

A meeting of the Planning Committee was held in the Village Hall, Station Road, Countesthorpe on Thursday 8th October 2026

Members present: Cllrs S Kinvig, K McGovern, D Shuttleworth, A Spooner and J Thacker

Blaby District Councillor R Holdridge was also in attendance.

Miss J Leech – Parish Council Manager

Miss E Frost – Assistant Parish Council Manager

2026/27.080 To receive apologies for absence, if any

Apologies were received from Cllrs V Armstrong, A Clifford and C Ibbotson.

2026/27.081 To receive disclosures of interest and consider dispensations

There were no disclosures of interest.

2026/27.082 To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held 24th September 2026

The minutes of the meeting held 24th September 2026 were circulated prior to the meeting. It was resolved to approve the minutes, which were signed by the Chair as an accurate record.

2026/27.083 Public participation session

There was no public present.

2026/27.084 To consider matters arising for information purposes only

There were no matters arising.

2026/27.085 To consider a response to planning applications received from Blaby District Council

There were no planning applications to consider.

2026/27.086 To consider a response to the proposed diversion of Footpath Z23 in the Parish of Countesthorpe

It was resolved to make no comment in response to the proposed diversion of Footpath Z23 in the Parish of Countesthorpe.

2026/27.087 Blaby District Council – Planning Committee changes

It was noted that a press release had been received from Blaby District Council to advise that there would be national changes arising from the implementation of the government's Planning and Infrastructure Act 2025 as to how planning authorities deal with planning applications. From 31st October 2026 the default would be for the decision to be made by a planning officer. However, for larger developments, the decision would be made between a nominated planning officer and the planning committee chair, as to whether the decision on an application would be referred to the planning committee. Only applications that raise concerns about economic, social or environmental issues, would be heard by planning committee members.

2026/27.088 Housing development updates (if any)

a. Keepers Farm – 25/0818/HYB (300 dwellings)

It was noted that the application was approved with conditions at the meeting of Blaby District Council's Planning Committee on 1st October 2026.

b. Peatling Road – 25/0876/OUT (295 dwellings)

It was discussed whether the Parish Council would make representation at the District Council's Planning Committee when the application is received.

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

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- 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.
- g. Solar Farm – 24/0734/FUL
There were no updates to discuss.
- h. Whetstone Pastures
There were no updates to discuss.

2026/27.089 To receive any correspondence
There was no correspondence.

2026/27.090 Date of next meeting
The date of the next meeting was scheduled for Thursday 22nd October 2026 at 6.30pm.

Signed Chairman

Dated..... 2026