

A meeting of the Planning Committee was held in the Village Hall, Station Road, Countesthorpe on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2026

Members present: Cllrs S Kinvig, A Clifford, from item 2026/27.007, C Ibbotson, D Shuttleworth and J Thacker

Miss J Leech – Parish Council Manager

Miss E Frost – Assistant Parish Council Manager

2026/27.001 Election of chairman

It was resolved to elect Cllr S Kinvig as chair of the Planning Committee.

2026/27.002 To receive apologies for absence, if any

Apologies were received from Cllrs V Armstrong, K McGovern and A Spooner.

2026/27.003 To receive disclosures of interest and consider dispensations

It was noted that a dispensation request form for Cllr A Spooner would be completed at the next Planning Committee meeting at which she is in attendance.

2026/27.004 To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held 14<sup>th</sup> May 2026

The minutes of the meeting held 14<sup>th</sup> May 2026 were circulated prior to the meeting. It was resolved to approve the minutes, which were signed by the Chair as an accurate record.

2026/27.005 To review the Terms of Reference

The terms of reference were reviewed for 2026 with no changes being proposed. These would be recommended to the Parish Council for adoption.

2026/27.006 Public participation session

There was no public present.

2026/27.007 To consider matters arising for information purposes only

It was noted that acknowledgement to the recent correspondence sent to Leicestershire County Council's Highways Department regarding requests for highways network improvements associated with local planning developments had been received from the Director of Transport.

An initial response had also been received specifically regarding the Foston Road request to advise that it would be investigated. No response had yet been received regarding the other requests.

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

Plan No.	Address	Description of Application	Observation
26/0291/VAR	Field to south of Gillam Butts, access next to Plot 36 Gillam Butts	Variation of conditions 2 (approved plans), 3 (materials), 4 (boundary treatments), 5 (surfacing), attached to planning application	Thank you for providing the information relating to the change of application. The Parish Council welcomes the change in support of more affordable housing for the village.
26/0404/HH	6 Hoffler Close	Garage conversion to a habitable room	The Parish Council assumes that all building regulations will be met in terms of the change to residential occupancy as detailed on the

			application form. It is not clear from the application details as to how many bedrooms the property has. Therefore the Parish Council asks that Blaby District Council ensure that the adequate number of off-site parking facilities are provided as a result of the loss of garage parking.
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2026/27.009 To note Blaby District Council's decisions

The following planning decision was noted:

- a. 26/0092/HH – 12 Cosby Road – Creation of a new vehicular access and associated extended dropped kerb – Granted

2026/27.010 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)

It was noted that a response to the additional comment which was submitted to Blaby District Council regarding this application, following the refusal of a planning application for one dwelling on land off Peatling Road, had been received and circulated to all councillors. The District Council had specified that the site fell in an area adjacent to open countryside, however, its treatment as a single dwelling would need to be treated differently to any application for multiple dwellings such as the Peatling Road development application.

- c. Cosby Road – 25/0441/FUL (112 dwellings)

There were no updates to discuss.

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

Correspondence had been received from the Planning and Strategic Growth Manager at Blaby District Council advising that Miller Homes and Leicestershire County Council's Highways department were still in discussion regarding the roundabout works associated with the development and that, to date, there was no update.

Details of the proposed timescales for the Leicester Road works and access construction were noted. The information would also be made available on social media.

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

There were no updates to discuss.

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

There were no updates to discuss.

- g. Solar Farm – 24/0734/FUL

It was reported that the Environment Agency had responded to works to clear the contaminated land completed so far, noting that the conditions had not been appropriate. The Parish Council would continue to monitor the Environment Agency's involvement in this application to ensure that the land is cleared, as required.

- h. Whetstone Pastures

There were no updates to discuss.

2026/27.011 To receive any correspondence

There was no correspondence.

2026/27.012 Date of next meeting

The date of the next meeting was scheduled for Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2026.

Signed ..... Chairman

Dated..... 2026