-

Draft East Midlands Regional Plan – A letter of thanks has been received regarding the Parish Councils representations. An examination in public will be held to test the soundness of the draft Plan starting on 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2007 and will be carried out by an independent panel chaired by Professor Stephen Crow.

Planning Permission

Plan No. & Date	Address	Blaby District Councils Decision
0700061PX 5.01.07	108 Rosebank Road	Application granted subject to conditions attached to planning permission
0610921PX 23.01.07	Barn Adj 7 The Square	- ditto -
0700491 PX 17.1.07	56 Holyrood Drive	- ditto -
0700781 PX 29.01.07	31 Scarborough Close	- ditto -
0708811 PX 31.01.07	53 Winchester Road	- ditto -

Planning Applications

Plan No.	Address	Description of Application	Observations
0701431 PX	51 Willoughby Road	Two storey side ext. with balcony to rear elevation first floor & two storey rear, single storey rear ext. & detached double garage to front of dwelling (Revised Scheme)	No observations

Plan No.	Address	Description of Application	Observations
0701381 PY	71 Gwendoline Drive	Relocation of existing boundary fence	Members expressed their concern with the visibility splay & visual aspect – situated on a very busy corner particularly at school times. Height of the fence should be reduced in conjunction with surrounding /opposite fences.
0700891 PX	31 Cosby Road	Two storey front & side extension	No observations
0701321 PY	3 The Bank	Change of use from retail (use class A1) to hairdressers & tanning salon	No observations

2007/51. PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED FROM BLABY DISTRICT COUNCIL AFTER THE AGENDA WAS PUBLISHED -

Plan No.	Address	Description of Application	Observations
0700831 PX	17 Cherry Tree Close	Single storey rear extension (including demolition of existing conservatory & garage)	No observations

Application 2006/1103A/01 - Partially retrospective application for the erection of 2.4M high paladin wire meshes fencing and 2M high vertical board fencing – Countesthorpe Community College.

This application has been granted with the exception of the area fronting Cosby Road which has been withdrawn.

2007/52. MAINTENANCE OF COUNCIL PROPERTIES – REPORT FROM THE WORKING PARTY MONTHLY MEETING

Mr. D. Ball reported on a working party meeting held on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2007 where the following was discussed:

## Foston Road Cemetery

Numerous requests have been received for permission to plant trees and site benches at the Cemetery. The Clerk has asked for guide lines.

It was recommended that the Clerk use her discretion in this matter but it was suggested that at least 15 metres distance should be left between new benches and to ask the advice of Glebe Gardens as to what species of trees they would recommend for the area.

It was recommended that the burial fees be increased. Listed below are the new charges:

	2007/2008
<b>PART 1. <u>INTERMENTS</u></b>	
1.	For the interment in any grave: -
(i)	of the body of a still born child, or of a child whose age at the time of death did not exceed one month. 10.00
(ii)	of the body of a child whose age at the time of death exceeded one month but did not exceed 10 years. 13.00
(iii)	of the body of a person whose age at the time of death exceeded 10 years. 32.00
2.	For the interment of cremated remains in a grave in respect of which an exclusive right of burial has been granted. 32.00
3.	A scattering of ashes 20.00
<b>PART 2. <u>EXCLUSIVE RIGHTS OF BURIAL IN EARTHEN GRAVES</u></b>	
1.	For the exclusive right of burial in perpetuity in an earthen grave 8 feet by 4 feet. 75.00
2.	For the exclusive right of burial of cremated remains in an earthen grave 2 feet by 2 feet. 32.00
<b>PART 3. <u>MONUMENTS, GRAVESTONES, TABLETS AND MONUMENTAL INSCRIPTIONS</u></b>	
Application must be made via a Stone Mason or Funeral Director for one of the following options:	
For the right to erect and place on a grave for which an exclusive Right of Burial has been granted:	
1.	Headstone - Not exceeding 2'6" high. Can be mounted onto a plinth max. of 4". Slab 2'6" long x 1'6". 22.00
2.	Monument in the form of -A Portable Iron or Stone Vase - Not exceeding 1' in height and occupying a space not exceeding 1' by 1' 18.00
3.	A Combined Portable Tablet, Vase and Base – Not exceeding 14" in height and occupying a space not exceeding 14" x 14". 18.00
4.	The fees indicated for the various options of this Part include the first inscription. For each inscription after the first a fee of £13.00 is payable. 13.00

The fees will be treble for non-parishioners. The Clerk will have discretion to waive this provision in the case of parishioners of long standing who have been obliged to reside outside the parish during their declining years in order to receive nursing or other residential care.

Fees were approved and adopted by the Countesthorpe Parish Council acting as the Burial Authority at a duly convened meeting of the Parish Council on the 8<sup>th</sup> March 2007 to take effect from the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2007.

### War Memorial

It was recommended that the following names be added to the War Memorial in the closed churchyard. Before work is carried out it was proposed that the following article be placed in the Herald for comments thereon from any interested parishioners:

### WORLD WAR I

Private Donald Neville CADOUX

201. 3<sup>rd</sup> Field Ambulance Australian Army Medical Corps.  
Died 25<sup>th</sup> April 1915 Gallipoli  
Son of Charles & Susan CADOUX  
Born 1884, Colbrook House, Cosby Road, Countesthorpe  
The family later moved to South Wigston and then to Melton Mowbray

He is mentioned on no War Memorial in England or Australia

Sergeant Stephen Leonard ELLIOTT

6<sup>th</sup> Brigade, Royal Field Artillery, a regular Soldier  
Died 23<sup>rd</sup> April 1917 at Kirkee, India  
Son of Thomas Elliott & Sarah Ann Cox  
Born 1876 in Countesthorpe

The Elliotts were an old established family first found in the Parish Register circa 1658's

### WORLD WAR II

Sergeant Victor Clarence FRETTER 751381 220 squadron RAFVR

Died 10<sup>th</sup> August 1942 age 24  
Born in Broughton Astley

Husband of Joan Munns, Joan came to live in the Village with her family, making their home on Waterloo Crescent in the 1920's.

Joan FRETTER later remarried to Wilfred RICHARDSON and now lives on Shetland Way.

His name is mentioned on Broughton Astley memorial

Mr. F.E. Duffield felt that the names of soldiers who have war graves in the cemetery should also be added.

### Library

The colour of the panels for the new automatic doors to the library has been criticized. It is felt that the colour is not in keeping with the surrounding area. The Clerk has held site meetings with representatives from the County Council and it has been suggested that if they have to remain, a dark green colour would be more appropriate.

### Fencing and Graffiti

It has been reported that the fencing along Winchester Road near to the school has been vandalised and the bus shelter on Winchester Road opposite Leysland Avenue is covered in graffiti. The Clerk stated that she had reported these matters to Blaby District Council, asking them to attend to them as soon as possible.

The Paddock fence has been vandalised. This has been reported to the Church office as this part of the fence belongs to the property at number 1 Main Street which is owned by the Church.

### Spoilbank

A meeting was held at the Spoilbank on the 10<sup>th</sup> December 2006 to discuss the boundary between the Spoilbank and the fields. A representative from Persimmon Homes, who was present at the meeting, stated that he would look into the matter. The Clerk has made numerous calls to Persimmon Homes but has been unable to get a response.

### Gwendoline Drive

The parking of cars along Gwendoline Drive/Laurel Drive at school closing time 3pm. – 3.55pm. is again causing concern. The Police have been asked to monitor the situation.

### Reality Youth Project

A letter has been received from Matt Brown offering the services of the Reality Youth Group to assist with a community project within the Village. The working party has thanked the group for their offer and suggested that an ideal project would be a litter pick around the schools in the village.

### Equipment

The working party recommend that authorisation been given to the Clerk to order a new shredding machine. This was resolved.

## Litter

An e-mail has been received from a resident regarding the alarming amount of litter that is scattered around Countesthorpe on a daily basis especially on any route where the school children walk.

The Parish Council has previously sent letters to schools asking for their assistance in this matter as well as regularly picking litter in the affected areas.

The Clerk was asked to send copies of the email to the Head teachers of the local schools, the Police and Blaby District Council as the problem is becoming a very serious issue.

The resident will be informed of the regular actions taken by the Parish Council.

## Bus Shelter

Correspondence has been received from a parishioner with regard to the bus shelter at the bus stop near to the Church. As reported in the last issue of the Herald it is proposed that a new type of shelter be erected.

The Parish Council Meeting adjourned at 8 pm. in order to hold the Annual Parish Meeting.

## 2007/53. REPORTS OF WORKING PARTIES, REPRESENTATIVES, DISTRICT COUNCILLORS & COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Mr. D. Ball stated that he would be arranging a meeting of the Best Kept Front Garden Competition in the near future.

## Association of Local and Parish Councils (Blaby Branch)

Mr. A. Collis-Smith reported that he had attended a meeting of the above association. He raised concerns at the meeting about the E.M.D.A. organisation and the lack of feedback from this quango. He felt that the representatives from Blaby District Council who sit on this committee should report back to the Parish Councils.

## 2007/54. VILLAGE HALL – REPORT THEREOF

The Countesthorpe Judo Club has been given permission by the Village Hall Management Committee to park their new mini bus on the rear car park. It will be delivered on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2007.

The following accounts were passed for payment:

	£
Amber Technical Ltd. – Glass washer bar	1527.50
Severn Trent Water – Water rates	498.60
BOC – Gas bar	9.76
David Clarke – lights rear car park	1974.00
ESPO – cleaning material	128.65
Powergen – electricity	1039.12
Scottish & Newcastle – beers	1366.71

Waverley TBS – wines/spirits	450.18
J. Adcock – 6 x keys	20.34
W. Childs – work to faulty locks within the hall	55.00

<u>Salaries for March 2007:</u>	£
Bar Manager/cleaner x 2	671.49
Countesthorpe Parish Council – tax returns/pensions/caretakers salary	355.14

Refund of Deposits

	£
Mr. Leach – 6.3.07	50.00
J. Oram – 2.3.07	50.00
E. Hall – 11.3.07	50.00
S. Gask – 23.3.07	150.00
Leics. & Leicester Animal Aid – 30.3.07	150.00
F. Bray – refund of payment	24.00

2007/55. PARISH PLAN

The Rev. M. Gillespie reported that the events programme on the Parish Council's website now includes the time-table for youth activities.

2007/56. YOUTH WORK WITHIN THE VILLAGE

Mr. A. Clifford reported that 12 young people were going on a course at Beaumanor Hall re forming a Youth Council. They have also produced and held presentations at the two senior schools to encourage young people to join.

2007/57. YOUTH COUNCIL – REPRESENTATION FROM PARISH COUNCIL

The Chairman asked if any member would be willing to represent the Parish Council on this committee. A discussion ensued and it was resolved that this position should be held by whoever is elected as Vice-Chairman. This was resolved.

2007/58. COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH SCHEME

The Chairman reported that he had been approached by a parishioner who was interested in setting up a Community Speed Watch Scheme in Countesthorpe, along Cosby Road.

An application form to join the scheme has been received from Leicestershire County Council.

A discussion ensued whereby it was felt by some members of the Parish Council that it was the responsibility of the Parish Council to run such a scheme with residents help. Others felt that such a scheme should not be run by the Parish Council.

Mr. D. Jennings proposed, seconded by Mr. F.E. Duffield that the scheme should be handed over to the resident who made the initial enquiry. When put to the vote thirteen were for the proposal and two were against. Therefore the proposal was carried.

2007/59. LOCAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS – 3<sup>rd</sup> MAY 2007

The Chairman informed members that their term of office as Parish Councillors terminated in May and anyone wishing to continue will need to complete nomination papers.

The Clerk reported that she would be receiving 18 nomination papers from Blaby District Council by 27<sup>th</sup> March for collection by any interested party.

Any queries regarding the completion of the forms should be addressed to the Returning Officer at Blaby District Council and not the Clerk to the Parish Council.

Papers should be returned to the Returning Officer at Blaby District Council no later than 12 noon on the 4<sup>th</sup> April 2007. Any forms received after this time will not be accepted.

2007/60. ECO DAY

Mr. Paterson reported that the Village Hall had been booked for the 6<sup>th</sup> October for the ECO day. The Clerk had contacted Blaby District Council and Leicestershire County Council to arrange a date to discuss this project in the first instance. Applications for grant aid to run this day will be sought.

Volunteers to serve coffee and tea will be welcome.

2007/61. OWNERSHIP OF GLEBE DRIVE

The following letter re ownership of Glebe Drive has been received from Mr. D. Dalby, Peatling House Farm:-

“I wish to make it clear that I in no way own Glebe Drive.

It may help you to know my family connection. My grandfather Tom Dalby purchased 1 plot of allotment (of many) with right of access only from Station Road. The purchase was from the Asher family of 42 Station Road approximately 1910 to 1920.

On grandfathers death ownership passed to my father A.E. and his brother Bill Dalby (40 Station Road).

Unfortunately Bill died shortly after his father and the joint ownership was sold for the benefit of Mrs. Doris Dalby (Bills wife).

The only other connection with Peatling House Farm was as I remember during the war years and after when there were prefabs on Glebe Drive father (A.E.) as councillor agreed to fill the potholes with clinker ash from the dye works in Central Street.

This is my families total connection with Glebe Drive.”

Signed David Dalby.

2007/62. LICENCING ACT 2003 – REVIEW APPLICATION THE BULLS HEAD, 13 MAIN STREET

After last months meeting a letter was sent to the Chief Executive of Blaby District Council expressing concerns with regard to the decisions made by the District Council with regard to the above licence.

The reply received from Sandra Whiles the Chief Executive was circulated to members prior to the meeting the comments therein were noted.

2007/63. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

The following accounts were passed for payment:-

	£
Countesthorpe Parish Council – wages	7921.06
J. Adcock – postages	24.02
J. Jeffcott – tap for cemetery/keys	14.54
Cromwell – protective clothing groundsmen	80.56
Alice Graphics – 3000 leaflets (Budget)	78.00
Oswin Builders – rectify Church floodlights	164.50
Fitzpatrick Woolmer – notice boards x 2	4805.75
Glebe Gardens – rose root killer	13.49
ABC Motors – petrol/oil	60.98
EP Builders Merchants – wheelbarrow	24.78

2007/64. MATTERS THAT THE CLERK MAY WISH TO RAISE FOR INFORMATION PURPOSES ONLY

The Clerk read a letter from Glen Parva Parish Council requesting support for replacement of a railway station in Blaby.

After a discussion it was agreed to support the application in principle and to add that comments regarding the opening of the station had been sent to the East Midlands Regional Assembly (Draft East Midlands Regional Plan).

Meeting closed at 8.55pm.

Signed ..... Chairman

Dated ..... 2007