

The meeting of Countesthorpe Parish Council was held on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2026 when there were present:

Councillors: M Smith, V Armstrong, M Gillespie, C Ibbotson, S Kinvig, K McGovern, P Mount, S Palmer, K Pearce, D Shuttleworth, A Spooner and J Thacker.

Parish Council Manager: Miss J Leech

Assistant Parish Council Manager: Miss E Frost

Also present was Leicestershire County Councillor, G Cooke.

2026/27 023. To receive apologies for absence, if any

Apologies were received from Cllrs R Bayliss, D Billings, A Clifford, W Read and S Turner.

2026/27 024. To receive disclosures of interest and to consider any requests for dispensation

It was resolved to approve the dispensation request from Cllr A Spooner as a newly appointed member of the Planning Committee to be able to respond to all planning matters, except where the application refers to a property/area adjacent to her own property, with the dispensation lasting for a period of four years.

2026/27 025. To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held 14<sup>th</sup> May 2026

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 Chairman as an accurate record.

2026/27 026. Election of Vice Chairman

It was resolved to elect Cllr C Ibbotson as Vice Chairman.

2026/27 027. To consider applications for Councillor vacancies

There were no applications received.

2026/27 028. To appoint representatives to Committees, Working Parties and outside bodies, and discuss Terms of Reference for the Committees and Working Parties

It was resolved to adopt the terms of reference for the Estates Working Party, Finance Working Party and Planning Committee.

2026/27 029. To receive reports and questions from Representatives, County Councillor, District Councillor and Parish Councillors

Leicestershire County Councillor, G Cooke, reported on consultations regarding SEND provisions and transport concerns surrounding SEND schools. He also reported that the recent proposal to release Beavers into the wild to aid flooding issues had been approved.

2026/27 030. Public participation session

There were no public present.

2026/27 031. To report any matters arising for information purposes only

There were no matters arising.

2026/27 032. To discuss police matters

Cllr K McGovern reported on local police matters including ongoing issues, recent beat surgeries and the latest crime statistics.

2026/27 033. To discuss youth work matters, including receiving the monthly report

The youth workers' report on activities which had taken place during May 2026 was received.

2026/27 034. To approve accounts for payment as verified by the Finance Working Party

It was resolved to approve the following Direct Debit and Business Card accounts for payment:

| Parish Council                      |           |                              |           |
|-------------------------------------|-----------|------------------------------|-----------|
|                                     | £         |                              | £         |
| Wages                               | 17,139.23 | HMRC                         | 5,789.50  |
| Leicestershire County Council       | 4,358.98  | Gallagher Insurance          | 7,057.04  |
| G Seller                            | 79.00     | TotalEnergies Gas & Power    | 102.84    |
| TotalEnergies Gas & Power           | 516.77    | Lloyds Bank                  | 19.65     |
| Water-plus                          | 397.07    | Lloyds Bank                  | 37.80     |
| ESPO                                | 285.24    | Alexandra (Mi Hub Ltd)       | 39.23     |
| Tudor Environmental                 | 504.89    | Tudor Environmental          | 404.21    |
| R E Bowers & Freeman                | 99.66     | Enva England Ltd             | 441.74    |
| Moles Seeds (UK) Ltd                | 273.62    | Palmer's Garden Centre       | 28.00     |
| Fuel Genie                          | 180.71    | Fenland Leisure Products Ltd | 883.20    |
| Blaby Building Supplies             | 3.84      | IRIS Business Software Ltd   | 33.60     |
| Water-plus                          | 29.71     | Beanmachine                  | 22.29     |
| Budding Floral Designs              | 30.00     | Amazon                       | 11.93     |
| Royal Mail                          | 45.50     | Amazon                       | 9.30      |
| Amazon                              | 109.99    | Amazon                       | 79.98     |
| Argos                               | 13.99     | Amazon                       | 6.39      |
| Blaby Print                         | 115.20    | Oswin Builders               | 900.00    |
| Lakul Communications                | 273.60    | Chandlers Farm Equipment     | 96.40     |
| Inst. of Cemetery & Crem Management | 110.00    | The Herald                   | 187.65    |
| Blaby District Council              | 1,040.23  | Community Heartbeat Trust    | 76.64     |
| A T Houghton                        | 3.00      |                              |           |
| Total                               |           |                              | 41,961.91 |

| Village Hall                |        |                            |          |
|-----------------------------|--------|----------------------------|----------|
|                             | £      |                            | £        |
| Refunds                     | 453.55 | Libra Drinks Wholesale Ltd | 775.16   |
| 1-4-All Domestic Appliances | 142.80 | System-Matic Ltd           | 18.30    |
| Total                       |        |                            | 1,371.51 |

It was resolved that the Salary, Pension and HMRC payments for May 2026 were approved.

#### 2026/27 035. To receive any correspondence

- a. To note that Leicestershire County Council has now published its formal reports relating to the response to Storm Henk in 2024 – previously circulated

It was noted that the formal report relating to the response to Storm Henk in 2024 for Countesthorpe had been published by Leicestershire County Council. A link had been put on the Parish Council's Facebook page.

#### 2026/27 036. Local Government Reorganisation

There was nothing to discuss.

#### 2026/27 037. To report and approve the recommendations from the Estates Working Party meeting held 8<sup>th</sup> June 2026

The report of the Estates Working Party meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> June 2026 was received. It was resolved to approve the following recommendations and the report be adopted.

- *For there to be an article included in the next edition of The Herald, following adoption of the Cemetery Policy, advising residents of revisions. The proposed revisions would be further discussed at the next Parish Council meeting once feedback from Councillors had been received from the next Estates Working Party Meeting.*
- *To not proceed with installing signage regarding e-bikes and e-scooters in Leysland Play Area due to the fact that they are illegal but to report to the police and youth workers*

2026/27 038. To receive the reports from the Planning Committee meetings held 28<sup>th</sup> May 2026 and 11<sup>th</sup> June 2026

The reports of the Planning Committee meetings held 28<sup>th</sup> May 2026 and 11<sup>th</sup> June 2026 were received.

2026/27 039. To report and approve the recommendations from the Finance Working Party meeting held 10<sup>th</sup> June 2026

The report of the Finance Working Party Meeting held 10<sup>th</sup> June 2026 was received. It was noted that the Finance Working Party had reviewed the budget to 31<sup>st</sup> May 2026 and it was reported to the Parish Council that the council tax charges had been checked and were correct. It was also reported that items included under the legal and professional fees heading would be reviewed ahead of the next meeting and that the solar panel feed in figures would be followed up to ensure that the correct income for both sets of solar panels was being received.

A copy of the budget report was made available to all councillors on the members area of the website.

It was resolved to approve the following recommendations and the report be adopted.

- *To purchase a replacement computer screen for the Library Supervisor at a cost of £160*
- *To purchase a cordless patio cleaner and spare brush at a total cost of £134.*

2026/27 040. To receive any matters the Parish Manager may wish to raise for information purposes only  
There were no matters to raise.

2026/27 041. Date of the next meeting

The date of the next meeting is scheduled for Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2026 at 7.30pm.

Signed..... Chairman

Dated..... 2026