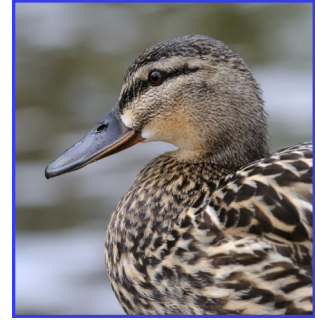


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SEPTEMBER 2012

Whetstone
Parish
Council

URGENT PLANNING UPDATE

12/0663/1/OX - PROPOSED RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT (MAXIMUM 78 DWELLINGS) ASSOCIATED LANDSCAPING AND INFRASTRUCTURE WITH ACCESS FROM LEVERET DRIVE (OUTLINE)(RE-SUBMISSION) – LAND AT CAMBRIDGE ROAD, WHETSTONE.

Please be aware of the following update regarding the above:

The Cambridge Road / Leveret Drive application 12/0663/1/OX has been submitted to BDC for consideration. As a new planning application, all previous objections are not considered and **you all need to resubmit your objection against this scheme if you wish to do so.**

The previous application with access off Cambridge Road, via the proposed bridge was approved by BDC with a lower level of affordable housing of 5%, to allow for the additional land needed for the bridge location and also its construction costs. This was accepted based on viability. However, this was then amended to 25% affordable housing under a possible legal challenge to the Planning Authority by David Wilson Homes whose Springwell Lane Appeal case clearly argued that this lower level of affordable housing “broke planning rules”.

The applicant, Revelan, viewed that the amended approval then given did not allow the site to be deemed a viable project and therefore resubmitted the Leveret Drive access to progress to appeal, if needed, to try to secure approval as it is clearly a cheaper application to deliver from a developers viewpoint.

The Parish Council and your District Councillor’s are still trying to secure a solution involving the original lower level of affordable housing. In the meantime, **we have to ask all residents of Whetstone to object to the above application.** This was previously unanimously rejected by BDC Development Control and we would anticipate the same outcome at this moment in time.

We have managed to secure an extension for submissions of objections or comments to 21st September 2012. You can still make written submission up until midday on the day that the application is heard. Late submissions are delivered to DCC members but will not form part of the Planning officers report to DCC members.

You will receive through your letter boxes over the next two weeks a template for a letter of objection that you can add your details to and if you wish, you can deliver this to the Parish Council Offices and we will deliver on your behalf to BDC planning.

You can object online directly on the BDC website through the following link:

<https://w3.blaby.gov.uk/online-applications/simpleSearchResults.do;jsessionid=DE9CBFBD095C0610756FB302A9A48E07?action=firstPage>

This is available to you until the deadline date which now reflects 21st September 2012.

You can submit objections by post to: Planning, Blaby District Council, Council Offices, Desford Road, Narborough, Leicester, LE19 2EP. They can also be emailed to: planning@blaby.gov.uk

They can be contacted by phone on 0116 272 7705 if you have any further enquiries.

The application will be heard on Thursday 29th November 2012 at 4.30 P.M at the BDC Council Chambers in Narborough.

You are **STRONGLY ENCOURAGED** to attend the meeting as members of the public to let your views be known by filling the public gallery. You cannot speak unless you have requested to do so prior to the meeting as previously advertised.

Finally, at the time of going to print we have still not received the result of the David Wilson Homes Appeal. We will publish an update as soon as we have the decision.



St.Peter's Church of England (Aided) Primary School



STAFF MORALE BOOSTED AS ST PETERS MOVES TO GOOD OFSTED

On Wednesday 20th June St Peter's was inspected by Mr Philip Jarrett, HMI National Advisor for English, as part of Ofsted's programme of subject inspections. We were selected for an English inspection, during the day Mr Jarrett spoke with teachers and a selection of children as well as observing lessons and analysing school data .

The school has now received the letter from Ofsted informing us of the outcome of the visit. A grading of **Good** was received; this is a fantastic outcome only a year after the school was graded satisfactory. It has given us all a boost and we believe it won't be long before we are able to report even more good news with the school striving to go beyond good! The latest SATs results for our year 6 reflect our success with 100% children receiving level 4 and above in reading - 63% level 5 and 96% receiving level 4 and above in Maths with 38% level 5 - all results were above the national levels., and we are delighted to say that our results are among the best in the area.



Badgerbrook Primary School

Preparations for the London 2012 Olympics played a big part in the Summer Term at Badgerbrook. Events during an Olympic themed week included a Family of Schools Torch Relay around local schools. Kathryn Stone, Ben Chapman and Oliver Kitchener represented Badgerbrook at this event. There was also a visit from a swimming coach – Mrs Stidever - who had been part of the 'real' relay and she brought in her torch to show to all the children. Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 children took part in a multi-sports festival and many other sporting activities took place during this term. This included four very successful sports days which were fitted in despite the weather. The winning team this year was the Otters. There have also been visits from tennis, hockey and taekwondo coaches and Badgerbrook children took part in a district sports event at Saffron Lane

Many of the children went out on visits including trips to Conkers, Tamworth Castle, Stratford Butterfly Farm, Beaumanor Hall and Bosworth Battlefield. Both the Year 3 and Year 6 children performed in front of their proud parents, Year 3 presented an assembly on the Tudors and Year 6 produced a dramatic version of Pandora's Box.

The Friends of Badgerbrook organised several activities during the summer term including two fashion shows, school discos and their Summer Gala. Despite the inclement weather they still managed to raise the magnificent sum of nearly £2000 which will be spent on resources for children in the school.

Our recently retired Headteacher, Mrs Russell, came into an assembly at the end of term to present her Young Writers Awards to Elsie Robinson and Kathryn Stone. The Musician of the Year Award, donated by Miss Chiswell, another former Headteacher, was presented to Imogen Holyland.

There were a few goodbyes to say at the end of the summer term as we wished all the Year 6 children best wishes for the future. We also said goodbye to Mrs Swift who had worked in Year 5, Mrs Brown who had covered staff absences in various roles and to Mesh who had been with us on a one year ICT placement from De Montfort University. We are now ready to start the new academic year and we welcome all our new starters and their parents. As the new term starts we welcome Mrs Grant who will be working in Year 6 and Mrs Jenkinson who will be working in Year 3 this term and we give congratulations to Miss Arbon who got married in the summer holidays and is now Mrs Emsley



WHETSTONE LEICESTERSHIRE

For all you facebook fans , check this page out for interesting information regarding our village.

The page has 464 members so far and is a great way for people who live in and around Whetstone to connect with each other, commenting, asking questions,posting old and new photos of the village.

Here is a link to the page.

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Whetstone-Leicestershire/239901212212>

Your Parish Councillors

Mr M Bounds
Mr M Burley
Mr P Cox
Mr J Dunkley
Mr B Drury
Mr D Garratt
Mr A Greenwood
Mr M Jackson
Mrs P Kenney
Mr L Phillimore
Mrs A Tyler
Mr A Tanner
Ms S Tomlinson
Mr S Webb

Whittle Close, Whetstone LE8 6JA
Attfield Drive, Whetstone LE8 6NE
Springwell Lane, Whetstone LE8 6LT
Mill Hill Close, Whetstone LE8 6NF
High Street Whetstone LE8 6LP
Trinity Road Enderby LE19 2BU
Wilkinson Lane Elmsthorpe LE9 7SP
Biggs Close, Whetstone LE8 6WG
Spinney Halt, Whetstone Leicester LE8 6HU
Springwell Lane, Whetstone LE8 6LT
Burnham Drive, Whetstone LE8 6HY
Narborough Road Cosby LE9 1TD
Spinney Halt, Whetstone LE8 6HU
Springwell Lane, Whetstone LE8 6LT



YOUR DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS

District Councillor	Karl Coles	96 Enderby Road, Whetstone, LE8 6JH	07785 235199	Whetstone North
District Councillor	Janet Forey	7 Lady Leys, Cosby, LE9 1RJ	2752363	Whetstone South
District Councillor	Tony Greenwood	Aylmer House, Wilkinson Ln, Elmesthorpe,	01455 840089	Whetstone North
District Councillor	Alan Tanner	White Barn Farm, Cosby, LE9 1TD	2841596	Whetstone South
County Councillor	David Jennings	122 Station Road, Countesthorpe, LE8 5TD	2774263	Whetstone South



VISIT OUR NEW LOOK WEBSITE
WWW.WHETSTONEPC.ORG.UK



Alpha September
2012
Whetstone Baptist Church



We would like to invite you to join our Alpha course.

Alpha sets out to explain and explore the basic facts of Christianity in a straight forward and enjoyable way. You'll have the opportunity to discuss key beliefs and ask any questions you want. You'll meet people and make some new friends. You'll get a tasty meal each evening and we guarantee you'll have fun as well! There will be no pressure; if you want to drop out at any time we promise we won't badger you.

Alpha runs on Thursday evenings from 7.pm -10pm from the 20th September to the 6th December, we have a Saturday away (somewhere nice!) On 3rd November and a celebration supper following the end of the course on Thursday the 13th December

If you are interested in doing the course please ring us for an application form, there is no charge, however we do ask should you enjoy your meal and if you would like to give a donation towards the cost this would be gratefully received. The application form is so we can accommodate any special dietary requirements etc. **Contact Details** Whetstone Baptist Church, King Street, Whetstone, Leicester LE8 6LS. **Phone 0116 2863145 9.30am – 3.30pm**



Edward Wright Room “Whetstone Parish Council” Your Place for that Perfect Party

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 Tele: 0116 275 1987— Email:whetstonepc@whetstone.org.uk

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 two meetings.

June 2012

The Chairman reported that the Parish had been successful in obtaining a grant of £2,500, following a successful presentation at the recent Community Forum. This will go towards the regeneration of the Back Lane Meadows project. A discussion took place regarding the speeding that was on the increase on the Bypass, this will continue to be monitored. Many telephone calls have been received in the Parish offices due to the poor standard of grass cutting around the village on the County Council owned areas. This is unfortunately due to the combination of excessively wet weather we have experienced, and reduction in the number of cuts due to costs, this is not just a Whetstone issue but is district and county wide. We will continue to strive to keep the Parish owned areas neat and tidy.

Cllr Phillimore was thanked for his work on compiling the Councils response with regard to the Whetstone Recycling Facility. The Clerk reported that a safer surface for the Roundabout on the Trinity Road Park had been fitted at a cost of £1,500. A vacancy for a new member to join the Council was tabled, following the resignation of Karl Coles, this would be advertised and co option could then take place.

July 2012

A report was received by the Police and the Whetstone specific crimes were reviewed and discussed. Oliver Park was being used on a Friday evening as a drinking place for underage youths; the Council requested that it be placed on a drive by area for patrols to try to combat this. The police reported that Whetstone was quiet regarding ASB reports.

The consultation on the Recycling Facility had now ended; County Councillor David Jennings reported that Whetstone was the only Parish that had made submissions.

BDC Cllr A Greenwood updated the meeting on the evenings meeting he had just attended where the two Revelan applications had been discussed. The Council had viewed the live webcast and were disappointed with the decision. The Council would now need to revisit its full submissions in readiness for the resubmitted application.

The Clerk reported that he had had meetings with Blaby and Whetstone Boys Club regarding a skateboard ramp, this may now have to be a mobile ramp due to costs involved, the Council had been asked to contribute to this. The Clerk had asked about public access to this area, and reported that the Council were looking at opportunities should the Trinity Road ramp be “retired”.

The Clerk had been looking at the issue of the tree cutting on the Brook Street banks, we had historically cut these but they were not on Parish owned land. The Clerk is looking into the issue of getting this land transferred to the Parish and the costs involved with this.

The next four meetings of Council take place on 20th September, 18th October, 15th November and 20th December 2012

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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)

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Planning applications are available for viewing on the Parish 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.Telephone: 0116 2751987—

E.mail: whetstonepc@whetstone.org.uk



WHO DO I CONTACT ?

Dog Nuisance/Pot Holes/Blocked Footpaths/Blocked Drains/Litter/Graffiti/Hire a Room/Council Tax/ Anti Social

We are always pleased to have contact with parishioners at the Parish Council Offices and only too happy to assist with any enquiries. However, it is more efficient and reliable if Parishioners contact direct the relevant bodies who specifically deal with many of the problems, mentioned above.

Air Quality

Pollution control & nuisance

Bonfires/Industrial Pollution/

Smoke/Vehicle emissions/

Agricultural odours

T: Blaby District Council 0116 272 7555

Anti-Social Behaviour

T: Blaby District Council 0116 272 7677

Bus Shelters

To report repairs/damage to bus shelters

T: Blaby District Council 0116 272 7684

Car Parking Regulation

T: Blaby District Council 0116 272 7555

Cemetery and Churchyard Whetstone

T: Whetstone Parish Council 0116 275 1987

Conservation

Listed Buildings - Trees

T: Blaby District Council 0116 272 7705

Contaminated Land/Land Pollution

T: Blaby District Council 0116 272 7555

Council Tax

Billing and collection of Council Tax and National Non Domestic Rates/Business Rates

T: Blaby District Council 0116 272 7530

Dog Warden Service

Fouling, strays, lost dogs, dog ID/micro chipping

T: 0116 272 7555

Dog Waste Bins

Damaged

T: Whetstone Parish Council 0116 275 1987

Drains (Highway)

Blocked/Damaged

T: Leicestershire County Highways 0116 3050001

Fly Tipping/Dumped Rubbish/Fly Posting

Complaints/Removal

T: Blaby District Council 0116 272 7555

Graffiti/Vandalism

T: Blaby District Council 0116 272 7555

Highway Surfacing

T: Leicestershire County Highways 0116 3050001

Litter Bins

T: Blaby District Council 272 7555

Litter/Glass on Footpaths, Alleyways, Streets, Open Land

T: Blaby District Council 272 7618

Lighting Columns

Not working/broken

T: Leicestershire County Highways 0116 3050001

Noise Nuisance

Industrial, agricultural, neighbours, barking dogs, alarms

T: Blaby District Council 0116 272 7555

Oliver Park—Whetstone

Any problems

T: Whetstone Parish Council 0116 2751987

Pests and Pest Control

Advice and treatment— rodents, wasps & Insects.

T: Blaby District Council 0116 272 7555

Planning Applications/Enforcement

T: Blaby District Council 0116 272 7705

Pot Holes

T: Leicestershire County Highways 0116 3050001

Public Footpaths

Obstructions

T: Leicestershire County Council 01858 821 063

Street Name Plates/Repairs

Report damaged street name plates

T: Blaby District Council 0116 272 7533

Tip—Whetstone

T: Leicestershire County Council 0116 286 2074

Trinity Road Recreation Ground

Ground Problems

T: Blaby District Council 0116 272 7618

Play Equipment

T: Whetstone Parish Council 0116 2751987

Warwick Road Recreation Ground

Any Problems

T: Whetstone Parish Council 0116 2751987

Whetstone Parish Council

T: Whetstone Parish Council 0116 275 1987

The main ones are listed for more information and links

Visit our website: www.whetstonepc.org.uk



CRIME AND DISORDER



Beat Officer Pc Kirti Chauhan



CSO Amy Stokes



CSO Tom Sharpe



Beat Officer Pc Nick Taylor

Policing update from the Whetstone neighbourhood team.

We hope you are all having a great summer and enjoying the good weather!

Whetstone seems to have had a pretty quiet summer where crime is concerned. There has been the odd burglary but Whetstone has seen nothing on the scale that other areas have seen. However, we must not be complacent so please remember to secure your ground floor windows and doors, before you go out or retire for the evening, as some properties have been entered this way, even in daytime hours. In fact whilst writing this update a house in Blaby was entered during the day via an insecure front door whilst the occupant was upstairs.

On the anti-social behaviour (ASB) front, Whetstone has also seen a quiet summer. Most of the issues that have been affecting Blaby on Friday and Saturday evenings have been on Northfield Park. This has therefore been our focus and has been subject to a problem profile. We are also aware that Oliver Park in Whetstone has attracted some underage drinking and this area has been included in our patrols. Additionally, we have received reports about the seasonal issue of street ball games in Whetstone where vehicles have been damaged in residential locations. Whilst we don't want to stop children enjoying the school holidays we would ask parents to monitor where their children are playing such ball games. Basically, just to ensure that it never gets to the stage where other residents experience balls damaging their flowers and property as may happen sometimes, often with no malicious intent but just over zealous behaviour. We are just asking that you consider everyone's safety, and remind children they too have a responsibility to play safely and show regard to other residents.

The children will be back to school very soon so this is a good time to advise parents to park responsibly outside the schools. A campaign to tackle dangerous and inconsiderate parking will be under way in September where Whetstone schools along with others on the beat will be patrolled and monitored by the neighbourhood team. Remember, **do not** park on zig zags, or even stop to drop off and pick up on them. These markings are there for a reason and doing so could incur a £30 fixed penalty notice. It is our responsibility to ensure the safety of pedestrians and the free passage of the roads. Children especially are vulnerable and exposed to danger by poor and obstructive parking. This is why we will be seeking to advise drivers and in some cases uphold the law.

Remember, you can still follow the neighbourhood team on Twitter for news and information relating to Whetstone, Blaby, Cosby and Glen Parva. Just enter LPBlaby and there we are. Additionally, Blaby local policing unit has a Facebook page which you can access via the Leicestershire Police website at www.leics.police.uk which also has links to crime mapping. All you need to do is enter your post code to look at crime patterns and statistics in your area.

Another useful website to remember is www.immobilise.com where you can record serial numbers of expensive items such as TVs Laptops, cycles etc free of charge. This can aid recovery should the items be stolen and later recovered.

Please remember the new non emergency number for police is now 101, and in an emergency it is still 999.

You can leave a message for a member of the neighbourhood team by calling 101, selecting option 2, then enter the officers ID number. For PC Nick Taylor 0845, PC Kirti Chauhan 4214, PCSO Tom Sharpe 6176, PCSO Amy Stokes 6588.

You can also pass information about crime anonymously by calling "Crimestoppers" on 0800 555 111 We hope you have a safe autumn, and if you are passing our beat office at Whetstone Parish Council, and we are in, you are always welcome to pop in for a chat and any advice we can give.

WHETSTONE CRIME FIGURES

Local crime figures are now available
On the national Police website:

www.police.uk

This website provides you with helpful information
About crime and policing in your area

Enter your postcode, town, village or street into the
Search box, and get instant access to street-level
Crime maps and data, as well as details of your local
Policing team and beat meetings

NEW DIRECTION Team
**Drug/Alcohol advice and support for young
people in**
Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland
96 New Walk, Leicester, LE1 7EA
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