

A meeting of the Planning Committee was held in the Village Hall, Station Road, Countesthorpe on Thursday 29th May 2025

Members present: Cllrs K McGovern (Chair of the meeting), C Ibbotson, and J Thacker.

Miss J Leech – Parish Council Manager

Also present was Blaby District Councillor, R Holdridge.

2025/26.001 Election of Chair

Cllr S Kinvig was elected Chair of the Planning Committee.

2025/26.002 To receive apologies for absence, if any

Apologies were received from Cllrs V Armstrong and S Kinvig.

2025/26.003 To receive disclosures of interest and consider dispensations

There were no disclosures of interest.

2025/26.004 Terms of Reference

There were no changes to the terms of reference for 2025 and it was recommended to forward the document to the Parish Council for adoption. It was noted that it would be beneficial to have an additional member/s to allow flexibility in the event of apologies to ensure that meetings be quorate.

2025/26.005 To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held 1st May 2025

The minutes of the meeting held 1st May 2025 were circulated prior to the meeting. It was resolved to approve the minutes, which would be signed by the Chair as an accurate record.

2025/26.006 Public participation session

There were no members of the public present.

2025/26.007 To consider matters arising for information purposes only

There were no matters arising.

2025/26.008 To consider a response to planning applications received from Blaby District Council

Plan No.	Address	Description of Application	Observation
25/0413/HH	3 Paddock Close	Single storey side extension and alterations	Countesthorpe Parish Council notes that the trees within the property are subject to TPOs as per Leicestershire County Council's Forestry department's response and therefore supports the request for clarification of treatment of the trees within the site as specified in the response.
25/0431/HH	4 Green Lane	To rebuild an existing front wall with pillar	Countesthorpe Parish Council supports the efforts of the applicant to repair the wall and reinstate the pillars using existing materials in a sympathetic manner in line with the property being within the conservation area.
25/0432/LBC	4 Green Lane	To rebuild an existing front wall with pillar	Countesthorpe Parish Council supports the efforts of the applicant to repair the wall and reinstate the pillars using existing materials in a sympathetic manner in line with the property being within the conservation area.

25/0078/HH	24 Arran Way	Single and two storey front extension, rebuild of existing garage with new pitched roof – Additional Information	Countesthorpe Parish Council notes the additional information provided by the applicant. The Council supports the finding and recommendations of the Arboricultural Impact Assessment and the protection of the trees within the site during the construction stage of the development.
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2025/26.009 To note Blaby District Council's decisions

- a. 25/0207/HH – 56 Gwendoline Drive – Two storey side, and single storey side and rear extension – Approved

2025/26.010 Local Plan Timeline

It was noted that, following the revision of the government's National Planning Policy Framework and its mandatory housing targets, Blaby District Council was currently reviewing its planning documents and therefore it was anticipating that the draft Local Plan would be out for consultation in November 2025. Following the consultation phase, the Local Plan would be submitted for Examination by an independent Inspector who would consider the Local Plan against the government's criteria.

It was resolved to write to Blaby District Council's Planning Department to ask, on the basis that other neighbouring planning authorities had completed their Local Plan and that the District Council had been close to consulting on its Local Plan in Spring 2025, what the key documents are being reviewed that have delayed the consultation for a significant period to November. The Planning Committee was concerned that this delay does not allow for a meaningful consultation period prior to the Plan being submitted for independent Examination.

2025/26.011 To receive any correspondence

- a. A news article was noted reporting that Blaby District Council had narrowly avoided being put into special measures due to it not meeting its housing targets.

2025/26.012 Future planning applications

With regard to the Foston Road development, it was noted that the Lead Flood Authority was still seeking clarification on issues relating to surface water run off and drainage of the site. It was also asking for a condition that the developer install permeable surfaces to the property driveways etc.

2025/26.013 Date of next meeting

The date of the next meeting was scheduled for Thursday 12th June 2025.

Signed Chairman

Dated..... 2025