

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

Chairman	D. Ball
Vice-Chairman	Rev. M. Gillespie
Mesdames:	M. Baum, G. Farrands, C. James, J. Jennings
Messrs:	A. Collis-Smith, R. Daw, F.E. Duffield, D. Jennings, K. Mason, I. Paterson
Mrs. J. Adcock	Clerk to the Council
Mrs. P. Mount	Deputy Clerk to the Council

There were 5 members of the public present.

2010/133. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Were received from Mrs. B. Forecast, Mr. P. Holdridge, Mr. M. Smith, Mr. A. Clifford, Mr. T. Blood, Mrs. J. Weatherstone.

2010/134. 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)

Village Hall:

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

2010/135. MINUTES OF A MEETING held on the 10th June 2010 as circulated by the Clerk were approved as a correct record subject to the following:-

Minute number 2010/118 The Driver should read The Drive

Minute number 2010/122 Best Kept Village Competition – final judging should read Saturday 31st July not 31st August.

2010/136. MATTERS ARISING FOR INFORMATION PURPOSES ONLY

Minute 2010/127 Allotments. The Clerk reported that she had telephoned Blaby District Council to arrange a meeting with an officer who could advise the Council on Allotments. Unfortunately the only officer who deals with such matters is on long term sick leave.

A councillor advised the Clerk to ask the portfolio holder Mrs. J. Dickinson if she would be prepared to come and discuss matters with a small group of Councillors.

2010/137. POLICE MATTERS

The Chairman reported that the Police wished to hold a consultation meeting with Parishioners and Parish Councillors to discuss the Youth Activities arranged for the summer. They would like to hold the meeting in the Village Hall, a date to be arranged.

2010/138. CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION PURPOSES ONLY

Blaby District Council

- Housing Plan 2010 + Rural Affordable Housing Rural
- of the Standards Committee Minutes
- Leicestershire & Rutland Association of Local Councils – June Newsletter Leiceste
- & Councils Direct Clerks
- Energy Matters ESPO –
- . – Branch News C.P.R.E
- Voice Village
- Culture Inspire
- Leicestershire Fire & Rescue Service Leiceste

The Clerk advised that she had received 2 booklets 'Being a Good Employer'. Additional booklets have been requested for the staffing working party. These should be useful when employing new staff.

2010/139. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Mrs. J. Jennings reported on the following:

Planning - Permission/Refusal

Plan No.	Address	Blaby District Councils Decision
10/0275/1/PY 7.5.2010	Rear of 13 Willoughby Road	Application granted subject to conditions attached to planning permission
10/0288/1/PX	17 Willoughby Road	- Ditto -
10/0241/1/TY	Former railway embankment rear of 10 Linden Farm Drive	- Ditto -
10/0337/1/PX	76 Cosby Road	- Ditto -
10/0373/1/PY	30 Linden Avenue	- Ditto -
10/0330/1/PX	Land rear of 53-55 Peatling Road	- Ditto -

Planning Applications

Plan No.	Address	Description of Application	Observation
10/0417/1/PX	7 Westfield Avenue	Two storey & single storey side extension	No observations
10/0426/1/TY	41 The Dales	Removal of 1 Robinia Pseudoacacia tree	A replacement tree is requested
Plan No.	Address	Description of Application	Observation
10/0434/1/PX	2 Ladbroke Grove	Single storey front & first floor side extension	No observations
10/0429/1/PX	156 Leicester Road	Planning permission 05/0657/1/VW permission to extend time limit for demolition of existing bungalow and erection of a two storey dwelling	No observations
10/0387/1/PX	Land rear of 41-43 Winchester Road	Erection of 9 dwellings & associated vehicular access	Over development of the site. No visitor parking available. Concerns for access of emergency vehicles. Still concerned about egress of more vehicles onto Winchester Road.

2010/140. PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED FROM BLABY DISTRICT COUNCIL AFTER THE AGENDA WAS PUBLISHED

Plan No.	Address	Description of Application	Observations
10/0450/1/PX	13 Spinney Avenue	First floor side extension & conservatory to rear	No observations
10/0455/1/PX	8 Westfield Avenue	Alterations to existing pitched roof above garage to reduce the overall height by approx. 600 mm	See below

Planning Application 10/0455/1/PX – 8 Westfield Avenue

The Chairman asked if Mr. Taylor, 6 Westfield Avenue could speak on the above planning application. This was resolved.

Mr. Taylor distributed photographs of the building in question. He then read a letter that he and his neighbour Mr. Brown had sent to Blaby District Council with objections.

The building in question is a garage which has been extensively enlarged and renovated. Originally it had a flat roof. Although a planning application to alter the roof from flat had never been submitted it now has a pitched roof, the height of which is causing the neighbours concern. The planning application is to have the height of the roof lowered by 600mm, this would make very little difference to the visual effect.

The clerk stated that the Case Officer at Blaby District Council had been contacted and she had agreed to meet Mr. Taylor on site to view the building from Mr. Taylor's property.

After a lengthy discussion the Council made the following observations which will be forwarded to Blaby District Council.

- The Parish Council is totally against this application
- Visual intrusion onto the neighbouring properties
- Detrimental to the existing street scene and totally out of character
- Over development of the site
- As there has never been an application received for the alteration of the roof, the Parish Council would like to see it reverted to its original flat roof.

Mr. D. Jennings stated that the planning application for the development on Willoughby Road will now be heard by Blaby District Council in August or September. The application was deferred as new guidelines have been received from the Government with regard to the reasons for refusal of planning applications therefore the objections are being rewritten.

2010/141. MAINTENANCE OF COUNCIL PROPERTIES – REPORT FROM THE WORKING PARTY (MONTHLY MEETING)

Mr. D. Ball reported on a meeting held on 5th July:-

St. Andrew's Church

Samples for the new footpath were inspected by the working party and approved.

Foston Road Cemetery

Scattering of Ashes – The Clerk was asked to obtain a quotation for a plaque which is to be fixed to the wall of the Chapel of Rest above the area proposed for the scattering of ashes.

The Geophysical survey for the proposed extra land for the cemetery was inspected and approved. The Clerk stated that a copy had been sent to Leicestershire County Council for their perusal and she will contact them with regard to the next stage. The agents for the land owners, E. Lane & Sons, have also been sent a copy of the survey for their information.

Sundial – Village Hall

The Queens Diamond Jubilee Celebration June 2010 – It was suggested that the Sundial situated outside of the Village Hall should have the letters gilded to celebrate the Queens Diamond Jubilee. The Clerk was asked to obtain quotations for this work.

Mr. I. Paterson recommended that the sculptor should be contacted with regard to this work.

The Chairman stated that the hanging baskets looked better than ever this year. All members agreed with these sentiments.

2010/142. REPORTS OF WORKING PARTIES, REPRESENTATIVES, DISTRICT COUNCILLORS & COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Finance Working Party

Mr. K. Mason reported on the following grant aid requests:

The Turner Educational Foundation – Mr. Mason explained that students can apply to the Foundation for a grant towards books or instruments when proceeding to University.

After a discussion it was resolved to award grant aid (section137) of £100.

Countesthorpe Festival Chorus – The group has asked for grant aid towards their next project – Mozart – Gran Partita & Bruckner – Mass in E Minor, St. Thomas’ Church, South Wigston on Saturday 11th September 2010.

Members felt that they had insufficient information about the organisation and asked the Clerk to write to them for further information.

Best Kept Front Garden Competition

Mrs. M. Baum reported on the following:

The initial judging will take place on Wednesday 21st July starting at 6pm. from the Village Hall. Final judging will take place on Saturday 31st July starting at 10am. from the Village Hall.

2010/143. VILLAGE HALL – REPORT THEREOF

The Clerk reported that she had received a new annual contract from E.on for electricity. The new contract starts on 13th September 2010.

The following accounts were passed for payment:

	£
Blaby District Council – Rates	191.00
Severn Trent Water – Water rates	671.08
E.oN – Electricity	1431.54
PSS – Annual Key holding fee £68.40 + alarm activation £31.27	99.67
Ray’s Supplies – Lemons	14.85

Heineken UK – Beers	424.00
Waverley – Wines	243.21
J. Maynard – Stocktaker	70.00
ESPO – Cleaning materials	137.93
ESPO – Gas to 31 st May 2010	132.53
BOC – Gas for bar	21.80

Wages for July

D. Crane – Cleaner	246.51
S. McCrudden – Cleaner	104.35
J. Downs – Bar Supervisor	397.36
Countesthorpe Parish Council – Caretakers salary, pensions etc.	370.18

Refunds of Deposits

Mrs. Osborne – 11.7.10	50.00
S. Clarke – 31.7.10	350.00
A. King – 7.8.10	350.00

2010/144. VISION GROUP – REPORT THEREOF

Rev. M. Gillespie reported that a working party meeting had taken place on Wednesday 7th July to discuss how things were progressing with the arrangements for the Christmas Spectacular. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 28th September at 10am. in the Village Hall where the programme of events will be discussed.

2010/145. YOUTH WORK WITHIN THE VILLAGE

The Clerk reported that she had received a letter from Sharon Bown, PC Phil Hurst and Kirk Sellers re an event that they were organising - **Summer Sports Activities on Leysland Park.**

Prior to the meeting the Clerk informed Sharon Bown that the land was owned by the Parish Council and permission would therefore be required to run such an event.

An e mail from PC Hurst stated that the event would be structured and well controlled.

After a discussion on whether or not to allow such an event a vote was taken. Five Councillors were for the event taking place and 5 Councillors were against the event taking place in this location. The Chairman used his casting vote to allow the use of this land subject to the following:

- The event can take place between 6pm. and 9pm.
- The necessary insurance cover for such an event is in place
- Parking is taken into consideration
- There is adequate supervision

Skatepark

Mr. A. Collis-Smith reported that he had received a letter from Kirk Sellers, Youth Development Worker, Countesthorpe Locality. This letter informed near neighbours of the proposed temporary skatepark at Leysland School and that a meeting is taking place on 12th July at 7pm. – 9pm. to answer questions on the project.

Blaby District Youth Project

The BB19 bus will be visiting the Paddock on 12th August between 12pm. and 6pm.

2010/146. REFUSE & RECYCLING COLLECTION

A letter had been circulated to all members from Blaby District Council asking which preference the Council has for the refuse and recycling collection at Christmas and the New Year.

The Council wished to reiterate their previous comments – Option 1 As in previous years.

2010/147. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

	£
Evander Commercials – PUT service	154.51
Countesthorpe Parish Council – Wages July	8505.27
J. Adcock – postages	27.39
Blaby District Council – Rates cemetery	60.00
Blaby District Council – Grass cutting – 15.4.10/29.4.10/12.5.10/28.5.10	1004.39
Blaby District Council – new dog bin Foston Road £174.47	
1 recycled dog bin The Woodlands £21.28	205.00
Canon – photocopying rental £11.95 + photocopying ££30.62	142.57
Plantscape – hanging baskets	3055.00
Chapmans Garden Machinery – clean carburettor £11.75	
Blade boss & bolt £14.03	
Asuka blade engage cable £17.68	43.46
ABC Motors – petrol/oil	187.35
B. Telecom – Internet services	158.62
Playsafety Ltd. ROSPA inspection	169.20
Glebe Gardens Ltd. – bedding plants	597.77

2010/148. MATTERS THAT THE CLERK MAY WISH TO RAISE FOR INFORMATION PURPOSES ONLY

There were none.

Meeting closed at 8.35 pm.

Signed Chairman

Dated 2010