

A meeting of the Planning Committee was held in the Village Hall, Station Road, Countesthorpe on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2025

Members present: Cllrs S Kinvig, V Armstrong, S Burditt, P Cornforth, C Ibbottson and J Thacker  
Blaby District Councillor R Holdridge was also present at the meeting.

Miss J Leech – Parish Council Manager

Miss E Frost – Assistant Parish Council Manager

2024/25.172 To receive apologies for absence, if any

Apologies were received from Cllr K McGovern.

2024/25.173 To receive disclosures of interest and consider dispensations

There were no disclosures of interest.

2024/25.174 To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held 12<sup>th</sup> December 2024

The minutes of the meeting held 12<sup>th</sup> December 2024 were circulated prior to the meeting. It was resolved to approve the minutes, which would be signed by the Chair as an accurate record.

2024/25.175 Public participation session

There were no members of the public present.

2024/25.176 To consider matters arising for information purposes only

It was noted that a news report regarding waste offences on Soars Lodge Farm had been released, however no update regarding the planning application had yet been provided.

It was reported that the Parish Council Manager and Chair of the Planning Committee were scheduled to meet with Blaby District Council's Planning & Strategic Growth Group Manager to discuss the planning consultation procedures, particularly arising from the consultation process of the Willoughby Road development application.

2024/25.177 To consider a response to planning applications received from Blaby District Council

Plan No.	Address	Description of Application	Observation
24/1012/HH	4 Marston Crescent	First floor front and side extensions and part garage conversion	No comment.
24/1033/HH	3 Chestnut Close	Single storey side extension	No comment.
24/1093/FUL	42 Cosby Road	Demolition of existing property and new build replacement dwelling	Countesthorpe Parish Council requests that there be no clear glazing to the windows on the side elevations.
24/1075/HH	47 Willoughby Road	Proposed two storey front, rear and side extension and single storey rear extension (including demolition of existing garage, conservatory and lean-to)	No comment.

2024/25.178 To note Blaby District Council's decisions

The below planning decisions were noted:

- a. 24/0784/HH – 4 The Rowans – Single storey side and rear extension and alterations to position of boundary fence - Granted

- b. 24/0840/HH – 27 Tophall Drive – Single storey front and side extensions – Granted
- c. 24/0919/HH – 5 Borrowcup Close – Demolition of existing conservatory, proposed construction of single storey rear extension and erection of front timber porch – Granted

#### 2024/25.179 Removal of payphone from kiosk, Main Street

Correspondence had been received from Blaby District Council advising that BT were intending on disconnecting and removing the payphone facility from the kiosk located on Main Street. It was resolved to submit the following objection:

The Parish Council objects to the removal of the phone service at this kiosk.

The kiosk is grade II listed and sits within a conservation area.

Irrespective of the frequency of the telephone usage, we feel it provides a vital means of communication in the event of an emergency. The kiosk is centrally located in the village and as such is an important resource, especially in the light of recent national street safety issues and the unreliable internet provision in the village.

There are incidents where the village is being cut off with roads blocked by flooding etc, so there is always the potential that the phone can be used in an emergency.

We are aware that there are people in the village who do not have internet access or the use of mobile phones. Whether or not the kiosk is fully utilised, it should remain a vital future resource for the village.

The nearest alternative public phone in the event of an emergency, in particularly overnight etc when there are no shops open, is Blaby shopping centre, which is not accessible at times of flood or other emergency situation.

The Parish Council would welcome that it is kept up to date.

#### 2024/25.180 Blaby District Council s106 information

It was noted that correspondence had been received from Blaby District Council's Planning & Strategic Growth Group Manager following up on the request for Parish Councils to submit a 'Parish Projects List' to aid future discussions regarding S106 contributions.

#### 2024/25.181 National Planning Policy Framework published December 2024

The National Planning Policy Framework, published in December 2024, was received. The updated figures for the annual requirement for housing within the district was noted.

#### 2024/25.182 To receive any correspondence

- a. A copy letter from a resident of Willoughby Road to Blaby District Council with regard to the future development at Willoughby Road was received.
- b. Leicestershire County Council Highway's response regarding application 24/0004/FUL – Land off Gillam Butts – Re-consultation for full planning application for the development of 41 dwellings and associated infrastructure was received.

#### 2024/25.183 Future Planning Applications

The draft representation to Blaby District Council's planning meeting regarding the application for 41 dwellings at land off Gillam Butts was discussed and would continue to be reviewed at the next meeting of the Planning Committee.

#### 2024/25.184 Date of next meeting

The date of the next meeting was scheduled for Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2025.

Signed ..... Chairman

Dated..... 2025