

A MEETING OF THE COUNTSTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL WAS HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL, STATION ROAD COUNTSTHORPE ON THURSDAY, 11th MARCH 2010 AT 7.30 PM. WHEN THERE WERE PRESENT:

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| Chairman | Mr. M. Smith |
| Mesdames: | C. James, J. Jennings, J. Weatherstone |
| Messrs: | T. Blood, A. Collis-Smith, D. Jennings, I. Paterson, K. Mason, Rev. M. Gillespie |
| Mrs. J. Adcock | Clerk to the Council |
| Mrs. P. Mount | Deputy Clerk to the Council |

There were 7 members of the public present.

2010/54. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Were received from Mr. B. Smith, Mrs. B. Forecast, Mrs. M. Baum, Mrs. G. Farrands, Mr. F.E. Duffield, Mr P. Holdridge, Mr. A. Clifford and Mr. D. Ball

The Chairman asked for an extra item to be added to the agenda - resignation of Councillor. This was resolved.

2010/55 RESIGNATION OF COUNCILLOR

The Chairman reported that the Clerk had received a letter of resignation from Councillor Mr. B. Smith to take effect from the 31st March 2010. Mr. B. Smith was thanked for the 3 years that he had served the Parish Council.

The Clerk stated that on the 31st March she would put the statutory notice for the 'Vacancy for a Councillor' on the notice board and notify the Returning Officer at Blaby District Council accordingly.

2010/56. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST ON THE AGENDA

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

Presentation by S. Bown

Mr. M. Smith and Mr. D. Jennings – (Governors of Greenfield School)

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.)

Accounts for Payment – Mr. T. Blood and Mr. M. Smith (Countesthorpe Herald)

2010/57. PRESENTATION BY S. BOWN, EXTENDED SERVICES CO-ORDINATOR, COUNTSTHORPE CLUSTER OF SCHOOLS

The Chairman welcomed Ms. S. Bown to the meeting and invited her to make her presentation.

Ms. Bown stated that she was the extended services co-ordinator for the following schools in the area: Countesthorpe Community College, Leysland High School, Blaby Thistly Meadow Primary School, Stokes C of E Primary School, Greenfield Primary School, Kilby St. Mary's C of E Primary School, Arnesby C of E Primary School and Countesthorpe Nursery School.

Ms. Bown handed leaflets to members explaining what the service is involved in, the main headings, which she explained, being:

Children and Young Peoples' Services:

- Achieving the Every Child Matters Outcomes: Be healthy – Stay safe – Enjoy & Achieve – Make a positive contribution – Achieve economic well-being

Core Offer:

- Childcare provision 8.00 am. to 6.00 pm.
- Varied menu of activities
- Swift & easy access to services
- Community Access to facilities
- Family learning and parenting skills

Schools not expected to provide these services alone

Working in partnership with other schools, children's centres, community organisations, agencies

Consultation

Partnerships and Joint Working:

- Head Teachers, Senior Management team, members of staff
- Children & Young People
- Parents, carers and families
- Youth Workers
- Local Community – Community Police Officer, Community Groups
- Extended Services Co-ordinators – County
- Local Authority
- Blaby District Council

For more information contact Ms. Sharon Bown – e mail sbown@countesthorpe.leics.sch.uk or telephone 0116 277 1555 Ext. 222.

The Chairman thanked Ms. Bown for attending the meeting.

2010/58. MINUTES OF A MEETING held on the 11th February 2010 as circulated by the Clerk were approved as a correct record.

The Chairman asked for the following item to be included on the agenda - This was resolved.

2010/59. MINUTES OF A MEETING held on the 22nd February 2010 as circulated by the Clerk were approved as a correct record.

2010/60. MATTERS ARISING FOR INFORMATION PURPOSES ONLY

Mr. D. Jennings stated that reference had been made to the effect that Blaby District Council Planning Officers intended to relax the contributions of 106 monies. Mr. Jennings read a letter, to the meeting, from the Development and Conservation Manager at Blaby District which stated that this is not the case.

Mr. Jennings stated that the planning application for land off Willoughby Road will be heard on Thursday 18th March and the recommendation of the officers is to refuse the application.

2010/61. POLICE MATTERS – There were none.

2010/62. CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION PURPOSES ONLY

- Leics. & Rutland Ass. Of Local Councils – Newsletter – February
- Open Space – Magazine
- Blaby Together – Newsletter
- ENABLE – Newsletter issue 17
- Clerk & Council's Direct

2010/63. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The Clerk read a letter from Mrs. G. Draper, The Manse, 9 Church Street, which asked the Council for advice and help with regard to a planning application she had submitted, application number 08/0685/1/PY – New vehicular access to include demolition of part of front boundary wall and erection of iron railing gates and brick pillars (to form 2 off-street parking spaces). This application was refused by Blaby District Council. The Parish Council made the following observations:

- Concern about highway issues in this very busy street
- 9 Church Street is in the conservation area
- If permission is granted the Parish Council would like a turning circle within the garden (in order that they could drive out forwards)

After a discussion it was resolved to write to Mrs. Draper advising her that parking permits can be purchased from Blaby District Council for the Co-op car park she could also apply for a garage in Reedpool Close, which are owned by Blaby District Council. Alternatively speak to the planning officer responsible for this case in person and the conservation officer.

Naming of new roads for the Borrowcup Close & Scarborough Close residential development

Blaby District Council has asked for suggestions for suitable road names. The names suggested for the Leysland estate and not used were:-

Mill Field High Leys South Close Ridleys (Close, End)
Clarkes (Lane, Close) Thomas (Lane, Close)

These names were taken from old field names and land owners in the area of by gone years.

After a discussion it was decided that the names Hoffler, Albert, Clarke, should be put forward as suitable names.

Mr. D. Jennings read a letter that he had received from Mr. Gary Clark, Planning Policy Manager, Blaby District Council, which answered queries raised by Mr. C. Veitch with regard to planning requirements for new housing developments.

This was noted.

Mr. Read of Borrowcup Close reported that he had made complaints to the Highways Department and Blaby District Council Planning Department about his concerns with regard to the heavy lorries that were entering the new residential site off Borrowcup Close. Both authorities stated that it was not their problem and to refer the matter to the police. The problems being encountered are those foreseen before the development was approved (a) Lorries being unable to turn onto the site without mounting the pavements (b) road subsidence (c) damage to pavements (d) no turning circle for lorries on site (e) mud on roads and pavements. Mr. Read believed that the planning authority was not upholding the regulations that they placed on the builders when planning permission was granted. What help could the Parish Council give?

After a discussion the Council resolved to write to Mr. M. Lugg at Leicestershire County Council, Mr. A. Senior Planning Officer and Mr. A. Etherington the Enforcement Officer at Blaby District Council with the complaints raised above, by Mr. Read and ask for a written reply.

Mrs. J. Jennings reported on the following:

Planning - Permission/Refusal

| Plan No. | Address | Blaby District Councils Decision |
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| 0907651 PY 19.1. 2010 | 20 Cherry Tree Close | Application granted subject to conditions attached to planning permission |
| 0906891 PY 6.1.2010 | 1 Holyrood Drive | -ditto- |
| 1000301 PX | 7 Cosby Road | -ditto- |
| 1000311 PX 26.1.2010 | 19 Cosby Road | -ditto- |

Planning Applications

| Plan No. | Address | Description of Application | Observations |
|------------|--------------|---|-----------------|
| 1000671 PY | 2 New Street | Retention of boundary wall & fencing (revised scheme) | No observations |

2010/64. PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED FROM BLABY DISTRICT COUNCIL AFTER THE AGENDA WAS PUBLISHED

| Plan No. | Address | Description of Application | Observations |
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| 1001351 PX | 15 Benskyn Close | First floor & two storey front extension | |

2010/65. MAINTENANCE OF COUNCIL PROPERITIES – REPORT FROM THE WORKING PARTY (MONTHLY MEETING)

Mr. D. Ball reported on the working party meeting held on 8th March 2010:

Cemetery Foston Road

Only one quotation, from Leicester University, has been received so far for a geo-physical survey of the proposed burial ground adjacent to the cemetery. The Clerk was asked to inform the land owners that a survey would be taking place and subject to their approval, ask Leicester University to go ahead with this work if no other quotation is received within the next week.

It was decided to look into the scattering of ashes when the working party meet in the cemetery.

A review of the cemetery charges was made and the following increases were decided upon:-

FEES, PAYMENTS AND SUMS fixed by the Countesthorpe Parish Council in pursuance of their powers in that behalf contained in Section 214 and Schedule 26 of the Local Government Act, 1972 in respect of the Cemetery situate in Foston Road, Countesthorpe provided and maintained by the Council.

The fees, payments and sums set out below apply where the person to be interred, or in respect of whom the right granted is, or immediately before death was, an inhabitant or parishioner of the Parish of Countesthorpe or, in the case of a stillborn child, where the parents (or one of them) are, at the time of interment was, such an inhabitant or parishioner.

The fees indicated for the various heads in Part 1 do not include the digging of the grave.

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PART 1. INTERMENTS

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| 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 on month. | 15.00 |
| (ii) | of the body of a child whose age at the time of death exceeded one month but did not exceed 10 years. | 18.00 |
| (iii) | of the body of a person whose age at the time of death exceeded 10 years. | 55.00 |
| 2. | For the interment of cremated remains in a grave in respect of which an Exclusive right of burial has been granted. | 55.00 |
| 3. | A scattering of ashes | 30.00 |

PART 2. EXCLUSIVE RIGHTS OF BURIAL IN EARTHEN GRAVES

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| 1. | For the exclusive right of burial in perpetuity in an earthen grave 8 feet by 4 feet. | 120.00 |
| 2. | For the exclusive right of burial of cremated remains in an earthen grave 2 feet by 2 feet. | 60.00 |

PART 3 MONUMENTS, GRAVESTONES, TABLETS & MONUMENTAL INSCRIPTIONS

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:

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| 1. | Headstone – Not exceeding 2' 6" high. Can be mounted onto a plinth maximum Of 4'. Slab 2' 6" long x 1' 6". | 35.00 |
| 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'. | 30.00 |
| 3. | A Combined Portable Tablet, Vase and Base – Not exceeding 14" in height and Occupying a space noted exceeding 14" x 14". | 30.00 |
| 4. | The fees indicated for the various options of this Part include the first inscription. For each inscription after the first a fee of £20.00 is payable. | 20.00 |

The fees for non-parishioners are as follows:-

- Burial plot £800
- Cremation plot £400
- Interment £250
- Scattering of Ashes £75

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.

It was resolved to accept the increase in charges as from the 1st April 2010.

The Bank

The planters outside of the shops need to be weeded. The panels at the base of the planters need inspecting for wear and the area around them weeded and cleaned.

Planters – Station Road

The two planters on the open space at the corner of Gwendoline Drive/Station Road have been demolished by a car which mounted the pavement at this point. The Police are involved with this incident and we are awaiting information from them before we contact our insurance company.

Zebra Crossing – Winchester Road

The cover to the flashing beacon outside of the college has become detached again. The Highways Department at Leicestershire County Council have been notified about this.

Flags

The Union flag and the St. George flag need to be replaced. This was resolved.

The Chestnuts

An extensive planting scheme has been undertaken by Blaby District Council on the open space, The Chestnuts/Walnut Way/The Coppice. This was carried out as requests had been received from residents concerned about damage being caused to their property by ball games being played on this area.

Mr. Paterson was concerned that this area, which was designated as an open space for play had been destroyed. Surely Blaby District Council should consult with the Parish Council before carrying out such works within the Parish.

2010/66. REPORTS OF WORKING PARTIES, REPRESENTATIVES, DISTRICT COUNCILLORS & COUNTY COUNCILLOR

New Staffing working party

A meeting took place on 9th March to plan the way forward with regard to appointing new staff. A further meeting has been arranged for 30th March 2010.

Finance working party

Mr. K. Mason reported on the following:-

The Financial Regulations were discussed at a meeting held on the 10th March 2010 and minor alterations were made. It was resolved by the Council to accept the Financial Regulations.

A Business Risk Management Assessment was prepared and subject to the few questions that needed to be answered it was recommended that the policy be accepted. This was resolved.

Mr. Mount was thanked for his help in producing the policy.

2010/67. VILLAGE HALL – REPORT THEREOF

Mr. K. Mason reported:

A new Bar Supervisor has been appointed. She will take up her duties at the end of the month.

Mr. Mason thanked the staff and temporary staff who had helped during the absence of a bar supervisor.

The following accounts were passed for payment:

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| | £ |
| BOC - gas for bar | 21.80 |
| E ON - electricity | 1580.26 |
| Waverley TBS - wines/spirits | 146.84 |

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| ESPO - cleaning materials/stationery | 151.74 |
| ESPO - gas | 607.29 |
| Chris Collett - attending tap leak | 68.15 |
| Severn Trent Water - water rates | 552.78 |
| The Herald - Advert | 74.00 |
| MA Refrigeration - supply and fit refrigeration system | 299.62 |
| PHS - sanitary disposal 1.4.10-31.3.11 | 147.35 |
| ESPO – Gas to 28.2.10 | 306.37 |

Wages for March

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| Cleaners x 2 | 350.86 |
| Countesthorpe Parish Council – Caretakers salary, pensions etc. | 284.47 |

Refunds of Deposits

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| Mr. Woods – 27.3.10 | 200.00 |
| J. Knott -26.3.10 | 150.00 |
| Mrs. E. Taylor – 16.3.10 | 50.00 |
| S. Hull – 13.3.10 | 350.00 |
| A. Grundy | 50.00 |

2010/68. VISION GROUP – REPORT THEREOF

The Chairman welcomed back the Rev. M. Gillespie and wished him good health for the future.

2010/69. YOUTH WORK WITHIN THE VILLAGE

Mr. D. Bennifer of Scarborough Close stated that a group of young people wished to raise money to provide a skate boarding area in the village. The Youth workers at the college are involved with this project as well as the Headmaster at the Leysland. The initial proposal is to hire a ramp for approximately 1 month on a trial basis. To have this installed + insurance cover would cost in the region of £4,500.

At this point in time Mr. Bennifer asked if the Council would support such a project in principle and provide a spokesperson who would attend their planning meetings.

It was resolved to support this project in principle and Mr. K. Mason volunteered to be the Council's spokesperson.

2010/70. ABSENCE OF COUNCILLORS AT MEETINGS

The following Councillors, due to long term illnesses have been absent from meetings.

- Mrs. B. Forecast last attended October 2009 (6 months of absence – April 2010).
- Mr. F. E. Duffield last attended December 2009 (6 months of absence – June 2010)

After a discussion it was resolved that both councillors should remain in office for a further 6 months after their 6 month date. If in the event that they have not returned by this date, the situation will be re-viewed. It was further resolved to write to both councillors and advise them of this.

2010/71. CAR PARKING IN VILLAGE

The Clerk referred to letters received from Blaby District Council re car parking restrictions in the village.

Concerns received by Blaby District Council on problems that have arisen with regard to the new restriction on parking in Central Street and Main Street will be sent to the Cabinet Executive who will be reviewing the schemes in April.

Answers to two other particular queries raised are:

- Residents can obtain a Parking Permit for £50 per year and employees/workers can purchase a season ticket for £200 per year.
- Disabled Blue Badge holders can park free for 3 hours in any of our car parks district wide provided they display the badge and park in a designated disabled space. I am waiting for replacement of signs to be made for all 23 car parks.

2010/72. INTERNAL AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS 2009/2010 REPORT THEREON

The internal auditor Mr. B. Wilford carried out an inspection of the finances and has advised the Chairman and the Clerk of his findings.

The Chairman confirmed that he had received notification and could report that the accounts were in good order.

2010/ 73. VILLAGE FILMS – ADVERTISEMENT FOR SALE

Mr. B. Hillyard will arrange for the advertisement for sale of the two disks that he has copied. The cost of the disks will be £5 per disk. It is hoped to show the Centenary Film in the Village Hall as part of the Autumn 2010 programme of the Heritage Group.

2010/ 74. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

The following accounts were passed for payment:-

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| Countesthorpe Parish Council – Wages | 8420.70 |
| J. Adcock – postages | 35.36 |
| B. Wilford – Internal Auditor | 385.00 |
| Canon – Hire of photocopier | 111.95 |
| Alice Graphics 3000 – Precept Information Leaflet | 82.00 |
| J. Adcock – 2 x address books office | 9.98 |
| ABC Motors – petrol/diesel/oil | 71.55 |
| J. Jeffcott – Freshmatic air freshner | 6.98 |

2010/75. MATTERS THAT THE CLERK MAY WISH TO RAISE FOR INFORMATION PURPOSES ONLY

The Clerk reported on the following:

- a) Emergency temporary road closure of Hospital Lane Blaby on 2nd May 2010 for approximately 1 day.
- b) Blaby District Council will be increasing the trade waste refuse collection prices as from 1st April 2010 due to the rises in landfill taxes and collection costs.
- c) Blaby District Council will be holding a New Sustainable Community Strategy 2011 – 2014 meeting on Wednesday 12 May 2010 at 9.30 am. in the Council Chamber. Buffett lunch to be provided. Councillors wishing to attend should notify the Clerk.

Meeting closed @ 9.05 pm.

Signed Chairman

Dated 2010