

A MEETING OF THE COUNTSTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL WAS HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL, STATION ROAD COUNTSTHORPE ON THURSDAY, 14<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2010 AT 7.30 PM. WHEN THERE WERE PRESENT:

Chairman            Mr. M. Smith

Vice Chairman:    Mr. D. Ball

Mesdames:        M. Baum, G. Farrands, C. James, J. Jennings, J. Weatherstone

Messrs:            T. Blood, A. Collis-Smith, P. Holdridge, D. Jennings, K. Mason,  
I. Paterson, B. Smith

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

There were 2 members of the public present.

2010/1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Were received from Rev. M. Gillespie, Mrs. B. Forecast, Mr. F.E. Duffield and Mr. A. Clifford.

2010/2. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST ON THE AGENDA

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

Planning

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

Mrs. J. Weatherstone (Planning Blaby District Council & 3 Oakes Housing)

Village Hall:

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

2010/3. MINUTES OF A MEETING Held on 26<sup>th</sup> November 2009 as circulated by the Clerk were approved as a correct record subject to the follows: The titles Messrs and Mesdames should have read Mesdames and Messrs.

2010/4. MINUTES OF A MEETING Held on 10<sup>th</sup> December 2009 as circulated by the Clerk were approved as a correct record subject to the follows:

‘In Camera’ the Minute number should read 2009/510 not 2009/51.

2010/5. MATTERS ARISING FOR INFORMATION PURPOSES ONLY - There were none.

2010/6. POLICE MATTERS – There were none.

## 2010/7. CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION PURPOSES ONLY

- ESPO – Energy Matters
- EMDA – News
- Leicestershire Fire & Rescue Services

## 2010/8. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following amendments to planning application **09/0620/1/PX Land east of Scarborough Close** was received from Blaby District Council on 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2009. Comments to be received by 1<sup>st</sup> January 2010.

- Revised layout including new footpath/cycle link between Nos. 15 and 17 Wheatlands Drive; removal of play area (LEAP); and repositioned application site boundary.

A working party was convened to discuss these amendments and the following observations were forwarded to Blaby District Council:

- Concern about security and lighting (for safety and the impact on numbers 15 and 17 Wheatlands Drive) of the footpath/cycle line. ARE THERE BARRIERS EITHER END OF THE PATH?
- Are the footpath diversions in accordance with the current regulations?
- What is the reason for the loss of the LEAP?

The following letter was received from the Development Control Officer Mr. N. Wright, Blaby District Council:

Thank you for your letter of 23 December 2009 concerning proposed residential development at the above site (ref. No. 09/0620/1/PX). I would clarify the following in respect of the amendments:

a) the impact of the footpath link on the amenities of the occupiers of Nos. 15 and 17 Wheatlands Drive is a consideration, and boundary treatments could be considered to minimise any possible impacts. There are motorcycle barriers only at the Wheatlands Drive end of the new footpath line (others are provided on the line to the existing public footpath to the north, and before the bridge leading to Linden Farm Drive);

b) footpath diversions are legal matters, separate from the planning process;

c) the location of the LEAP was considered inappropriate for the following reasons:

- there was insufficient informal site surveillance
- it would be likely to cause disturbance and conflict with the nearest dwellings and public right of way
- a LEAP play area here would be inappropriate to the formal setting of the 'Country Park'
- protected trees are situated within the proposed play area.

The Council will be seeking an appropriate financial contribution in lieu of the LEAP being provided 'on site', but in deciding this, it also has to have regard to the fact that the 'Country Park' represents an over-provision of the off-site amenity space.

Mr. D. Jennings stated that the planning application 09/0620/1/PX – residential development of 150 houses with associated landscaping and infrastructure – location – land east of Scalborough Close, the Leyslands, Countesthorpe, Leicester had been discussed at the planning meeting this afternoon at Blaby District Council and had been approved.

Mrs. G. Farrands attended the meeting at Blaby District Council on behalf of the Parish Council to give their objections. Mr. Jennings congratulated Mrs. Farrands on her presentation. The Chairman also thanked Mrs. Farrands.

The two residents from 15/17 Wheatlands Drive asked if they were able to speak. The Chairman asked members permission. This was granted.

Both residents were concerned on the impact of putting a footpath so near to their properties and asked the Council for their help in opposing the plans. They suggested that perhaps an access could be made through The Woodlands/Spoilbank. They stated that this proposal had been put to the developers who had stated that they did not own the access to The Woodlands.

The Clerk stated that she would try and ascertain who owned the land as she had had previous correspondence with Persimmon Homes about this strip of land.

The Council offered to write to the builders and Blaby District Council expressing the residents concern.

Mrs. J. Jennings reported on the following:

A Planning Appeal to the Secretary of State for Transport, Local Government & the Regions against the Council’s decision to refuse the planning application for – **Hallam Land Management – Outline application for residential development (maximum 180 dwellings) with associated landscaping and infrastructure with access from Leicester Road - Land at Leicester Road, Countesthorpe** - Observations required no later than 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2010.

A discussion ensued and it was resolved to make the following observations:

- a) Reiterate previous objections to this planning application
- b) It should be noted that the Borrowcup Close and Scalborough Close planning applications + smaller developments within the village will more than exceed the number of houses required by Blaby District Council’s land bank for Countesthorpe.

Planning - Permission/Refusal

Plan No.	Address	Blaby District Councils Decision
0904721 PY 29.10.2009	1 Benskyn Close	Application granted subject to conditions attached to planning permission
0906271 PX 20.10.2009	12 Poplar Avenue	- Ditto -
0906121 PX 2.11.2009	1 Stanyon Close	- Ditto -
0906941 PY 6.11.2009	2 New Street	Refusal of Planning Permission

## Planning Applications

Plan No.	Address	Description of Application	Observations
0907261 PX	3 Beechings Close	First floor side extension & canopy to front elevation	No observations
0907171 PX	19 Broadfield Way	First floor side extension	No observations
2009/L171/01	C'thorpe Community College	Proposed Sure Start Centre - The Bungalow (Opp. Leysland Clinic)	The Parish Council wish to object due to the lack of parking at this facility.

### 2010/9. PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED FROM BLABY DISTRICT COUNCIL AFTER THE AGENDA WAS PUBLISHED

Plan No.	Address	Description of Application	Observations
0906891 PY	1 Holyrood Drive	Retention of freestanding wooden building to side of dwelling & retention of 2m high fence	No observations

The following acknowledgement has been received from the Blaby District Council Development & Conservation Manager:

#### Section 106 Monies

Thank you for your letter of 22 December 2009 regarding the above.

I have raised the issue of a Section 106 contribution with the developer of the land off Scalborough Close in Countesthorpe, in particular with reference to progressing the Parish Council's desire to extend the existing cemetery. The developer has indicated a willingness to contribute towards this scheme and, in particular, the survey work necessary to determine the suitability of the selected site.

These negotiations need to be concluded before the application is considered by the Development Control Committee on 14 January 2010.

### 2010/10. MAINTENANCE OF COUNCIL PROPERTIES – REPORT FROM THE WORKING PARTY (MONTHLY MEETING)

Mr. D. Ball reported on the working party meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> January 2010:

#### Cemetery Foston Road

The Clerk asked the working party to review the policy of scattering of ashes in the cemetery. Complaints have been received that ashes have been found in inappropriate places.

After a discussion it was resolved to look into this matter in more detail in the spring.

## Leysland Open Space

At the corner of Scalborough Close/Broadfield Way water drains from the open space are making the pavement dangerous. A similar drainage problem occurred further along this footpath and the Highways Department dealt with the problem. The Clerk was asked to contact the Highways Department again to ask them to carry out any necessary work.

Mr. D. Jennings asked if the collection of refuse could be considered as an extra item on the agenda.

The Chairman ruled that as this item was considered urgent the item could be heard.

## 2010/11. THE COLLECTION OF REFUSE OVER THE CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR PERIOD

The Clerk and Mr. Jennings reported that they had received many complaints about the very poor service provided by the Blaby District Council refuse collection team over the Christmas period.

Some residents were unaware of what service they were going to get as they had not had the information leaflet. Other residents found the information difficult to understand particularly the colour coding.

Refuse was collected from parts of the Village and not others and the recycling was very hit and miss.

Although the weather caused major problems concern was expressed about how the service was organised and how information was passed on.

It was resolved to write a letter to Mr. S. Beard, Blaby District Council expressing these sentiments and to ask why there is no rotation of days this year.

## 2010/12. REPORTS OF WORKING PARTIES, REPRESENTATIVES, DISTRICT COUNCILLORS & COUNTY COUNCILLOR

### Finance working party

Mr. K. Mason reported that the proposed budget for 2010/2011 has been circulated and a Parish Council meeting will be held on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2010 to discuss and approve it. One increase is due to the fact that the Clerk and Deputy Clerk will be leaving in 2011 and extra cover will be required.

The Clerk advised that although 3 months written notice is required 15 months verbal notice will give the Council sufficient time to organise future staff and the running of the office.

A working party to discuss this would need to be set up and the following volunteered: Mr. M. Smith, Mr. D. Ball, Mr. I. Paterson, Mr. K. Mason, Mr. A. Collis-Smith, Mrs. M. Baum and Mrs. C. James.

## 2010/13. VILLAGE HALL – REPORT THEREOF

Mr. K. Mason reported on the following:-

The Bar Supervisors position has been advertised in the Leicester Mercury, Lutterworth Journal, Blaby Courier and The Herald, the closing date is 18<sup>th</sup> February 2010.

Correspondence had been received from the previous bar supervisor Mr. M. Alway with apologies for his action.

Mr. D. Norris had inspected the bar and cleaned the beer lines. He would be carrying out further work prior to the next bar event.

### Accounts for payment

The following accounts were passed for payment:

	£
BOC – Gas for bar	35.93
Blaby District Council – Rates	256.00
PSS – Security Service	30.60
John Maynard – Stocktake	90.00
Heineken UK – Beers	458.57
Waverley TBS – Wines/spirits	235.76
ESPO – Stationery / fence treatment	81.77
ESPO – Gas	173.80
Countesthorpe Parish Council – (VAT to 31.12.09)	344.12

### Wages for January

Cleaners x 2	350.86
Countesthorpe Parish Council – Caretakers salary, pensions etc.	271.47

### Refunds of Deposits

Blaby Meridian Rotary Club – 22.1.10	200.00
Leic. School of Music – 24.1.10	50.00
A. Clarke – 30.1.10	200.00

2010/14. VISION GROUP – REPORT THEREOF There was nothing to report.

2010/15. YOUTH WORK WITHIN THE VILLAGE There was nothing to report.

## 2010/16. SEWAGE – SCALBOROUGH CLOSE

The Clerk reported that she had received the following e mail from the Senior Environmental Health Officer, Environmental Protection Group, Blaby District Council:-

“Following our conversation yesterday, I contacted Mike Marvin from Civil Solutions UK Limited, who is the contractor for Persimmon Homes that are looking after the station.

He told me that the upgrading works have not started yet. He is waiting for information on flow rates from STW before upgrading to cope with new housing development.

At present 2 hired pumps are in place (alternating duty/standby) with weekly monitoring visits to check that all is satisfactory. These pumps are fitted with cutting blades to cut up any rags that are present, so avoiding further breakdowns.

#### 2010/17. EVALUATION REPORT FOR ANNUAL PARISH SEMINAR 2009

A copy of the report was circulated to all members prior to the meeting. The annual seminar is planned for Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2010 between 6pm. and 9pm. in the Council Chambers at Blaby District Council. Anyone wishing to attend should notify the Clerk.

This was noted.

#### 2010/18. BUS SHELTER, STATION ROAD. DOCUMENTS FROM LEICS. COUNTY COUNCIL TO BE SIGNED BY CHAIRMAN + ONE OTHER COUNCILLOR

Documents handing over ownership of the bus shelter on Station Road from Leicestershire County Council to Countesthorpe Parish Council were signed by the Chairman Mr. M. Smith and the Deputy Chairman Mr. D. Ball before the full Council.

#### 2010/19. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

The following accounts were passed for payment:-

TF Bell Group – Insurance for Truck	1142.00
Countesthorpe Parish Council – Wages	8406.78
J. Adcock – Postages	33.50
Countesthorpe Parish Council – Drinks 10.12.09	12.55
Edge Designs Ltd. – 3 <sup>rd</sup> year licence 28.1.10 – 27.1.11	356.50
Stuart Cosby Memorial Trust – grant aid (section 137)	1000.00
FB Ross & Co. Ltd. – Christmas lights + connecting	1894.91
Blaby District Council – Rates (cemetery)	70.00
Canon – photocopying/rental	221.67
ABC Motors – diesel/petrol/oil	57.43
BT – Internet Charges	158.62
Campaign to Protect Rural England – Annual subs	29.00
Blaby District Council – Emptying of Dog bins (quarterly account)	305.58

#### 2010/20. MATTERS THAT THE CLERK MAY WISH TO RAISE FOR INFORMATION PURPOSES ONLY

The following information from Blaby District Council was read to the Council:

- Volunteer Street Warden – Information session – Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2010
- Planning Enforcement Training – February 2010
- Blaby District Council Flood Fair- 19<sup>th</sup> January

The next item was taken ‘in camera’

Meeting closed @ 9 pm.

Signed ..... Chairman      Dated ..... 2010

