

AN EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF COUNTTESTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL TO DISCUSS PLANNING APPLICATION NO. 07/1005/1/OX – LAND TO THE NORTH OF BORROWCUP CLOSE, COUNTTESTHORPE WAS HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL, STATION ROAD COUNTTESTHORPE ON WEDNESDAY, 28<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2007 AT 7.30 PM. WHEN THERE WERE PRESENT: -

Chairman &  
County Councillor D. Jennings

Mesdames: M. Baum, B. Forecast, C. James, J. Jennings,  
J. Weatherstone

Messrs: D. Ball, T. Blood, F.E. Duffield, Rev. M. Gillespie, K. Mason,  
I. Paterson, B. Smith

Mrs. J. Adcock Clerk to the Council

There were 49 members of the public present.

2007/245. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Were received from Mr. M. Smith, Mr. P. Holdridge, Mrs. G. Farrands, Mr. T. Collis-Smith and Mrs. P. Mount Deputy Clerk.

2007/246. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST ON THE AGENDA

Listed below are Councillors who wished to declare a personal not prejudicial interest:-

Mr. D. Jennings (Planning Blaby District Council, Leicestershire County Council)  
Mr. F.E. Duffield (Planning – Blaby District Council)  
Mrs. J. Weatherstone (Planning – Blaby District Council)

Mrs. J. Weatherstone reported that this application would not be heard at the December meeting but more than likely would be heard at the February meeting.

Mr. K. Mason stated that due to the fact that he had received a letter from Blaby District Council advising him of the application he would have to declare a personal and prejudicial interest and therefore excluded from the meeting. Consequently he had decided to vacate the meeting forthwith as he was unable to make any comment whatsoever thereon. He added that he totally disagreed with this legislation.

The Chairman Mr. D. Jennings advised members and residents that due to the nature of his position on the planning committees at both Blaby District Council and Leicestershire County Council he was not going to Chair the meeting. At this point he handed over to Mr. D. Ball, a long standing parish councillor and former chairman.

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Mr. D. Ball asked if any member of the public wished to make any comment relative to the outline plan laid out before the meeting this evening.

The following comments were made:-

- Great concern was shown over the amount of traffic that would have to use Borrowcup Close, including site traffic. In turn this would lead to much more traffic on Scalborough Close a road already greatly used as a 'rat-run' to avoid traffic calming along Station Road.
- Concern over the narrowness of Borrowcup Close and the possibility of it being the only access to the new estate. This would lead to difficulties for residents getting on/off their drives.
- It is widely believed that the sewers are still not adopted and Persimmon Homes will be using the same sewers. In 1992 residents were informed that after 80 years if the sewers had not been adopted the responsibility would then belong to the residents.

The Clerk has written twice to Severn Trent Water querying this point but was still awaiting a reply.

- Infringing on to the Green Wedge. A wedge between village/settlements was an indication to keep them separate.
- Infrastructure would not be able to cope with a surge in the population e.g. schools and health centre.
- It was explained that the County Structure Plan was coming to an end and although as of now Blaby District Council has met the numbers of new houses expected for the area, the new plan is on the drawing board and although the whole of Leicestershire will be expected to have more houses built it is not yet known how many will be 'ear-marked' for Blaby District.
- A request was made for pressure to be put on Leicestershire County Council to carry out a survey on the amount of traffic and school children using Winchester Road.
- A suggestion was also made for notification to be given to the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds and Wildlife Trust about the proposals.

Mrs. C. James advised that it was best to keep a log of all things spotted and photographs if possible.

At the end of the discussion the Chairman, Mr. D. Ball asked each Parish Councillor what their views were. Members re-iterated all comments that had been made by members of the public. Mr. D. Jennings, Mr. F.E. Duffield and Mrs. J. Weatherstone asked for it to be recorded that they did not speak or vote at any time during the discussions.

It was resolved that the following comments were to be made:

- (1) Concern about the amount of traffic such a development will engender. Borrowcup Close is a quiet cul-de-sac and the access through to the development is too narrow.
- (2) Concern shown over the unadopted sewers.
- (3) Infringement onto the green wedge.
- (4) Infrastructure i.e. schools and health centre unable to cope with extra residents.
- (5) SITE VISIT URGENTLY REQUESTED.

Meeting closed @ 8.20 pm.

Signed ..... Chairman

Dated ..... 2007