

A MEETING OF THE COUNTSTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL WAS HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL, STATION ROAD COUNTSTHORPE ON THURSDAY, 13th MAY 2010 AT 7.30 PM. WHEN THERE WERE PRESENT:

Chairman M. Smith
Vice-Chairman D. Ball
Mesdames: M. Baum, J. Jennings C. James J. Weatherstone
Messrs: T. Blood, A. Collis-Smith, Rev. M. Gillespie,
 P. Holdridge, D. Jennings, I. Paterson, A. Clifford
Mrs. J. Adcock Clerk to the Council
Mrs. P. Mount Deputy Clerk to the Council

There were 10 members of the public present

Before the meeting commenced the Chairman reported that Mr. D. Jennings had served on the Parish Council for 40 years. On behalf of the Council and the Village he thanked Mr. Jennings for all his work done over this period of time.

2010/92. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Were received from Mr. I. Paterson, Mrs. G. Farrands, Mr. F.E. Duffield, Mr. K. Mason

2010/93. 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.)

Youth

Mr. A. Clifford – Employed by Leics. C.C. in the Youth & Community Education Section.

The Chairman thanked all Councillors and all members of Staff for all their hard work throughout his term of office.

2010/94. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN & SIGNING OF DECLARATION OF OFFICE

Mr. D. Jennings proposed, seconded by Mr. M. Smith that Mr. D. Ball be Chairman for the ensuing year. This was unanimously resolved.

Signing of Declaration of Office – Mr. D. Ball took the chair and thanked members for electing him. He duly signed the declaration of acceptance of office

2010/95. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

Mr. M. Smith proposed, seconded by Mr. D. Ball that Rev. M. Gillespie be Vice-Chairman for the ensuing year. This was unanimously resolved.

2010/96. CO-OPTION OF PARISH COUNCILLOR

An e mail was received on 28th April 2010 from Mrs. L. Read, Blaby District Council, confirming that no request had been received for an election to fill the vacancy, which had arisen due to the resignation of Mr. B. Smith. Therefore it is in order for the Parish Council to fill the vacancy by co-option as soon as possible.

One application had been received from Mr. R. Daw, The Rowans, Countesthorpe. It was resolved that Mr. R. Daw be co-opted as Parish Councillors.

Mr. Daw was asked to join the meeting and sign the Declaration of Office before members of the Council.

This was duly completed.

2010/97. ELECTION OF REPRESENTATIVES

It was resolved that the following were elected to be the Parish Council's representatives:

Council for the Protection of Rural England – Mr. I. Paterson

Countesthorpe Twinning Association – Mr. I. Paterson

Blaby Branch of the Local Association of Parish Councils – Mrs. J. Weatherstone and Mr. A. Collis-Smith

Countesthorpe Information Centre-Management Committee – Mr. D. Jennings

Countesthorpe College/Sports Refurbishment Scheme/Community Council – Mr. K. Mason

Police Liaison – *Mrs. Y. Bennett*, Mrs. J. Weatherstone, Mr. F.E. Duffield, Mr. D. Ball

Blaby Central Community Forum – Mr. I. Paterson

WORKING PARTIES

Planning – Mrs. J. Jennings, Mr. K. Mason, Mrs. M. Baum, Mr. A. Clifford, Rev. M. Gillespie, Mrs. G. Farrands

Maintenance of Council Properties – Mr. D. Ball, Mr. F.E. Duffield, Mr. T. Blood, Mr. A. Collis-Smith, Mr. K. Mason, Mr. I. Paterson

Best Kept Village/Front Garden Competition - Mrs. M. Baum, Mrs. C. James, Mrs. J. Weatherstone, Mr. T. Blood, Mr. A. Clifford. Mrs. G. Farrands.

Finance - Mr. K. Mason, Mr. F.E. Duffield, Mr. M. Smith, Mr. I. Paterson, Rev. M. Gillespie, Mr. P. Holdridge, Mr. A. Collis-Smith, Mr. R. Daw.

Staffing – Mr. D. Ball, Mr. M. Smith, Mr. I. Paterson, Mr. K. Mason, Mrs. C. James, Mr. A. Collis-Smith, Mrs. M. Baum.

Policy & Resources - The Chairman of all working parties + the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Parish Council.

Vision Group - Rev. M. Gillespie, Mrs. M. Baum, Mrs. G. Farrands, Mr. K. Mason, Mr. I. Paterson, Mr. P. Holdridge, Mrs. B. Forecast, C. James, Mr. M. Smith

The Chairman's Reception - The Chairman, Mr. I. Paterson, Mrs. C. James, Mr. F.E. Duffield Mrs. M. Baum

Tree Warden – Mrs. C. James & Mr. S. Skerritt

Footpath Warden – Mr. A. Collis-Smith, Mr. B. Smith and Mr. A. Clifford

Street Lighting Warden – Mr. D. Jennings

COMMITTEES:

VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE – Mr. K. Mason, Mr. D. Ball, Mr. I. Paterson, Mr. F.E. Duffield, Mr. T. Blood, Mrs. M. Baum.

DISCIPLINARY –Vice- Chairman + Four members of the Parish Council

APPEALS –Chairman + Four members of the Parish Council

The Chairman is ex-officio on all Working Parties and Committees.

2010/98. TO ARRANGE DATES, TIMES & VENUES FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

It was unanimously resolved that Council meetings should be held on the 2nd Thursday of the month in The Village Hall or a venue designated by the Clerk, to commence at 7.30pm.

2010/99. MINUTES OF A MEETING held on the 8th April 2010 as circulated by the Clerk were approved as a correct record.

2010/100. MATTERS ARISING FOR INFORMATION PURPOSES ONLY - There were none.

2010/101. CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION PURPOSES ONLY

- Councils & Clerks Direct – Magazine
- RCC - Weekly Bulletin
- Blaby District Council – Minutes of Standards Committee
- Leics. Fire & Rescue Service – Magazine
- Blaby District Council – Private Sector Housing & Empty Property Strategy

- NEC – Quarterly update 2010
- Leics. & Rutland Association of Local Councils (Blaby Branch) – Minutes and Agenda
- Leics. & Rutland Association of Local Councils – April Newsletter

2010/102. POLICE MATTERS - There were none.

2010/103. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Mrs. J. Jennings reported on the following:

Planning Permission/Refusal

Plan No.	Address	Blaby District Councils Decision
10/0135/1/PX 24.2.2010	15 Benskyn Close	Application granted subject to conditions attached to planning permission
10/0169/1/TY 8.3.2010	33 Linden Avenue	- Ditto -
10/0191/1/MX 16.3.2010	Land @ 10 Willoughby Road	- Ditto -

Planning Applications

Plan No.	Address	Description of Application	Observations
10/0245/1/VY	Land north of Borrowcup Close	Removal of condition 13 attached to planning permission 09/0492/1/PX requiring vehicle wheel cleansing facilities	No observations
10/0180/1/AY	Land between 69 & 79 Scalborough Close	Two non-illuminated freestanding sales signboards	No observations
10/0179/1/AY	Land at Borrowcup Close	Two non-illuminated free-standing sales sign boards	No observations
10/0238/1/PX	60A Cosby Road	Single storey rear extension	No observations
10/0172/1/PX	81 Bassett Avenue	Single storey and two storey rear extension	No observations
10/0246/1/PX	50 Gwendoline Drive	Single storey rear extension	No observations
10/0241/1/TY	Former railway embankment rear of 10 Linden Farm Drive	Thinning out of Christmas trees	No observations

2010/104. PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED FROM BLABY DISTRICT COUNCIL AFTER THE AGENDA WAS PUBLISHED

Plan No.	Address	Description of Application	Observations
10/0288/1/PX	17 Willoughby Road	Two storey & single storey side extension, pitched roof over existing flat roof & detached garage to front	No observations
10/0275/1/PY	Rear of 13 Willoughby Road	Application for permission to extend the time limit for the implementation of planning permission 07/0389/1/OX for the erection of one detached bungalow and garage	No observations

The Clerk reported that she had received a letter from Leicestershire County Council advising that as per Section 119 – Highways Act 1980 there was a proposed diversion of footpath Z44 (Part) within the Parish of Countesthorpe. This was noted.

2010/105. MAINTENANCE OF COUNCIL PROPERITIES – REPORT FROM THE WORKING PARTY (MONTHLY MEETING)

Mr. D. Ball reported on a meeting held at the Cemetery Foston Road on Monday 10th May:-

Staff

A request has been received from the senior groundsman Mr. J. Jeffcott requesting that consideration be given for him to continue with his employment after his recent illness. It was agreed that Mr. Jeffcott be allowed to continue with his work and the situation be reviewed in January 2011.

Cemetery – Foston Road

It was noted that the cemetery was looking very good and a credit to Mr. Hanna who had been caring for the cemetery all season.

A lengthy discussion ensued as to the scattering of ashes in the Cemetery. It was resolved that a dedicated area be created to the rear of the Chapel of Rest and that in future no ashes were to be scattered either on top of graves or anywhere else in the Cemetery. A specific sign would be made and erected advising of this.

Seat –Station Road

It was resolved that the seat outside of the Post Office would not be included on the Council's insurance policy as it was not Council owned.

Pickup Truck

The pick-up-truck needed it's 12 month service. As this had to be carried out at a garage outside of Hinckley and left there overnight it was resolved that the Council would pay 2

day's worth of extra insurance on Mr. Jeffcott's personal motor insurance to cover both himself and Mr. Hanna whilst travelling to and from the garage.

2010/106. REPORTS OF WORKING PARTIES, REPRESENTATIVES, DISTRICT COUNCILLORS & COUNTY COUNCILLOR

106 Monies

Mr. M. Smith reported that together with the Clerk and Mr. I. Paterson he had attended a meeting with officers from Blaby District Council to discuss 106 monies that would be available associated with the 2 developments on the Leysland estate. The land in question was entirely in Countesthorpe. Mr. Senior advised that he would forward a list of all monies available for this project to the Clerk.

Borrowcup Close

Mr. M. Smith reported that together with the Clerk, Mr. D. Jennings and Mrs. J. Jennings he had met with residents of Borrowcup Close, a representative from Persimmon Homes and Mr. A. Senior Blaby District Council. The residents stated that they were still very concerned at the impact the new buildings was having on their lives. After a very lengthy discussion, Mr. L. Simmonds (Persimmon Homes) stated that he would arrange regular weekly meetings for the residents with the site manager to discuss any grievances that may occur throughout each week.

Best Kept Front Garden Competition

A meeting of the Best Kept Front Garden competition was called for Tuesday 25th May 2010 at 6 Laurel Drive. This would commence at 7.30pm.

2010/106. ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT EMPLOYERS

Mr. M. Smith reported that the staffing working party recommended that the Council subscribe to The Local Government Employer's Association in order that all relevant and up-to-date laws and regulations would be received regularly. This was at an annual cost of £468.82. This was resolved. As there had been no allowance made for this in the budget the money would be taken out of contingency.

2010/107. VILLAGE HALL – UPDATE

The Clerk reported that new curtains had been purchased for the lounge bar.

2010/108 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

The following accounts were passed for payment:

	£
Blaby District Council - Rates	191.00
Espo – Cleaning materials, paper, dishwasher liquid	87.18
BOC – Gas for bar	21.80
Cessar Ltd. – Repairs to dishwasher	74.91
PRS for Music – Licence renewal	507.74

C'thorpe Parish Council – Cheque raised from Parish Council account for Breedon gravel	146.88
John Maynard – Stocktake 29.3.2010	65.00
Tranter – Maintenance Fire Extinguishers + + new extinguisher & signage	143.98
ESPO – Gas 28.2.10 – 31.3.10	303.23
BT – Bar 'phone	74.95
Flags & Flagpoles – 1 Union Flag & 1 St George Flag	103.35
Heineken – Beers	60.79
MA Refrigeration Services – 2 condensers to bottle cooler	115.15
Rays Supplies – lemons	9.90

Wages for May

Cleaners x 2	350.86
Bar Manager	397.36
Countesthorpe Parish Council – Caretakers salary, pensions etc.	370.18

Refunds of Deposits

Blaby District Council – Election- 6.5.10	50.00
Leicester Rotary Club – 14.5.10	200.00
Mrs. M. Ball – 15.5.10	200.00
Mrs. Nealon – 22.5.10	200.00
Mr. Wells – 23.5.10	200.00

2010/109. VISION GROUP UPDATE

Rev. M. Gillespie reported that the working party had met and they had agreed that the Christmas Spectacular would again take place this year on 1st December. The Clerk had spoken to her contact who had confirmed that he was able to erect the extra 100 lights that the Council had purchased last year. The evening would commence at 6.30pm.

2010/110. YOUTH WORK WITHIN THE VILLAGE – REPORT THEREOF

Mr. A Clifford thanked the Council for their generous contribution towards the youth projects. He invited members to view the mural on the wall in the college. He added that the youth sessions were going from strength to strength.

2010/111. ALLOTMENTS

As Mr. K. Mason was not present at tonight's meeting it was therefore resolved to put this item on next month's agenda.

2010/112. AUDIT 2009/2010

The final accounts had been circulated to all members for their perusal. It was resolved that they be accepted and the Chairman duly signed the relevant documents that were to be presented to the Auditor.

2010/112A. APPOINTMENT OF INTERNAL AUDITOR

The Clerk asked if members would give consideration in appointing Mr. B. Wilford as internal auditor for the year 2010/2011. He had been carrying out this duty for several years and was previously auditor at Blaby District Council. This was unanimously resolved.

The Clerk added that Mr. Wilford did not wish to carry out this job once the Clerk and Deputy Clerk had retired, therefore it would be necessary to consider someone else for 2011/2012.

2010/112. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

The following accounts were passed for payment:-

	£
Countesthorpe Parish Council – Wages account	8256.71
J. Adcock – postages	44.14
J. Jeffcott – B & Q stain for benches	19.78
Employers’ Organisation for Local Government – subscription	468.82
Institute of Cemetery & Crematorium Management – subscription	85.00
Open Space Society – Subscription	40.00
Information Commissioner’s Office (ICO) – subscription	35.00
ABC Motors – diesel/petrol/oil	100.79
BT – ‘phone calls	214.91
Allianz – extra premium	35.75
R.E. Bowers & Freeman Ltd. – plaques x 2	226.66
C’thorpe Village Hall VAT to 31.3.10	285.99
BT – Internet Services	158.63
Chapmans – Reconditioned Mountfield mower £275.00	
2 blades for mowers, 1 belt £41.75	316.75
Aon Ltd. – Insurance	5430.86
Post Office – Tax for Isuku	200.00
PPRG Architectural Coatings – Black gloss paint	11.75

At the end of the accounts the Clerk reported that this year’s insurance premium was £5430.86 and only £4750 had been allowed in the budget. This made an increase of over 14%. This was noted.

2010/113. MATTERS THAT THE CLERK MAY WISH TO RAISE FOR INFORMATION PURPOSES ONLY

a) Leaflets from Leics. County Council had been received re. changes to street lighting. It appears there will be no changes within Countesthorpe and the nearest thereon will be Winchester Road Blaby.

b) The Clerk reported that she had received a lengthy letter from a parishioner of Station Road commenting upon the zebra crossing. A copy of this letter was given to all members and it was resolved that it would be put on the agenda of the June meeting for discussion.

c) The Clerk read a letter from Rev. D. Hebblewhite asking who is to be the link person from the Parish Council for the Remembrance Day Service. It was resolved that as in previous years it will be the Clerk.

d) The Clerk read a letter from the secretary of the PCC thanking the Council and their staff for the work undertaken in the Churchyard.

e) The Clerk read a letter from Open Space Society for an extra donation this year. It was resolved to pay only the regular annual subs.

Meeting closed @ 8.55

Signed Chairman

Dated 2010