

Parish Plan Review 2007

In early June of 2007 a Review of the Parish Plan was held by the Parish Plan Working party. The Review concluded that many of the initial areas in the Action Plan had either been completed or had passed to the main Parish Council Agenda for ongoing attention. The following is a precise of where we are with the original Action Plan.

Buildings/Planning Consultations

- There is unlikely to be any major new building developments in the coming years but the Parish Council are committed to represent the people of Countesthorpe should any such development be announced. We continue to monitor planning requests and make our thoughts known to Blaby District Council when necessary. Planning guidance is now on our website at <http://www.planningportal.gov.uk/>

Crime and Safety -

- *Roads* - are always an area requiring constant monitoring which the parish Council do mainly via their Police Liaison Committee which meets regularly with the Police Force and reports back to each Parish Council Meeting. The last few years has seen the introduction of safety humps, sharks' teeth and electronic speed indicators as well as visits from Leicester County Council Highways to look at the Parish Council's suggested road improvements at both ends of Station Road. LCC policy of making alterations or improvements to any road is based on reported rather than potential accidents so although there is an awareness of potential accidents no plans for immediate changes are in hand.
- *Anti social behaviour* - This issue will not go away and is a regular topic at the monthly Parish Meetings. For this reason it has been taken away from the Parish Plan as it is generally an agenda item on the monthly Parish Council or Police Liaison Meetings.
- *Crime* - is an agenda item on the Liaison Committee meeting so is part of a regular report to the Parish Council.
- *Safety* - see '*Roads*' other areas of safety are monitored via various Parish Council Working Parties (see 'Your Councillors' on our web site) but if any member of the public notice anything that is unsafe they should report it and, if need be, the Parish Council will either address the problem and/or notify the Authority responsible.

Health and Welfare

- The Health Centre agreed to look again to see if there is a need for a Patient Participation Group but this is not an area the Parish Council can do anything about. Monitoring our own staff's Health and Welfare is an in house' policy which the Chairman has responsibility for.

Retail

- Is not an area the Parish Council has any involvement or responsibility for so this Action Point heading will now be removed from the Action Plan.

Litter and Pollution

- *Dog fouling* is generally under control but the Parish Council will keep an open mind in case future reports generate a need for more dog waste receptacles.
- *General litter* is an ongoing problem for the Parish Council who has written to Greenfield, Leysland and the College to ask for cooperation in addressing this particular issue. Although cooperation has been offered from the head teachers the problem only seems to improve during school holidays. The Parish Council will continue to monitor and do all it can but recognises this is a national social problem which needs national help to improve.
- *Mobile phone masts* – the website below may be of help with any questions you may have. http://www.mobilemastinfo.com/information/MAUK_Apr_06_2.pdf

Education – the Parish Council will offer and give support wherever it can but has no authority to make any changes so we will remove this heading from our Action Plan and put into the monthly Parish Council meeting if necessary.

Employment – the Parish Council will support when asked.

Environment – all aspects of environment have been moved to the monthly Parish Council's agenda so will be dealt with in Business as Usual.

Sport, Recreation and Religion – the Youth 'Drop in café' for young people started a youth forum which continues to be supported by the Parish Council. Their programme of events is on our web site 'Events Page'. The Parish Council continue to support wherever it can across all the organisations or churches in Countesthorpe.

Communications – the Parish Council have introduced their web site which continues to grow in both content and usage. It has become a source of information and help for many people but will shortly undergo a 'Review' so people are invited to offer their help in this process by email to our webmaster. ('Contact us' page) The Parish Booklet was updated and reissued to every house in the Village. The Parish Office has become far more efficient after the introduction of Broadband as much time is now saved on internal communications and investigations. Two old Notice Boards have been replaced by three new ones. Two have maps of the Village on whilst the third is for public use only. The Parish Council continue to monitor this vital area through the Parish Plan Working Party.

Parish Council – sadly once again there was not a vote for Parish Councillors, however we do now have four new Councillors who were co-opted onto the Council in the May Council meeting. Our web site has enabled the responsibility of County, District and Parish Council's to be made clear as has the Parish Council's own Working Parties and Committees.