

A meeting of the Planning Committee was held in the Village Hall, Station Road, Countesthorpe on Thursday 23rd July 2026

Members present: Cllrs S Kinvig, C Ibbotson, D Shuttleworth, A Spooner and J Thacker

Cllr D Billings and Blaby District Councillor, R Holdridge, were also present

Miss J Leech – Parish Council Manager

Miss E Frost – Assistant Parish Council Manager

2026/27.033 To receive apologies for absence, if any

Apologies were received from Cllrs V Armstrong and K McGovern.

2026/27.034 To receive disclosures of interest and consider dispensations

Cllr A Clifford declared a non-disclosable pecuniary interest in Blaby District Council.

2026/27.035 To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held 9th July 2026

The minutes of the meeting held 9th July 2026 were circulated prior to the meeting. It was resolved to approve the minutes, which were signed by the Chair as an accurate record.

2026/27.036 Public participation session

There was no public present.

2026/27.037 To consider matters arising for information purposes only

a. The Government's Delegation of Planning Functions update

The consultation outcome and subsequent draft guidance for local planning authorities in England regarding Planning Committees and the National Scheme of Delegation of Planning Functions was noted.

2026/27.038 To consider a response to planning applications received from Blaby District Council

Plan No.	Address	Description of Application	Observation
26/0571/DOC	Land adjacent to Foston Road and Leicester Road	Re-discharge of condition 17 (construction method statement) attached to planning permission 23/1071/OUT	The Parish Council does not object to the proposals for the proposed amended hours in the construction management plan, however, there have been previous instances where this has been abused by the developer's contractor attending at earlier hours, so stresses that these proposed hours must be adhered to.
26/0591/HH	9 The Rowans	Erection a two storey front extension and single storey side/rear extension	No comments

2026/27.039 To note the decision of the Planning Inspectorate regarding Blaby Golf Range, Lutterworth Road, Blaby

It was noted that the Planning Inspector had granted approval for the development of the Blaby Golf Range, one of the reasons being is that they did not consider the site to be an area of green wedge.

2026/27.040 Blaby District Council Local Plan

a. Outcome of responses from Parish Council's own consultation

Questionnaires with regards to residents' views had been available in the Library, however, only one response had been received.

b. Feedback from attendance of the District Council's consultation

There was discussion as to views from those who attended the District Council's public event at the Village Hall.

c. What happens to a Local Plan in the event of Local Government reorganisation

It was noted that in light of the outcome of the Local Government Reorganisation, Blaby District Council would continue to progress with the new Local Plan process. The successor authority would need to adopt the plan for the area on its establishment in 2028, however it would be required to complete a new Local Plan within a five year period.

d. To consider if additional meetings are required

It was resolved to set an extra designated meeting to start formulating a response to the Blaby Local Plan Consultation on 6th August at 6.30pm.

2026/27.041 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 were no updates to discuss.

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. However, it was noted that the recent Reserved Matters application had been approved by the District Council.

g. Solar Farm – 24/0734/FUL

There were no updates to discuss.

h. Whetstone Pastures

There were no updates to discuss.

2026/27.042 To receive any correspondence

a. Leicestershire County Council response regarding highways network improvements

A response from the Leicestershire County Council's Team Manager of Highway Development Management was received in respect of the Parish Council's request for highways safety improvements for both pedestrians and vehicles at Foston Road, Countesthorpe Road and Hill Lane. The response was that it did not consider that any improvements were necessary, however, it was securing developer contributions to improve the crossroads junction at Countesthorpe Road and Lutterworth Road.

b. Blaby District Council's response to comments submitted regarding 26/0238/RM

The Planning Officer had responded to the Parish Council's comments relating to reserved matters planning application for the Willoughby Road development was noted.

Unfortunately the developer and the District Council would not consider responding to the Parish Council's concerns, in particular that the Parish Council did not support the proposed location of the play area within the site, with the local police response also expressing concerns.

2026/27.043 Date of next meeting

The date of the next meeting, to discuss only Blaby District Council's Local Plan was scheduled for Thursday 6th August at 6.30pm.

Signed Chairman

Dated..... 2026