

A MEETING OF THE COUNTRESTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL WAS HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL, STATION ROAD COUNTRESTHORPE ON THURSDAY, 8th APRIL 2010 AT 7.30 PM. WHEN THERE WERE PRESENT:

Chairman	M. Smith
Vice-Chairman	D. Ball
Mesdames:	M. Baum, J. Jennings
Messrs:	T. Blood, A. Collis-Smith, F.E. Duffield, Rev. M. Gillespie, P. Holdridge, D. Jennings, K. Mason, I. Paterson,
Mrs. J. Adcock	Clerk to the Council
Mrs. P. Mount	Deputy Clerk to the Council

There were 8 members of the public present.

2010/76. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Were received from Mrs. C. James, Mrs. B. Forecast, Mr. A. Clifford, Mrs. J. Weatherstone and Mrs. G. Farrands.

2010/77. 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)
Mr. F.E. Duffield (Planning Blaby District Council)
Mr. P. Holdridge (Planning application 33 Linden Avenue)

Village Hall:

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

2010/78. MINUTES OF A MEETING held on the 11th March 2010 as circulated by the Clerk were approved as a correct record subject to the following:

Minute 2010/65- Mr. D. Ball reported - should read - Mr. K. Mason reported.

2010/79. MATTERS ARISING FOR INFORMATION PURPOSES ONLY

The Clerk reported that she had written to Mr. M. Lugg, Leicestershire County Council, Mr. A. Senior, Planning Officer Blaby District Council and Mr. A. Etherington the Enforcement Officer Blaby District Council about the five issues raised in Mr. Read's letter re Borrowcup Close. She had received only one reply from Mr. A. Senior which stated:

On Street Parking – Borrowcup Close

“I refer to your letter of 17 March 2010 regarding parking on pavements, etc.

This is a matter for either the police or if there is damage to the highway, the Leicestershire County Council as the highway authority. The District Council has no statutory powers in respect of this”.

Mr. D. Jennings stated that he had contacted (a) the Highways Department who had then written to Persimmon Homes informing them of the complaints received and (b) Mr. Etherington Blaby District Council who had stated that an order had been served on the builders to install and use a wheel washing area which should help reduce the mud on the roads.

2010/80. POLICE MATTERS

The Clerk reported that she had received numerous complaints re HGV lorries travelling through the village. She had contacted the police who had requested the following information about the vehicles:

Name of street vehicle seen travelling along, date and time of day, any identification on vehicle, registration number

This information should be passed to the Police who will forward it to their highways unit who contact the vehicle owners and warn them in the first instance.

2010/81. CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION PURPOSES ONLY

- Campaign to Protect Rural England – Fieldwork Newsletter Campai
- Leicestershire County Council – School Travel Plan News Leics.
- – News LOROS
- – News EMDA
- copy of Interagency Working in Leicestershire. Draft
- Community Council – Diary of Village Events & Guided Walks 2010 Rural
- Leicestershire & Rutland Ass. Of Local Councils March Newsletter Leiceste

2010/82. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Mrs. J. Jennings reported on the following:

Planning - Permission/Refusal

Plan No.	Address	Blaby District Councils Decision
10/0064/1/PY 10/0065/1/LY 28 .1.2010	5 Main Street	Application granted subject to conditions attached to planning permission
10/0051/1/PX 3.2.2010	2 Springwell Drive	-ditto-

10/0067/1/PY 12.2.2010	2 New Street	-ditto-
09/0780/1/OX 11.1.2010	Land at Willoughby Road	Refusal of outline planning permission

Planning Applications

Mr. P. Holdridge declared a personnel and prejudicial interest in planning application 10/0169/1/TY.

Plan No.	Address	Description of Application	Observations
10/0169/1/TY	33 Linden Avenue	Felling of one Ash Tree	No observations

Country Park – Borrowcup Close/Scalborough Close Development

Mr. D. Jennings reported that an area of 14 acres of land that had been set aside by Persimmon Homes for a country park was 100% in Countesthorpe. This land should officially be handed over to Blaby District Council within the next 6 months. He also stated that section 106 contributions were available as follows:-

Scalborough Close

- maintenance £42,538
- 5 commuted sum for provision of offsite open space £115,55
- maintenance payment for offsite open space £14,820

Borrowcup Close

- maintenance for amenity space, Country Park £69,598
- maintenance of onsite open space £65141

After a discussion it was resolved to invite Martin Taylor, Blaby District Council to a meeting with the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Clerk to discuss the use of the land and the monies relating thereof.

Road Closure

Advance notification of temporary road closure and 20 mph speed limit has been received for the B582 Enderby Road, Whetstone. Work will commence from June 2010 to April 2011.

Network Rail will be carrying out work to the bridge that carries the B582 Enderby Road over the railway at Whetstone. This will involve demolishing the existing bridge and building a new one. Network Rail is carrying out the work to increase the headroom to allow larger rail freight containers to pass underneath the new bridge.

As the highway authority and to ensure that it is carried out safely, Leicestershire County Council has granted the following:

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| 1. | temporary speed limit of 20mph in the vicinity of the existing bridge between June 2010 and April 2011. | A |
| 2. | Approximately 25 overnight road closures on various dates between June 2010 and April 2011 | Approximately |
| 3. | weekend road closure provisionally 13 th / 14 th November 2010. | One full |

The dates for the overnight road closures are not yet known, but the contractor working for Network Rail is required to provide Leicestershire County Council with a minimum of 14 days notice. Leicestershire County Council will issue standard press releases in advance of planned road closure.

A temporary structure will be provided across the railway during this period to enable pedestrians and cyclists to continue to use this route, although pedestrian and cyclist access may need to be restricted at critical times during the road closures.

Diversions will be clearly signed when roads are closed.

Mr. I. Paterson stated that he had received a list of objectors to the planning application for 120 dwellings off Willoughby Road. He stated that he was the only Parish Councillor that had objected.

The Vice-Chairman stated that the Parish Council had unanimously objected to the planning application.

2010/83. PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED FROM BLABY DISTRICT COUNCIL AFTER THE AGENDA WAS PUBLISHED

Plan No.	Address	Description of Application	Observations
10/0191/1/MX	Land at 10 Willoughby Road	Erection of 5 detached dwellings with associated garages (reserved matters)	No observations

2010/84. MAINTENANCE OF COUNCIL PROPERTIES – REPORT FROM THE WORKING PARTY (MONTHLY MEETING)

The following items were raised:

Dog Bins

Blaby District Council has increased their charges for emptying dog bins by 5%. Although the Council feel that this is a very large increase it was resolved to renew the contract.

The Clerk asked if consideration could be given for a new dog bin to be sited near to the Foston Road village sign as many dog walkers exercise their dogs on the land adjacent to the cemetery. It was resolved to purchase a new dog bin.

Cemetery

The Clerk reported that she had received complaints about the solar lights that have been placed on graves and cremation plots in the cemetery. A discussion ensued and it was resolved to write to the persons involved and ask them to remove the lights within 28 days.

Concern has again been raised about the scattering of ashes in the cemetery. The working party will hold their next meeting in the cemetery so that this matter can be discussed more thoroughly.

Dale Acre

A resident of Shetland Way has requested that a tree in the park be removed. This tree has been inspected and it is felt that the tree needs to be trimmed but not removed.

Mower

The groundsman is to be asked to inspect the Mountfield reconditioned mower for sale at Chapman Bros. at a cost of £275. If he feels that it is suitable for the work required he is to report to the Clerk so that the necessary arrangements can be made to purchase the mower.

2010/85. REPORTS OF WORKING PARTIES, REPRESENTATIVES, DISTRICT COUNCILLORS & COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Planning Application – Scarborough Close

The Chairman reported upon a site meeting held on 30th March 2010 to discuss a proposed footpath cycle link between the new housing development (Scarborough Close) and Wheatlands Drive. The residents of 15 & 17 Wheatlands Drive, Nigel Wright, Planning Officer, Blaby District Council, Luke Simmons, Persimmon Homes, the Clerk and Chairman were present.

The residents wished to propose the following:

1. If the route is maintained in its present position the owner of 15 Wheatlands Drive has agreed that the path can go nearer to his property.
2. The possibility of relocating the footpath to the Woodlands.

The representative from Persimmon Homes agreed to look into the two proposals and work with the neighbours and Blaby District Council to ensure the best outcome.

Skate board

Mr. Paterson reported that he had attended a meeting to discuss the temporary provision of a skate board in the grounds of Leysland High School. This would be over a 4 week period to ascertain its popularity, impact on neighbours etc. The Deputy Head of Leysland High School reported that the Governors were happy for this project to go ahead. The Police had agreed to lock and unlock the site daily. The total cost of the project would be £4,500 which includes insurance.

If the project is successful a permanent site would then be required.

2010/86. VILLAGE HALL – REPORT THEREOF

Mr. K. Mason reported:

Hallmark Scheme

A certificate has been received from the Rural Community Council awarding the Village Hall a Hallmark certificate. The Clerk and the Deputy Clerk carried out numerous recommended tasks to bring the hall up to standard and attended several meetings with members of the Community Council.

Civil Wedding Licence

The renewal of the wedding licence which expires in August 2011 was discussed. The Clerk reported that in 2008 there were 3 weddings, none in 2009 and none as yet for 2010 or 2011. The cost to renew the licence together with the necessary advertising will be in excess of £1000. It was therefore resolved not to renew the licence.

2010/87. VISION GROUP – REPORT THEREOF – There was nothing to report.

2010/88. YOUTH WORK WITHIN THE VILLAGE – There was nothing to report.

2010/89. OFFICIAL REQUEST FROM COUNTSTHORPE TWINNING ASSOCIATION

The Countesthorpe Twinning Association will be celebrating the 25th anniversary of twinning with Mennecey in May 2010.

The Chairman of the Parish Council and his wife has been invited to attend a Barn dance on Friday 14th May and a formal ceremony in St. Andrew's Church on the 15th May, at which the Twinning Oath will be renewed.

A new Chairman of the Parish Council will be elected on Thursday 13th May therefore the present Chairman accepted the invitation on behalf of the new Chairman.

2010/90. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

The following accounts were passed for payment:-

	£
Countesthorpe Parish Council – Wages	7500.00
J. Adcock – postages	44.21
Leicestershire & Rutland Playing Fields Association – annual subscription	17.00
Leicestershire & Rutland Association of Local Councils – annual subscription	611.15
Leicestershire Footpath Association – Annual subscription	5.00
Severn Trent Water – Rates 2010/2011	95.88
Blaby District Council – Rates cemetery	60.30
Oswin Builders – 1 bulk bag Breeden Amber Gold	146.88
Christopher O. Young – Mobile welder to repair play equip. Dale Acre	200.00
Blaby District Council – emptying dog bins January to March 2010	312.22
Canon – Photocopying	30.95
ABC Motors – diesel/petrol/oil	67.83

2010/91. MATTERS THAT THE CLERK MAY WISH TO RAISE FOR INFORMATION PURPOSES ONLY

The Annual General Meeting of Blaby Community Safety Partnership will be held in the Council Chamber at Blaby District Council on 19th May 2010 at 5.30 – 8.30.

Neighbourhood Watch

A nasty incident occurred in front of the Bull's Head Public House, Main Street on Sunday 21st March 2010. The Police are asking for witnesses to come forward.

Meeting closed @ 8.55pm.

Signed Chairman Dated2010