

**BLABY PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE
Held in the Oakfield Room, Blaby Civic Centre at 7pm on Tuesday, 8th June 2021**

PRESENT: Mr G Harding (Chairman)

Mrs M Broomhead, Mr P Muton, Mr M Wareham, Mrs S Skeemer, Mr P Akroyd, Mrs S McFadden, Mrs S Clifton (Administration Assistant), Mrs V Jepson (Manager) & 3 Parishioners.

P.492 1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN FOR THE COMING YEAR

The following member has nominated himself and has also been nominated for the position of Chairman of the Planning committee for 2021/22.

- Mr Graham Harding

Here is reason and experience with regard to the Chairman of Planning:-

I have always had a particular interest in planning matters and feel that my experience in this area would be beneficial to the Council.

My experience includes previous terms as Chairman of this committee and the chairing of a number of public meetings relating to various planning issues. I have also represented the Council at a number of District Council planning meetings and held numerous meetings with district planners. Finally, I have also represented the Council at planning public inquiries.

Regards
Graham

RESOLVED: Mr Harding is elected Chairman of the Planning committee for 2021/22.

P.493 2. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN FOR THE COMING YEAR

The following members have been nominated as Vice-Chairman of the Planning committee for 2021/22.

- Miss Michelle Small
- Mr Paul Muton

A vote is taken with 4 votes to Cllr Mr Muton and 1 vote to Cllr Miss Small.

RESOLVED: Mr Muton is elected Vice-Chairman of the Planning committee for 2021/22.

P.494 3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence are received from Cllr Miss Small the reason for which is approved.

P.495 4. TO RECEIVE MEMBERS DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST & REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CODE OF CONDUCT – None.

P.496 5. REPORTS FROM BLABY DISTRICT COUNCIL

a) 21/0191/HH – 1 The Crescent, Blaby LE8 4FP:- Single storey side and rear extension (with demolition and outbuilding). **APPROVED**

b)20/1473/HH – 23 Welford Road, Blaby LE8 4FT:- Single storey rear extension & dropped kerb to new parking space. **APPROVED**

c) 21/0231/HH – 5 Chapel Street, Blaby, LE8 4GB:- Single storey side extension. **APPROVED**

d) 20/1472/HH – 4 Latimer Close, Blaby, LE8 4AP:- Demolition of existing rear extension/outbuilding and carport to side. Erection of single storey rear extension and two storey side extension. Additional of porch to front (porch aspect retrospective). **APPROVED**

e) 21/0030/HH – 1 Salisbury Close, Blaby, LE8 4BA:- Two storey side extension and single storey rear extension. **APPROVED**

f) 21/521/TEL:- Telecom Site Western Drive, Blaby:- Installation of one 15m telecommunication monopole, one equipment cabinet and associated ancillary works. **APPROVED**

P.497 **6. PLANS FROM BLABY DISTRICT COUNCIL**

a) 21/0342//FUL – Whittle Place, 15 Rose Way, Blaby: - Rear extension to be used for storage of production materials.
COMMENTS: No Comments.

b) 21/0353/HH – 18 Welbeck Close, Blaby, LE8 4HF:- Single storey side and rear extension.
COMMENTS: Members support the comments made by the resident of Saville Road. Members would like clarification from Blaby District Council as to why this development was not stopped when the enforcement officer visited the site and work had begun without authorised planning permission.

c) 19/0813/RM – Land Off Cork Lane, Glen Parva:- Amendments to the original application.
COMMENTS: This application is planning to be built on methane land. There are no provisions for further utilities, schools, medical centre, and the access from Glen View & West View will be very congested.

d) 20/0136/HH – 9 Wigston Road, Blaby, LE8 4FU:- The design of the proposed replacement windows has changed.
COMMENTS: As previous comments, members do not have any objections to this application but would like to know if UPVC windows are sympathetic to the conservation area?
Blaby Parish Council also support the comments made by Historic England.

P.498 **7. PLANS FROM LEICESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

a) 2021/0444/01 – Thistly Meadow Primary School, Hospital Lane, Blaby LE8 4FE:- The newly enlarged school wish to increase the area of hardstanding outside the main entrance to allow for more people to wait in this area before the school.
COMMENTS: The plans have already been passed.

P.499 **8. REPORTS FROM BLABY DISTRICT COUNCIL, RECEIVED AFTER ISSUE OF AGENDA –** None.

P.500 **9. PLANS FROM BLABY DISTRICT COUNCIL, RECEIVED AFTER ISSUE OF AGENDA**

a) 21/0183/RM – Land to the West of 79 Park Road, Blaby, LE8 4ED:-

Amendments to the application:-

- Removal of front two storey bay feature and alterations to front elevation
- Submission of details relating to materials, landscaping, drainage, levels and boundary treatments

COMMENTS: No Comments.

b) 21/0397/HH – 29 Leicester Road, Blaby, LE8 4GR:- Front boundary wall, pillars and railings.

COMMENTS: No Comments.

P.501 10. TO RECEIVE THE BLABY DISTRICT PLAN 2021-24

Blaby District council are pleased to be launching the Blaby District Plan 2021-24 which sets out their priorities and how they will deliver these, with their partners, to the community.

The priorities have been set through consultation and input by members, staff, residents and stakeholders. They are ambitious and intended to deliver the very best outcomes for the district. However, we recognise that we have to set this against a background of ongoing challenges, in funding and resources and repercussions of the COVID pandemic.

Our Vision is that Blaby District is made up of thriving and vibrant communities where people are happy to live, work and visit.

Our priorities that support the delivery of this Vision are:

- Live - Strong, healthy, safe, sustainable communities where the most vulnerable are supported
- Work - A thriving, prosperous, innovative local economy with a skilled and healthy workforce contributing to the local community
- Visit - A strong leisure and tourism sector and well maintained and accessible attractions available in the local area encourage visitors to the district

As a partner and stakeholder we recognise the important work you are doing to enable strong, healthy local neighbourhoods to flourish and succeed.

The Blaby District Plan 2021-24 has now been published and is available on their web site.

P.502 11. CORRESPONDENCE

a) Postal Numbering – Units W1, W2 & W4 – Winchester Avenue

Postal addresses – New Unit - Splitting of Unit W2 to create two Units
Units W1, W2 & W4, Winchester Avenue, Blaby, Leicester

The formal address will be: Unit W3, Winchester Road

b) Parish Carbon Calculator

Members have been issued with a copy of the carbon calculator specifically designed for Parish and Town Councils by the Nottingham City Council and The Midlands Energy Hub.

It has been designed so that small communities such as parish and town councils could understand their main ‘collective’ sources of carbon emissions, which would then give communities a better idea of where to target their climate emergency efforts for the greatest impact.

AGREED: Add this item to the July Planning Committee agenda for further consideration.

c) Local Council Climate Communications Pilot

Correspondence Senior Project Worker for the Climate Emergency Support Programme:-

Thank you for taking part in the communications trial, as previously mentioned, this pilot was funded through our charitable reserves at CSE in response to a clear demand from local councils for this type of support. We have been looking for a way to fund the service going forward, both by looking at applying for funding and by exploring a subscription model. Unfortunately, we can't see how we can continue the scheme. This is for the following reasons:

- 1) We had a very low response rate to the feedback survey, which gives us very little data to work off in terms of assessing the efficacy of the scheme, but what little we did get back was not as compelling as we had hoped.
- 2) Those that did respond, even where they seemed generally positive about the materials and how they were received by their local residents, were largely not likely or able to pay for such a service in the future. As a charity, we have to recoup these costs, and are unable to get grants to support local government, so without a subscription model, we cannot continue to offer the service.
- 3) Where we have assessed the information put out on social media feeds of participating parishes, it's not clear to us that it is having an impact in terms of engagement with the wider community.

We remain open to further conversations about the future of the scheme, and since we will be continuing to engage with parish and town councils through our Parish Action Days and other webinars, if a large number of parishes at that point seem keen to subscribe, we may try again in the future.

Many thanks again for taking part in the pilot and we hope you found it useful.

d) Enforcement Cases for Blaby

There is currently only 1 enforcement case for Blaby:-

E21/0187/COURES – 48 Willow Road – Car valeting / jet wash business in operation.

P.503 **12. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED AFTER ISSUE OF AGENDA** – None.

P.504 **13. CHAIRMANS TIME**

Thank you all for attending and giving me another year as Chairman.

MEETING CLOSED: 7.20PM