

THE MEETING OF THE COUNTESTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL WAS HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL, STATION ROAD COUNTESTHORPE ON THURSDAY, 10th JULY 2008 AT 7.30 PM. WHEN THERE WERE PRESENT: -

Chairman: Mr. M. Smith

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

Messrs: T. Blood, A. Collis-Smith, F.E. Duffield, Rev. M. Gillespie,
P. Holdridge, D. Jennings I. Paterson, K. Mason

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

There were 6 members of the public present.

2008/125. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Were received from Mrs. J. Adcock, Clerk to the Council, Mr. D. Ball, Mrs. J. Jennings, Mrs. G. Farrands, Mr. B. Smith and Mr. A. Clifford.

2008/126. DISCLOSURES 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 & Housing Blaby District Council)

Mrs. J. Weatherstone (Planning Blaby District Council)

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

Village Hall:

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

2008/127. MINUTES OF A MEETING Held on 12th June 2008 as circulated by the Clerk were approved as a correct record subject to the following:-

Minute 2008/104 Sally Wocha should read Sallie Wocha.

2008/128. MATTERS ARISING FOR INFORMATION PURPOSES ONLY

The following letter was received on the 30th June from the Stock Transfer Project Manager at Blaby District Council:

Letting of garages

“Thank you for your letter dated 23 June 2008.

We are gathering information relating to the issues you have raised and will respond to your queries as soon as possible.”

2008/129. POLICE MATTERS

A copy of a letter which was received from a resident of Foston Road and sent to WPC Morris and the Highways Department, County Hall relating to traffic and parking issues on Foston Road was read to the Council.

The Chairman asked that the letter be acknowledged. It was also resolved to send a letter to Mr. M. Lugg at the Highways Department, County Hall asking if a traffic survey could be carried out along this very busy road.

2008/130. DISPERSAL ORDERS

No action needs to be taken at present.

2008/131. CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION PURPOSES ONLY

ESPO - Energy Matters

Campaign to Protect Rural England - Countryside Voice

Clerks & Councils Direct

Leics. County & Rutland Primary Care Trust – Community Health Services Review Public Consultation

Leicestershire County Council

Westfield Avenue & Linden Avenue – Proposed Double Yellow Lines

County Service – Sunday 19th October 2008

Notice of Submission & Consultation on Leics. Minerals Development Framework Core Strategy & Development Control Policies document

Branchline

2008/132. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Mr. K. Mason reported on the following:-

Planning Appeal – Persimmon Homes (North Midlands) Ltd. Residential development of 110 houses with associated landscaping and infrastructure (Outline) – Land to the north of Borrowcup Close, Countesthorpe.

A Public Inquiry will be held in the Council Chamber at Blaby District Council Offices commencing at 10 am. on 16 September 2008. It is anticipated that this could last for three days.

Planning Permission/Refusal

Plan No. & Date	Address	Blaby District Councils Decision
0804041 PX 21.5.2008	19 Westfield Avenue	Application granted subject to conditions attached to planning permission
0803831 PX 21.4.2008	54 Cosby Road	- ditto -
0804031 PX 28.4.2008	16A Cosby Road	- ditto -

0804461 PY 13.5.2008	15A Willow Drive	- ditto -
0804191 PX 7.5.2008	8 Marston Crescent	- ditto -
0803381 OX 9.5.2008	Land at 10 Willoughby Road	Refusal of outline planning permission

Planning Applications

Plan No.	Address	Description of Application	Observations
0804461 PY	15A Willow Drive	Erection of conservatory to rear	No observations
0804501 PX	2 Green Lane	Loft conversion incorporating three dormer windows & rooflights	The property is within the Conservation area. No observations

2008/133. PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED FROM BLABY DISTRICT COUNCIL AFTER THE AGENDA WAS PUBLISHED

There were none.

2008/134. MAINTENANCE OF COUNCIL PROPERTIES – REPORT FROM THE WORKING PARTY (MONTHLY MEETING)

A meeting took place in the Spinney and Dale Acre on Monday 7th July 2008 where the following was discussed:

The Spinney

A new seat has been ordered from Neptune Outdoor Furnishings.

A beech tree planted in the Spinney by a resident in memory of her father has been vandalised. If this tree has died the Council do have an oak tree that can be put in its place.

A window in the bus shelter has been broken. This will be reported to the Highways Department.

Dog Bin

Money has been allowed in the 2008/09 budget for 1 dog bin. It was recommended that a dog bin be attached to the footpath sign (to Blaby) in The Rowans. This was resolved.

Foston Road Cemetery

Requests for seats and trees to be placed in the cemetery are regularly received. It is now felt by the working party that there are sufficient. Therefore a moratorium for a period of one year was recommended. This was resolved.

The Chairman asked for an article to be put in Herald advising parishioners of this decision.

Extension to Burial Land

A purchase price for the land adjacent to the cemetery has been received from the land agent E.A. Lane & Sons on behalf of the owners. The working party recommended that the matter should be discussed further by the Policy and Resources working party at their next meeting.

Dale Acre Park

The two cradle seat swings in the park have been vandalised. These have been removed and the Clerk was asked to order two new seats.

Hanging Baskets

Mr. A. Collis-Smith asked if arrangements can be made to have the hanging baskets removed from the lamp posts adjacent to the road works at the college before work commences.

Smartwater

A presentation has been arranged at Glenfield Parish Council Offices on 24th July at 2 pm. to discuss the use of smartwater as a useful tool to combat burglaries. The Chairman asked if any member wished to attend. There were no volunteers.

The Chairman requested that a letter be sent to WPC Morris asking her if she would write an article for the Herald about the use of Smartwater. The Vice Chairman, Mr. D. Ball, was to be asked if he would like to attend the meeting.

2008/135. REPORTS OF WORKING PARTIES, REPRESENTATIVES, DISTRICT COUNCILLORS & COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Best Kept Front Garden working party

Mrs. M. Baum reported that there had been a good response to the competition. The initial judging will take place on Thursday 24th July and the final judging will take place on the 2nd August 2008.

2008/136. VILLAGE HALL – REPORT THEREOF

Mr. K. Mason reported on the following:

The alarm system to the Village Hall /garage will be upgraded next week.

Camera 1 of the CCTV system which overlooks the front car park is out of focus and needs to be repaired.

Blaby District Council is holding a Licensing Seminar on the 31st July to discuss problems/issues which have arisen since the Local Authority took over the issuing of licenses 3 years ago. Mr. K. Mason volunteered to attend.

The following accounts were passed for payment:-

	£
B.D.C. – Rates	244.00
Countesthorpe Parish Council VAT to ¼ ending 30.6.08	401.34

Lisa Roe - Borough of Oadby & Wigston – Personal licence	37.00
ESPO – Cleaning materials, cupboard, tubes & stationery	285.33
ESPO – Gas supply March – May	433.79
Rays Supplies – soft canned drinks	14.08
Scottish & Newcastle – beers	1092.77
Waverley TBS	64.34
John Maynard – Stocktake 26.6.08	75.00
BOC – Gas for bar	37.73

Salaries for July 2008 :

Bar Manager/cleaner x 2	756.69
C. Parish Council – tax returns/pensions/caretakers salary	368.12

Refund of Deposits

Mrs. R. Adams – 16.7.08	50.00
Mr. W. Pickering – 19.7.08	150.00
Mr. Marquis – 25.7.08	150.00
Miss H. Lazenbury – 26.7.08	150.00
Mrs. McBryde-Wilding – 1.8.08	150.00
Mr. Millward – 2.8.08	150.00

2008/137. YOUTH WORK WITHIN THE VILLAGE

The question was posed as to whether anything further was known about the youth bus proposed by Tammy Ballard.

The Deputy Clerk replied that no correspondence had been received.

2008/138. WINCHESTER ROAD – ZEBRA CROSSING

Temporary Road closure of Winchester Road:

Leicestershire County Council has granted the temporary closure of the above road. The closure is required between numbers 37 and 17. The road will be closed from 28th July 2008 for approximately 2 weeks. This will enable Leicestershire County Council to safely carry out resurfacing and traffic calming.

During the closure the alternative route will be via:- Winchester Road, Cosby Road, Countesthorpe Road, Lutterworth A426, Lutterworth Road, Blaby; Western Drive, Blaby, Winchester Road and vice versa.

2008/139. COSBY ROAD – PROPOSED SPEED REDUCTION MEASURES

A copy of a letter and drawing number 3257.00/Z1/1/2 from the Highways Department, Leicestershire County Council re the above was circulated to members prior to the meeting. The contents of which were noted.

2008/140. ADVICE FOR PARISH COUNCILLORS TO OBTAIN MONIES FROM SECTION 106

The Clerk was instructed at last month's meeting to write to the Chief Executive of Leicestershire County Council, Blaby District Council and the Chairman of the Blaby Central Community Forum for information re the above. The following replies have been received.

Leicestershire County Council:

"Thank you for your letter of the 23rd June 2008. When a development takes place there is often a need for infrastructure and services to accompany it. Developer contributions (or Section 106 monies) are intended to ensure that developers make appropriate provisions for any losses, or supply additional facilities and services that are required to mitigate the impact of a development.

The County Council was notified of a development in Station Road, Countesthorpe, by Blaby District Council under a protocol which operates across the County. This provides guidance on the possible level and types of contribution that developers will be expected to make to secure adequate provision of infrastructure and services for new developments. In this particular case, the library service contribution was based on the scale of the development in respect of the additional users of local library services.

Planning permission was approved by Blaby District Council on the 27th May 2008. The permission included a condition which requires the applicant to enter into an agreement to make a contribution towards the refurbishment and/or improvement of local library facilities before the first occupation of any of the dwellings.

If the Parish Council wish to seek developer contributions from any new development you would, in the first instance, need to contact Blaby District Council in its capacity as local planning authority. Developer contributions also need to meet what are called 'necessity tests' as set out by the Government."

Blaby District Council:

Re: Advice for Parish Council to obtain monies from Section 106

"I acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 23rd June 2008 regarding the above and have passed it on to Phil Clarke, the Council's Head of Planning and Environmental Health Services for attention."

Blaby Central Community Forum:

Copy of an e-mail from the Chairman Lorna Gutteridge to Kristy Ball, Leicestershire County Council requesting 'The Distribution of Section 106 Monies' to be put on the next agenda.

A discussion ensued and it was decided to ask for a meeting between Mr. P. Clarke at Blaby District Council, Mr. D. Jennings and Mr. M. Smith to discuss the matter.

2008/141. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

The following accounts were passed for payment:

	£
Countesthorpe Parish Council – Wages	8115.27
J. Adcock – postages	27.97
Customs & Excise – Vat quarter ending 30.6.08	318.77
Playsafety Ltd. – RoSPA report	158.63
BT – Internet Services 1 st July – 30 th September 2008	158.62
ABC Motors – Petrol/Oil June	204.27
Leics. County Council – Tree Surgery Broadfield Way	1091.40
J. Jeffcott – B & Q – bolts for Leysland park	11.94

2008/142. MATTERS THAT THE CLERK MAY WISH TO RAISE FOR INFORMATION PURPOSES ONLY

The 637 Youth Bus will be visiting Countesthorpe Community College on Tuesday 12th August from 1 pm. to 6 pm.

Blaby District Youth project compile a report of the summer Activities a copy of this report will be available at the end of September. The Chairman asked that a copy be sent to the Parish Council.

The Chairman read a letter from Leicestershire County Council – ‘Creative Age’ – celebrating the creative talents of Leicestershire’s older people on International Day of Older People - Wednesday 1st October 2008 – Evening reception to commence at 6.30 pm.

“We are writing to ask if you would like to nominate someone you know, aged 65 or over, who has a creative hobby or craft that benefits them and/or other people in the community.”

After a discussion it was resolved to ask the U3A if they could suggest someone who the Council could nominate.

Meeting closed at 8.20 pm.

Signed Chairman

Dated 2008