

Strategy Planning & Policy Committee

Report of the Strategy Planning & Policy Committee meeting held on Monday 4th March 2024.

Present: Cllrs M Gillespie, V Armstrong, S Kinvig and M Smith

Parish Council Manager: Miss J Leech

Assistant Parish Council Manager: Miss E Frost

1. Apologies for absence, if any
There were no apologies for absence.
2. To receive disclosures of interest
There were no disclosures of interest.
3. To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held 31st July 2023
The minutes of the meeting held 31st July 2023 were circulated prior to the meeting. It was resolved to approve the minutes, which were signed by the Chair as an accurate record.
4. Blaby District Council – Offer in Principle of Transfer of Land – Country Park
The offer received from Blaby District Council following the development of its Parks and Open Spaces Strategy 2024-2034, for Countesthorpe Parish Council to accept land transfer of two areas of Countesthorpe Country Park for the sum of £1 each, was discussed. It was resolved to request additional information from Blaby District Council regarding the legal status of the land as well as the current maintenance schedule and associated costs, before being further discussed at a future meeting.
5. To consider the following Policies/Risk Assessments
The following policies were reviewed:
 - a. Biodiversity Policy – Countesthorpe Parish Council’s response to the Biodiversity Duty was discussed with it being resolved to acquire further information before being further discussed at a future meeting.
 - b. Absence Management Policy – It was resolved to request additional information from HR advisors regarding the potential implementation of an Absence Management Policy, before being further discussed at a future meeting.
 - c. Noise and Vibration Risk Assessment with Guide – Progress regarding the noise and vibration testing and risk assessment was noted. This would be reviewed at a future meeting once all testing had been completed.
 - d. Health and Safety Policy – It was noted that this was currently being produced by Guardian Support and would be reviewed once received.
6. Date of next meeting
The date of the next meeting is to be arranged.

Signed Chairman

Date 2024