

A meeting of the Planning Committee was held in the Village Hall, Station Road, Countesthorpe on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2026

Members present: Cllrs S Kinvig, V Armstrong, C Ibbotson, D Shuttleworth and J Thacker

Miss J Leech – Parish Council Manager

Miss E Frost – Assistant Parish Council Manager

2025/26.155 To receive apologies for absence, if any

Apologies were received from Cllrs A Clifford and K McGovern.

2025/26.156 To receive disclosures of interest and consider dispensations

There were no disclosures of interest.

2025/26.157 To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held 12<sup>th</sup> February 2026

The minutes of the meeting held 12<sup>th</sup> February 2026 were circulated prior to the meeting. It was resolved to approve the minutes, which were signed by the Chair as an accurate record.

2025/26.158 Public participation session

There was no public present.

2025/26.159 To consider matters arising for information purposes only

There were no matters arising.

2025/26.160 To note Blaby District Council's decisions

The following planning decision was noted:

- a. 24/0001/OUT – Land East of Willoughby Road – Outline planning application for the development of up to 185 dwellings (access only) with vehicular access point from Willoughby Road, with all other matters (relating to appearance, landscaping, scale and layout) reserved – Granted

The s106 documents related to this planning approval were also reviewed.

2025/26.161 Correspondence from Blaby District Council regarding Blaby Golf Range appeal

It was noted that correspondence had been received from Blaby District Council regarding the appeal which had been submitted to the Secretary of State against the decision to refuse the Blaby Golf Course planning application.

Comments previously submitted by Countesthorpe Parish Council would be automatically put forward for consideration during as part of the appeal process and this item would be brought back to the next meeting of the Planning Committee to consider whether additional comments should also be submitted.

2025/26.162 To consider a response to the Local Government Reorganisation consultation

As referred by the Parish Council at its last meeting, the Planning Committee drafted a response to the Local Government Reorganisation on behalf of the Parish Council. This would be circulated to all councillors and put forward to the next meeting of the Parish Council for consideration.

2025/26.163 Housing development updates (if any)

The following updates were received and discussed:

- a. Keepers Farm – 25/0818/HYB (300 dwellings)  
There were no updates to discuss.
- b. Peatling Road – 25/0876/OUT (295 dwellings)  
There were no updates to discuss.
- c. Cosby Road – 25/0441/FUL (112 dwellings)  
There were no updates to discuss.

d. Foston Road – 25/0104/RM (170 dwellings)

There had been a recent meeting between representatives from Countesthorpe Parish Council and key organisations regarding ongoing traffic management relating to the Foston Road development. Suggestions for action to improve the current situation would be put forward by Blaby District Council to Leicestershire County Council’s Highways department and Miller Homes. Notes from the meeting would be circulated to all councillors for information.

Further consideration would be given at the next meeting of the Planning Committee as to whether to submit requests to Leicestershire County Council’s Highways Department for alterations to the highway at Foston Road. Specifically, the installation of a zebra crossing at the point of the crematorium and garden centre and for the 30mph speed limit to be extended out of the village.

e. Willoughby Road – 24/0001/OUT (185 dwellings)

It was noted that the developers for the Willoughby Road planning application were holding a public consultation at the village hall on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> February with an ongoing online consultation running until 12<sup>th</sup> March. This would be publicised to residents via Facebook. The developer would be submitting a Reserved Matters application imminently.

f. Gillam Butts – 24/0004/FUL (41 dwellings)

There were no updates to discuss.

g. Solar Farm – 24/0734/FUL

There were no updates to discuss.

h. Whetstone Pastures

There were no updates to discuss.

2025/26.164 To receive any correspondence

There was no correspondence.

2025/26.165 Date of next meeting

The date of the next meeting was scheduled for Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2026.

Signed ..... Chairman

Dated..... 2026