



PROPOSED RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT EAST OF SPRINGWELL



The Parish Council has been informed of a proposed housing development by David Wilson Homes (East Midlands). These proposals are now at an advanced stage, in readiness for submission as a planning application to Blaby District Council.

As part of the planning process, developers are asked by the planning authority if they have consulted with the Parish Council and with the Public. The meeting with the Parish Council took place informally last week where the proposals were presented. David Wilson informed us they are committed to holding an exhibition to show the plans to the public and it is envisaged these will take place over the coming weeks.

The proposal seen by the Parish Council was looking at an initial phase of 89 houses, of which 22 were affordable housing. There was outline planning for further phases. The total proposition is for upto 250 homes in total on the site.

These consultations are designed to show you their plans and proposals and allow you to add comment and critique to what is being proposed. The proposals are just that, and may change before they are submitted. Consultation suggests listening and absorbing what value is added by the two way process.

Once a planning application is submitted to the Blaby District Council, then the Parish Council, as a consultee, will look at the application in detail and will utilise its planning committee to formulate an initial view on the application. This will be used to guide the Parish Council. They may, as part of the process call an extra full council meeting inviting all interested parties to give their views and opinions on the application. Once this has been held, the Parish Council will make its decision as to whether it objects, supports or has observations on the application made. As individuals, you will all be able to submit your support or objections to Blaby District Council regarding the planned application submitted.

We will use the latest news section on the Parish Council website and the Parish notice boards to keep you updated.



Pupils at St Peter's C of E were treated to a fun poetry day on 24th May when performance poet Paul Cookson came to visit.

To start the day, Paul performed to the whole school and introduced a wide variety of poems including *The toilet seat has teeth* and *Mr Moore, Mr Moore, creaking down the corridor*. Lots of audience participation from children and staff guaranteed lots of laughter and fun.

During the day Paul worked with the children talking about how he writes his poems. The children were then able to suggest ideas for poems which Paul helped put into a class poem with hilarious results.

Everyone had lots of fun and really enjoyed joining in with Paul's poems and are now looking forward to writing some poetry of their own.

This was extremely inspiring for the children for example Cameron Wakeling went home and produced the following poem:

I WILL NOT GO TO BED

**I will not go up there,
I will not go to bed,
I will not go upstairs
I will not rest my head!**

**You see I can't go to bed,
I always hear a scary peep,
But then I look down,
and its my squeaky feet.**

**I cannot go to bed,
My favourite programmes on
It's about lots of people on the beach
Who all each wear a.....THONG!**

Badgerbrook Primary School

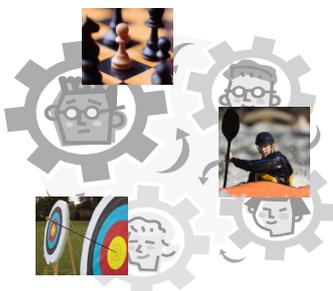
Following an unusually quiet time in school when Year 2 and Year 6 children completed Standard Attainment Tasks and Tests (SATs), the two weeks up to the half term holiday were particularly lively and exciting. Foundation Stage children were den building outside with staff and parents, several trips took place, the Year 3 children enjoyed a 'Pirate Day' and Year 6 went on their residential visit. It was wonderful to see and hear children having fun and enjoying their learning - Badgerbrook teachers work very hard to plan exciting lessons and experiences that will motivate everyone and cater for all learning styles.

The residential visit to PGL, near Grantham, is definitely the highlight of Year 6 for the vast majority of children. For some, it is their first experience of being away from home for a number of days and any anxieties they may have had quickly disappear with the excitement of adventurous activities and sharing a room with friends. Members of staff reported that they all behaved well and were the best 'sleepers' they had ever taken! We would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff (and their families) for kindly volunteering to take the children away for five days and looking after them so well. They have to be ready by 6.45 a.m. each morning to ensure that the children are dressed for breakfast by 7.25 a.m. They spend the entire day with the children until bed time and remain 'on call' throughout the night, all without additional remuneration.

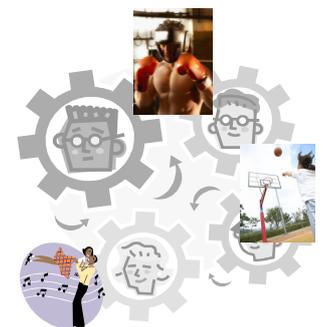
The Key Stage 2 elections held on the national polling day were a huge success. The children in each year group had some good ideas and gave excellent presentations of their manifestos during an assembly. Like the 'real' election, votes were counted with representatives from each party present and results were very close. The winning party from Year 6, 'The Freedom Party', achieved victory by just 11 votes. Their ideas included the abolition of SATs, more trips and a later start to the day at 10.00 a.m. (to avoid being overtired and grumpy!) They also wanted a 'mini MacDonalds', a swimming pool and an underground train to Fosse Park! No wonder the voters were easily swayed. However, we had to explain that their budget of £1,000,000 would not be sufficient for such adventurous projects.

We were very pleased to welcome PC Taylor to a recent Key Stage 2 assembly. He talked to the children about anti-social behaviour and the importance of reporting any intimidating or aggressive behaviour in the neighbourhood to parents so that they can inform the police. He also talked to the children about keeping safe by staying with a friend and walking away if they feel concerned. Children were reassured that they do not have to tolerate intimidation or aggression from anyone. The police will intervene and visit the homes of perpetrators as required.

Once again the children have been raising money for those less fortunate. They thoroughly enjoyed the recent Fitness in Schools event and they were certainly 'put through their paces' while raising over £1,000 to share between Loros and school funds. We have also received a letter from the Chairman of the International Committee at the Rotary Club of Blaby, thanking us for sending £327.50 for four Aquaboxes following the children's fundraising activities earlier in the term.



**YOUTH FORUM
IF YOU ARE A YOUNG PERSON
WITH VIEWS & IDEAS
ON FACILITIES AND ACTIVITIES
YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE
IN WHETSTONE
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PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Planning applications are available for viewing on the Parish Council Website
WWW.WHETSTONEPC.ORG.UK

We also hold copies of all Whetstone Planning Applications which we discuss at our Planning Committee Meetings. Please contact the office prior to wishing to inspect these, as a member of the staff has to be available during inspection.

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JUST A MINUTE

YOUR Parish Council usually meets every third Thursday of the month, 7.30pm at the Parish Council Offices, Cemetery Road Whetstone; The agenda for the meeting is posted on the Parish Notice Boards. Parishioners are more than welcome to attend, whether you have a specific interest in an item on the agenda, or if you just wish to see Council in operation. Below are several extracts of general items of interest from the minutes of the last three meetings.

February

- Planning applications on “green wedges” - M1 widening—Newly installed ‘Bus Stops’ on Burnham Drive—Maintenance of Village life—Cars parking on Footways and Developers providing more in recreational facilities, were items of concern to parishioners. Clerk to take appropriate action.
- County Councillor, Barry Garner, advised he would provide details of LCC budget at the next meeting.. District Councillor, Alan Tanner, reported he had rejoined Scrutiny at BDC. District Councillor, John Kenney, spoke about miscommunication across Government and how it was being looked at by Scrutiny at BDC.
- The Clerk, Lee Breckon, reported - The Burglary claim form had been submitted and received; Upgrading of the alarm system was ongoing and outside ambient lighting had been installed.— Updated Council on the situation regarding the High Street car park and discussions with BDC regarding the lease.— The Amenity area work was awaiting a start date.— Updated the meeting on the S106 monies .

March

- ASB and the role of Agencies in dealing with matters—Request for removal of a Bus Stop, Burnham Drive—No update, as promised, from County Councillor, Barry Gardiner, on the M1 widening—Speeding Traffic— Query on rate increase—Large group of youths in the village—Road Sign in the Brook, were all items of concern to parishioners. Clerk to take appropriate action.
- Discussion was held regarding Planning Applications on Green Wedges. This was outside of Councils remit as it was covered by Government legislation and enforced by the Planning Authority.
- County Councillor, David Jennings, updated the meeting on the scrutiny process for bus pass costs for the County having cost £6M last year. District Councillor, John Kenney, informed the meeting that BDC scrutiny were looking at “Green Wedge” applications and the encroachment by developers on these once safe areas.
- Clerk, Lee Breckon, reported on the following—Update on the High Street Car Park—Work on the High Street Amenity area—S106 monies, was awaiting BDC to make contact—Quotation had been obtained regarding the matting between the play areas on Oliver Park—Ongoing maintenance an upgrade on the Depot as part of security measures—Obtaining CiLCA qualification, enabling Council to apply for Quality Council status.

April

- Reporting of and responsibility of Rubbish in the Brook—Issues in the Police LPU newsletter—Cars parked on verges—Request for more planting around the Village, were items of concern to Parishioners. Clerk to take appropriate action. -An answer had been received regarding the M1 widening “No action was being pursued at this moment in time” - The Thursday Friday night project at the Boys Club has been a great success and they had asked District Councillor, Karl Coles, to thank the Parish Council for its continued funding towards the project.
- District Councillor, Karl Coles, reported that regarding ongoing issues regarding ASB, access and safety, that a meeting involving all agencies was taking place at the Cambridge Road Industrial Estate off Warwick Road. District Councillor, Alan Tanner, reported that the Littlethorpe development planning application had been withdrawn. District Councillor, John Kenney, reported that the scrutiny process at BDC had won an award for its work.
- Clerk, Lee Breckon, gave an update on the High Street Car Park, it was agreed to add as an agenda item for the next full council meeting. Reported that the Amenity area on High Street was now completed.—Gave an update from BDC on the S106 monies, who were now chasing Westleigh regarding the payment.—Gave an update on the Elliot Close POS, Andrew Senior at BDC was fully aware of open space requirement and was in dialogue with the developers.—Reported that the Alarm System for the Building and Depot was now fully installed.—Reported damage to fencing on Warwick Road, and that a car had demolished the newly installed fencing on Hubbard Close island onto the Blaby Bypass.

The next four meetings of Council take place on Thursday 15th July, 19th August, 16th September and 21st October 2010

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The office is open Monday to Thursday 9am-4pm and Friday 9am-1pm (an answer machine is in operation at all other times)

YOUR ELECTED DISTRICT and COUNTY COUNCILLORS

District Councillor	Karl Coles	96 Enderby Road, Whetstone	2774138 Whetstone North
District Councillor	Janet Forey	7 Lady Leys, Cosby	2752363 Whetstone South
District Councillor	John Kenney	100 Spinney Halt, Whetstone	2864508 Whetstone North
District Councillor	Alan Tanner	White Barn Farm, Cosby	2841596 Whetstone South
County Councillor	David Jennings	122 Station Road, Countesthorpe	2774263 Whetstone South
County Councillor	Barry Garner	7 Riverside Court, Littlethorpe	2867362 Whetstone North

WHETSTONE CRIME AND DISORDER MEETING

Please note—The business of Whetstone Crime and Disorder Liaison Meeting has been merged into the Parish Council Meetings. To ensure that matters pertaining to Crime and Disorder are dealt with more efficiently, effectively and brought to the relevant agencies attention sooner, representatives from the local Policing unit will be in attendance at the Parish Council Meeting every other month, commencing at the 17th June meeting.

Have your say

www.leicestershireforums.org

about Whetstone, Cosby, Countesthorpe, Enderby, Glen Parva, Kilby, Narborough and the surrounding areas

A Community Forum is a meeting place for residents, local businesses, voluntary and community groups, councillors and service providers.

Forums discuss local issues affecting local residents to recommend improvements to the local area and to services available in your area.

- Meet up with interested local residents, local councillors and representatives from the police, health service and local councils.
- Find out more about what is being done to improve the quality of life in your local area.
- Come and have your say about local services, initiatives and proposals.

For more information, please visit

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e-mail leicestershireforums@leics.gov.uk or call 0116 305 8169

Have your say

Schedule of Community Forum meetings for Blaby

Dates confirmed as per 10-05-10

Forum area Date Location

Community Forums in Blaby

Autumn Round

Blaby South Wed 8th Sept tbc

Blaby Central Mon 27th Sept tbc

Blaby North Mon 11th Oct tbc

Winter Round

Blaby Central Wed 17th Nov tbc

Blaby North Tue 23rd Nov tbc

Blaby South Mon 29th Nov tbc

NB All forum meetings are held in the evening. Not all start times and venues have been confirmed yet. For up to date details of individual meetings, please visit

www.leicestershireforums.org

Community Forum areas of Blaby

Blaby North

Glenfield, Braunstone, Kirby Muxloe and Leicester Forest East.

Blaby South

Leicester Forest West, Thurlaston, Huncote, Potters Marston, Elmesthorpe, Croft, Stoney Stanton, Sapcote, Sharnford, Aston Flamvile and Wigston Parva.

Blaby Central

Lubbesthorpe, Enderby, Narborough, Blaby, Glen Parva, Countesthorpe, Whetstone, Cosby, Kilby and Countesthorpe.

20 MPH TEMPORARY SPEED RESTRICTION FOR: B582 ENDERBY ROAD, WHETSTONE

Leicestershire County Council has granted a 20mph temporary speed restriction on the above road.

The speed restriction will be in the vicinity of the rail bridge, which is near to the entrance to Whetstone Waste Site.

The speed restriction will commence on 31st May 2010 and will run through to 31st March 2011.

This will enable Network Rail's contractors to safely carry out bridge replacement work..

NOTE:

The Bridge is being replaced to allow Freight to be able to pass underneath. A copy of the proposed traffic alterations necessitated to complete the works by Network Rail can be viewed at the Parish Council Offices, Cemetery Road, Whetstone.

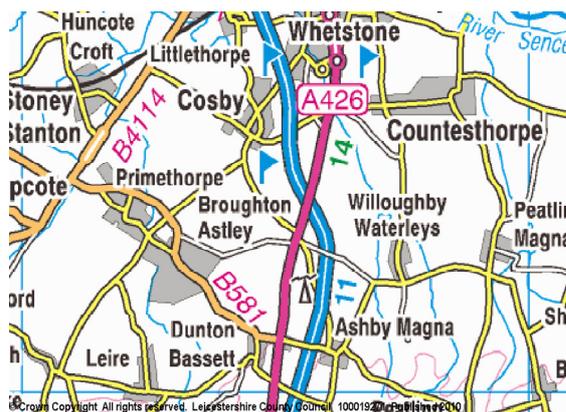
ADVANCE NOTICE OF A TEMPORARY TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER.

CAMBRIDGE ROAD, COSBY

Works are due to take place in Cambridge Road Cosby, by the M1 Gas Alliance on 6th August 2010, (see below), which will entail the closure of that length of road whilst gas main renewal works are in progress.

During the closure, all through-bound traffic will be diverted via: Cambridge Road, Dog and Gun Lane, Wychwood Road, Whetstone; Lutterworth Road, Coopers Lane, Dunton Lane, Dunton Bassett; Station Road, Broughton Way, Broughton Astley; Coventry Road, Croft Road, Cosby and Vice Versa.

It is anticipated that works will commence on 6th August 2010 and last for 4 weeks, a Press Release will be issued shortly before works start to confirm these details. Should you require any further information, please contact Ian Skinner on 0116 305 2202



Edward Wright Room "Whetstone Parish Council"

Looking for a venue to hold a small intimate family/friends celebration in quiet pleasant surroundings with kitchen facilities, disabled access and toilets, car parking for up to 25 cars all inclusive for £12 per hour, plus projector/computer links available at a small extra cost.

We have just the room for you at Whetstone Parish Council, Council Offices, Cemetery Road,

Whetstone

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For more details visit our Website www.whetstonepc.org.uk

Or pop in and see for yourself

You will always be welcome





WHETSTONE ALLOTMENTS
OPEN DAY.

The Whetstone Allotment Association
will be holding an

Open Day and BBQ on
Saturday September 11th 2010
to celebrate their first anniversary.
Gates will be open at 1pm.

**Please come and see what we have achieved in our
first year.**

**Borrowers
Toy Library**

(formerly The Bungalow Toy Library)

This is a voluntary, not for profit group
held at –

**The Pavilion,
Sportsfield Lane, Huncote, Leicester, LE9 3BN**

Opening Times:
Mondays 12:30 - 3pm
(during term time only)

Come along and visit us...

your children can enjoy playing with some of our high
quality, fun, exciting, educational toys, books and
games whilst you relax, meet & chat to others.
There is an annual membership fee to pay plus a
small weekly charge for each toy you borrow.

For more information contact **07531685889**
or you are very welcome to call in and see us.



New Events Guide to summer in the county

The action-packed summer issue of Leicestershire's Events
Guide is out now, and is available at outlets across the county
and city. This 72 page guide, put together by the County
Council, is packed with hundreds of fun activities and
fascinating events at county museums, country parks and
libraries – many of which are free.

WHETSTONE BAPTIST CHURCH in association with
Churches Together in Whetstone

VILLAGE BBQ

AT BLABY & WHETSTONE BOYS' CLUB
Warwick Road, Whetstone

SAT 10th JULY

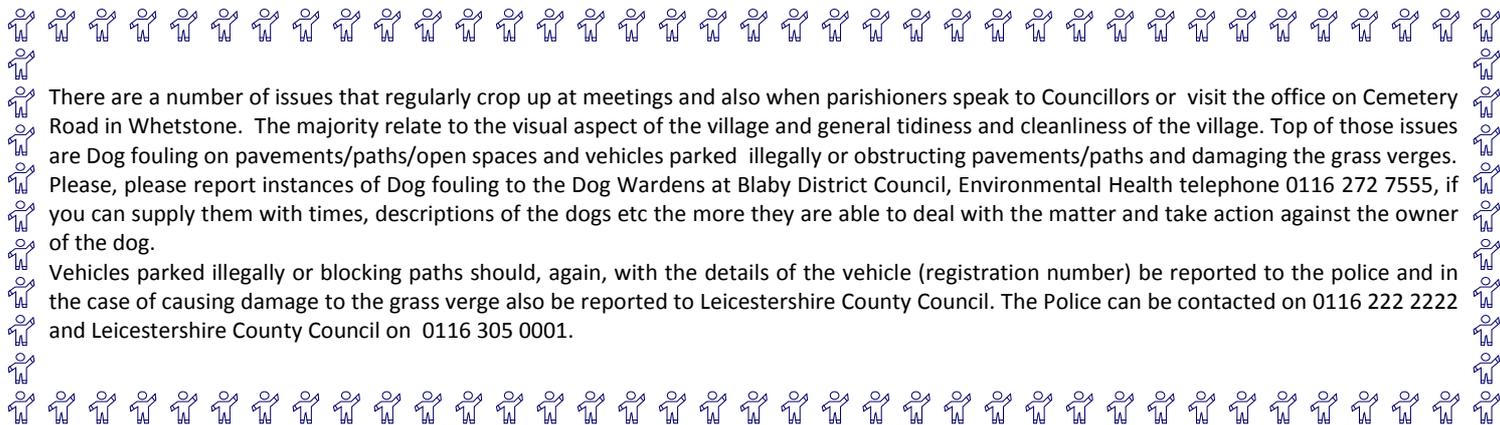
Bring your friends and family

Free FOOD from 12 till 2

Free live music

Free **BOUNCY CASTLES
ACTIVITIES &
GAMES**

GATES OPEN AT 12 noon
EVENT FINISHES AT 4 pm

There are a number of issues that regularly crop up at meetings and also when parishioners speak to Councillors or visit the office on Cemetery Road in Whetstone. The majority relate to the visual aspect of the village and general tidiness and cleanliness of the village. Top of those issues are Dog fouling on pavements/paths/open spaces and vehicles parked illegally or obstructing pavements/paths and damaging the grass verges. Please, please report instances of Dog fouling to the Dog Wardens at Blaby District Council, Environmental Health telephone 0116 272 7555, if you can supply them with times, descriptions of the dogs etc the more they are able to deal with the matter and take action against the owner of the dog.

Vehicles parked illegally or blocking paths should, again, with the details of the vehicle (registration number) be reported to the police and in the case of causing damage to the grass verge also be reported to Leicestershire County Council. The Police can be contacted on 0116 222 2222 and Leicestershire County Council on 0116 305 0001.

Future Duckpaddle Dates

**Articles by 3rd September and 12th November 2010
Distribution Dates 17th September and 26th November 2010**



Beat Officer Pc Stu Cross

CRIME AND DISORDER



CSO Alex Joule



CSO Tom Sharpe



Beat Officer Pc Nick Taylor

“Restoration”

Article by Pc Nick Taylor

Greetings Parishioners of Whetstone.

The issue of youth justice is often topical and our new restorative justice approach has been utilised lately in the village.

Following reported damage to the wooden hut on The Alstrom car park, Cambridge Road in March the offending local boys were traced by The Beat Team. With agreement from the land owners the boys were utilised in litter picking duties on the car park for three days. The boys worked hard as their punishment and no doubt learned a valuable lesson.

Another similar approach was adopted with a 16 year old youth who was found to have been involved in entering Whetstone Baptist Church Hall, again in March. On that occasion tomato ketchup was daubed about the kitchen area, clearly as a prank. The youth was subsequently arrested initially for Burglary, and admitted his part in this non acquisitive crime. The youth has since been utilised by The Baptist Church group in some manual work around the Church.

Still on the subject of Anti Social Behaviour, the issue of the derelict site of The Former GEC is being tackled. As part of a general Problem Solving Plan to deal with ASB on Brook Street and Warwick Road over past couple of months, we, The Beat team, are working closely with our partners, including Environmental Health at Blaby District Council, to enforce the land owners to secure the site. This action following reports of local children trespassing on the site and metal thieves accessing the derelict buildings.

And finally , a personal safety issue. Over past three to four weeks it has been reported that a male has been approaching teenage girls . This has been in the area of Dog & Gun Lane, Wychwood Road, and Springwell Lane. So far the male offered lifts to the girls in a white van and a grey car possibly a Vauxhall Astra. On a couple of occasions it has been reported that a male appeared to be following them. To reassure you, No offences have taken place and thankfully all these girls have been well aware of stranger danger.

The schools have been informed and we as a Beat Team have been conducting Stranger Danger talks ourselves. Additionally we have increased patrols in this area both in unmarked police vehicles and marked ones.

We would urge any one who is approached in these circumstances or has any information to get in touch immediately.

Any piece of information, no matter how small, is vital to piece together for intelligence in order to identify any individual.

To all residents of Whetstone that if they experience Anti social Behaviour or any other crime related matter to report it to us. For incidents requiring Police attendance please call us on 0116 222222 unless emergency where 999 can be used.

For issues appropriate to The Whetstone Beat Team or for advice you can email myself or PC Taylor direct.

Our respective addresses are Nicholas.taylor@leicestershire.pnn.police.uk and Stewart.cross@leicestershire.pnn.police.uk

[PC Cross, PC Taylor and PCSOs Alex Joule and Tom Sharpe are contactable on 0116 222222 id. No 2247, 0845, 6075 and 6176 respectively](#)

As part of The Policing Pledge rolled out by The Government we are offering regular monthly beat surgeries alternating between Whetstone, Blaby and Glen Parva. Don't forget that the date for the next Whetstone beat surgery is being held on Saturday 21st August 2010 at the CO-OP Store, Dog & Gun Lane, Whetstone from 11.00am to 12.30pm.

Whetstone Crime Figures 20/02/10—20/04/10 (inclusive)

Burglary/Dwelling	1
Burg/Other	11
Damage	2
Damage to M/V	4
Theft/M. Vehicle	1
Theft from M. Veh	6
Theft Stores	4
Theft Cycle	2
Theft (Person)	0
Robbery	0
Drugs	0
Public Disorder	0

NEW DIRECTION Team

Drug/Alcohol advice and support for young people in

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