



# SHARNFORD PARISH COUNCIL

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## PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

**Minutes of the Meeting of Sharnford Parish Council held at 7:30pm on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> August 2021 in the Evergreen Hall and virtually, via Zoom.**

**Present:** Cllr M Shirley (Chairman), Cllr J Feast (Vice Chairman), Cllr L Martin, Cllr G Peryer (Left meeting at 9.10pm), Cllr M Dalton-Brown, Cllr R Simpson, Cllr S Waters, Karen Leck (Clerk)

**Also, Present:** Cllr M Wright (Leicestershire County Council) via Zoom, Members of Public x 1

**Absent:** None

**21/106 Apologies for Absence:** Cllr I Hewson (Blaby District Council)

**21/107 Declarations of Interest Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary:** Cllr M Shirley declared an interest on potential planning applications as Cllr Shirley is a member of Blaby District Council's Planning Committee.

**21/108 Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 15<sup>th</sup> July 2021.**

***Resolved that, the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 15<sup>th</sup> July 2021, a copy of which had been circulated, to each member, is a true recording of the proceedings.***

### **21/109 District Councillors**

Councillor Iain Hewson

*Councillor Hewson is Chairman of Blaby District Council*

Councillor Mike Shirley

*Councillor Shirley has submitted a report on behalf of Blaby District Councillors.*

### **Tourism Wall at Fosse Park**

Have you visited the new Food Central at Fosse Park? You may have noticed a beautiful mural of a map of our district.

Working in partnership with Fosse Park and Blaby District Tourism Partnership, local artists Pickle Illustrations created a design highlighting many of the attractions in our district and our Fosse Foxes Trail.

If you look closely there are six foxes hiding in amongst the attractions. As well as a digital screen to showcase our tourism offering.

Be sure to look out for it on your next visit to Fosse Park. Head towards the lifts from the food court to have a look and find those hidden foxes!

### **New Fosse Fox Interactive map launched on the Visit Blaby website**

The Fosse Foxes Trail continues to grow with Stoney Cove being the latest addition to the trail. Head over to our Fosse Foxes website to check out our new interactive map where you can find out more about where the Fosse Foxes are located and about our tourism attractions. Keep an eye on our social media channels @visitblaby for news of further foxes joining the trail.

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## Visit Blaby District

Let's share ideas!

Sharing your experiences and trips out this summer is a great way to promote your local area! Share your photos and videos whenever you are out and about in the district and tag @visitblaby using the hashtag #letsoblabydistrict. Make sure you are following @VisitBlaby on Facebook, Instagram or Twitter for local inspiration.

## Let's get back out there!

Over the last few months tourism businesses – restaurants, cafes, pubs, attractions, shops and more from all across the district - have been delighted to safely re-open and welcome visitors again.

It's been fantastic to see new businesses opening their doors for the first time, whilst long awaited Summer events are also starting to appear in the calendar.

With so much to see and do head to our Visit Blaby website for more information and key dates to look out for.

## Consultation on Draft Leicester Transport Plan

Please find below details of a Consultation on Leicester's Draft Transport Plan, officers will be formulating a Blaby District Council response which you may wish to feed into or respond individually.

If you would like to make any points please email Vicky Chapman Planning Policy & Strategy Manager at [victoria.chapman@blaby.gov.uk](mailto:victoria.chapman@blaby.gov.uk) by the 30th August in order they can be included where appropriate into our response.

## Air Quality Grant

Blaby District Council has been awarded another Air Quality Grant for 2021/22 of £139,300.

This will fund the Countdown to Clean Air Project which focusses on Enderby and Glenfield, including:

- A Citizen Science Project involving five schools, five local youth and community groups, and parish councils
- Further behavioural change work with schools and businesses
- Production of a computer Micro Simulation Model for Enderby
- Production of comprehensive air quality data through ongoing monitoring during the project
- A Communications plan developed and delivered to share timely messages about poor air quality, raise awareness about its causes and impacts, and alternative cleaner and more sustainable travel options
- A Short film produced and available online to celebrate achievements from the project, educate and raise awareness in the wider community and encourage uptake from other schools, businesses and organisations in future air quality initiatives

The Countdown to Clean Air Project is due to start shortly and will help deliver some of the measures in the Council's new Air Quality Action Plan. For further information please contact: [environmental.services@blaby.gov.uk](mailto:environmental.services@blaby.gov.uk)

## HINCKLEY NATIONAL RAIL FREIGHT INTERCHANGE (HNRFI)

Letter received from Blaby District Council's Senior Leadership Team, outlining their issues and inability to support Tritax Symmetry's intention to conduct the statutory consultation for the Hinckley National Rail Freight Interchange (HNRFI) project, mainly through online/virtual meetings.

The Council's Senior Leadership Team have considered their proposals and are unable to support the approach to a statutory public consultation with significant public interest with no face to face events. Stating 'Our residents are likely to expect to have face to face discussions on such a significant development on their doorstep that affects their community'.

## Stoney Stanton Visioning Workshops

Statement to Parish Councils Pegasus Group, on behalf of the consortium of landowners/land promoters comprising Barwood Land, Parker Strategic Land Ltd and Leicestershire County Council, are organising a Visioning Workshop through stakeholder engagement in relation to land promotion west of Stoney Stanton.

The workshop sessions will comprise two consecutive days of in person sessions to be held at Stoney Stanton Village Hall in October 2021.

Day One would be for invited key statutory consultee stakeholders to discuss the site and its constraints/opportunities and to gauge views, comments and ideas for the Site's development with reference to technical matters associated with development.

Day Two would be for focused engagement with invited members of the public, local businesses, social enterprises and the Parish Councils locally. The Visioning sessions will be themed around structured discussions on key topic areas.

They will enable the design team to hear direct from the local community what the key issues and concerns are for them, and what sort of 'placemaking' would be desired, and to understand how development if it is to occur, should come forward.

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There will not be a masterplan already prepared, at this stage, it is about our design team gathering information as part of a learning exercise, from which they will then commence work on preparing a detailed masterplan. Each invited Parish Council will be invited to provide two representatives to attend the workshops. A Mailshot will be issued in August 2021 requesting expressions of interest to attend a day of sessions and invites would subsequently be sent out based on responses received to ensure a diverse range of attendees. Future consultations, with regard to wider site master planning, will however be open to all, and we will keep the local communities informed of these at the appropriate time.

### **21/110 County Councillor**

#### Councillor Maggie Wright

*Councillor Wright is Deputy Leader and Finance & Assets Portfolio at Blaby District Council. Councillor Wright is also a councillor on Leicestershire County Council representing Stoney Stanton & Croft.*

*Councillor Wright has not submitted a report due to recess.*

However, Cllr Wright did mention the road closures and the difficulties people have been having. Cllr Wright will pick up on the poor communication and will be speaking to the appropriate teams at County Council.

### **21/111 Public Participation (All online documents are available in printed format from the parish clerk)**

A member of Public is looking to relaunch the Sharnford Environment Group. The Environment group is a volunteer group who give their time to make Sharnford a beautiful place to live. For example, they maintain the planters around the village and tend to the borders at Bluebell Green.

If you are interested the Parish Council are asking for volunteers to help with weeding and tidying up the borders at Sharnford Cemetery on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> September at 10.00am. Come and join us, with your green fingers, gardening gloves and tools and help to make Sharnford a beautiful place to live.

### **21/112 Clerks Notes**

Highways Fund – Sharnford Parish Council have been allocated a fund from Leicestershire County Council’s Members Highway Fund. For example, the fund can be spent on bollards, dropped kerbs, refreshing of lines etc...

The Parish will submit pre-applications regarding moving of signs, new bus stop road wording and dragon teeth markings on Aston Lane and speeding signs in other areas of the village.

Councillor Responsibilities – Look to install a hanger for the hose pipe in the cemetery.

Grass Cutting Enquiry – The Parish Council enquired to take over responsibility of the grass cutting for the village from Leicestershire County Council. This will give the parish council the ability to appoint a contractor and decide how many cuts are required.

***Resolved to take over the grass cutting within the village.***

### **21/113 Information Update**

Takeover ownership of the Blaby DC owned land within the village – Blaby District Council have agreed for Sharnford Parish Council to take over ownership of the land at Park View and Poors Meadow. Confirmation to be received in writing.

Weight Limits and Restrictions – Parish Council to contact Highways at Leicestershire County Council regarding HGV traffic on Aston Lane.

Road Works – Unfortunately we have had complaints regarding the road works. The Parish Council will write to Highways at Leicestershire County Council for the reasons why the road works are being carried out through the night and not during the day.

### **21/114 St Helen’s Church**

Church Path – Work to replace the church path will begin in the next few weeks.

Churchyard Maintenance – Work is required in the church yard to remove brambles, overgrowth and crown lift a number of trees.

***Resolved to instruct Climbatize to carry out the work.***

Churchyard Inspection - Inspection work will follow after maintenance work has been carried out.

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### 21/115 Youth Club

Youth Club Lease – Trustee names and contact information to be updated for Parish Council records.

Fence - The new fence and gate has now been installed at the Youth Club which provides a secure area for the children who will be attending the Sharnford Kids Club, one hour before and one hour after school. Look out for information on our website and Facebook page.

### 21/116 2023 Boundary Review

Please click on the link below for more information: [Parliamentary Boundary Review 2023 – Blaby District Council](#)

### 21/117 HNRFI

No new developments to report. Tritax are procrastinating and the public consultation of 8 weeks duration is unlikely to commence until late September with the subsequent application to the Planning Inspector by the end of March 2022. Tritax have to give 2 weeks' notice in the local press, when the consultation is due to start.

However, Tritax will be sending out literature to 40,000 properties within 3km of the proposed site. Unfortunately, this will not include Sharnford residents who live 4.35km (2.7 miles) from the site, even though we will bear the brunt of HGV traffic if/when the M69 is closed.

### 21/118 Planning Matters

20/1234/LBC - 45 Leicester Road - Conversion of existing cellar into a habitable room – Objected due to lightwell having a negative effect on parking – Awaiting Decision

20/1461/FUL - Land West Off Bumble Bee Lane - Change of use of agricultural land to residential (use class C3) to accommodate the construction of a detached dwelling with associated works including a new access and track, landscaping, pond and orchard creation, and installation of Photovoltaic panels – Call in by District Councillor.

21/0449/HH - West View, Bumble Bee Gardens - Two storey front and side extension, single storey, two storey and first floor rear extensions, pitched roof to existing flat roof to front and alterations to garage roof (with associated alterations) – Awaiting Decision

21/0971/TEL - Aston Lane - Installation of one 20m telecommunication monopole, wraparound Cabinet at base and associated ancillary works.

#### ***Resolved to make the following objection to Blaby Planning Department on the above planning application***

The proposed location is directly opposite the entrance to the HGV haulage yard. This leaves the 20m high monopole vulnerable to damage when vehicles enter/exit the yard.

The proposed location is 18m from the River Soar which has flooded in the past. Post Code LE10 3PA, Aston Lane is defined on the Gov,UK flood risk summary as High Risk for Surface Water. The changes in the climate puts this area at even greater risk.

The schematic elevation drawing provided by CK Hutchinson is misleading. Residential properties will not be shrouded by trees. The following roads will have clear views of the monopole:

Aston Lane (3 homes), Holyoak Drive (9), Park View (60), Henson Way (39), and Buckingham Way (13) where some properties will only be 35m from the structure.

The cabinets, associated with the structure, will house electrical components which have to be cooled with electric fans. These fans emit a low droning sound which will be disturbing for residents, in this very quiet area, at night.

Other monopole structures in Blaby District have been subject to additional applications which has meant increases in height with various masts and satellite dishes added, making an even greater eyesore.

John Brindley Haulage have offered an alternative site within their yard which would be surrounded by high trees.

This would satisfy the objections raised by Sharnford Parish Council on the condition that the height would never be increased.

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**21/119 Finance**

***Resolved to approve the following payments:***

Name	Description	Gross	VAT	Payment
N.A.H Services	Repairs to cemetery fence	£725.00	£0.00	BACS
Climbatize Ltd	Ground Maintenance (968)	£405.72	£67.62	BACS

**Receipts**

Name	Description	Amount	Payment

**21/120 Items for Next Agenda**

None

**21/121 The next Parish Council Meeting is on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2021 at 7:30pm**

Meeting closed 9.35pm

Approved By:.....

Date:

Mike Shirley - Chairman

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