



NEWTOWN LINFORD PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council meeting was held on Wednesday 13th July 2022 at 7.15 pm in the Village Hall.

The meeting opened at the slightly later time of 7.20pm whilst attendees took their seats.

0570/22 Members present:

Councillors Sue Pritchard (Chairman), Tim Porte (Vice-Chairman), Sue Greasley, Rob Haylock and Tara Pickles.

Also in attendance: Clerk - Hannah Shaw, Borough Councillor - David Snartt, County Councillor - Deborah Taylor, Tree Warden - Brian Anderson, PCSO Mitch Jarvis and colleague and approximately 20 residents. The meeting was also live streamed by a member of the public to two additional attendees.

0571/22. Apologies for absence:

Councillor Vicki Lightfoot and Bradgate Park Director, James Dymond.

0572/22. Confirm and sign minutes of the 25th May 2022 meeting:

These were approved and duly signed by the Chair.

0573/22. Declaration of Parish Councillor's personal and/or prejudicial interests on agenda items:

The Chairman represents the Gardening Club on the Village Hall Committee.

The Chairman is a member of the Management Committee at Lingdale Golf Club.

Councillor Tara Pickles represents the Council on the Magazine Committee.

In addition, Councillor Tara Pickles declared a personal interest in item 13 - o of the agenda with regards to an outline planning application for the demolition of 287 Markfield Lane, and the development of up to 150 dwellings, together with open space, landscaping, and drainage infrastructure (All Matters Reserved except Access) and has therefore recused herself from discussions.

0574/22 Vacancy in Office of Councillor

Councillors considered two applications for one vacancy by Co-option. Neither applicant was in attendance at the meeting, so a decision was made based on application forms only.

Resolve: The Chairman thanked both applicants for their interest in the Councillor vacancy. Councillors resolved to appoint Mr Harvey Singh. Clerk to inform Mr Singh and make the necessary arrangements.

0575/22 Public Participation

Approximately 20 members of the public were in attendance, many of whom with regards to Item 13 - o on the agenda for an Outline planning application for the demolition of 287 Markfield Lane, and the development of up to 150 dwellings, together with open space, landscaping, and drainage infrastructure (All Matters Reserved except Access) P/22/1031/2.

The Chairman opened the discussion by inviting Councillor Snartt to give an update. In addition to the information provided in Councillor Snartt's report at Appendix Two, Linda Walker had been assigned as Case Officer for the application which was yet to be registered. Councillor Snartt has called the application in for consideration by the Charnwood Borough Council Plans Committee if not

recommended for refusal. This would also give the Chairman of the Parish Council an opportunity to request to speak once the application has been registered.

Cllr. Snartt said previous historic applications on adjacent land had been refused.

The Chairman made reference to representations submitted by Pegasus on behalf of Davidsons Developments, relating to various areas of land including land south of Markfield Lane, Newtown Linford, for discussion at the Draft Charnwood Local Plan Examination Hearings on Tuesday 28th June. The plans submitted indicate access would be made available by the demolition of 287 Markfield Lane to create an access route. Alternate representations within the same boundary, show access could also be through demolition of either 211 Markfield Lane and 273 Leicester Road, Field Head.

Once the application has been registered, NLPC can request an extension to the consultation period should a meeting not be scheduled within the statutory timeframe, however, if this is not possible, the Chairman will call an Extraordinary Meeting to which members of the public would be most welcome to attend.

Residents are encouraged to submit comments once the application is registered and the consultation period is live.

Resident A requested to speak via a live stream. A committee of four residents local to the proposed development had formed and were leading on the resident opposition group response. It was reported Groby Parish Council had agreed to fund a Planning Barrister on behalf of the PC and residents. The committee had been in contact with Davidsons Developments, who to date, have allegedly received no feedback following the public pre-planning from the agents, Pegasus. Resident A claims the residents group have been granted access to the land by Davidsons and with the permission of the land owners, to carry out an environmental survey, which will take in excess of 21 days. The committee are also hoping to have air pollution monitoring carried out.

Resident B asked how members of the public will know when the application is registered. The Chairman said NLPC will post the details on the Facebook group. Search for Newtown Linford Parish Council and NHW.

Resident C asked that should access be via 273 Leicester Road, Field Head, would the application be considered by both CBC and HBBC.

The Chairman referred back to a recent cross boundary application at Ashby Road, Markfield and explained CBC were the responsible authority for planning permission but HBBC were the responsible authority for granting access to the site. In this case, CBC approved planning permission but HBBC refused access. Therefore, although this application is now possibly subject to an appeal, planning was not granted. The Chairman felt that as Markfield had been identified as the Service Centre, similarly to the application for land south of Markfield Lane, it should not be treated any differently, the same as other historic applications that have also been refused. However, CBC may have changed their view, particularly as they currently are unable to demonstrate a 5 year housing supply.

Resident D commented that pressure seemed to be coming from Central Government. The Chairman and Cllr. Taylor explained District Councils have a duty to cooperate now that Leicester City Council are unable to provide their housing supply, hence the delay in Charnwood's Draft Local Plan. The requirement for additional dwellings will need to be shared across districts and CBC are now required to provide an additional 1100 homes.

Cllr. Snartt confirmed the Charnwood Draft Local Plan had been adjourned and negotiations continue with the Planning Inspectors.

Resident E asked what effect the deferred local plan would have on the site south of Markfield Lane. Cllr. Snartt explained new sites cannot be added to the Draft Local Plan without further consultation. If the site was added to the Local Plan, planning permission would be more likely to be granted, however, as

CBC cannot currently demonstrate a 5 year housing supply, they are left open to more piecemeal development.

Three further residents added comments regarding responsibilities towards protecting the environment and wildlife and the quality of life it brings to residents.

The Chairman stated that NLPC are not representative of LCC or CBC and more emphasis needs to be on redeveloping brownfield sites. Cllr. Snartt agreed and said he felt that there was too much development outlined for greenfield sites in the Charnwood Draft Local Plan.

0576/22. Police Matters and NHW reports:

PCSO Mitch Jarvis was in attendance and reported the following crime statistics for June:

1 x Theft of a moped

A resident asked if a further speed check had been conducted on Bradgate Road during rush hour times and suggested during school term time between the hours of 5/5.30-6/6.30pm would be best.

The resident also queried if a response had been received regarding Road Safety Partnership signage which had been attached to posts on Bradgate Road, where vehicles have already slowed down. The resident felt the text is too small for a motorist to see and the message isn't appropriate for those speeding. The resident asked if consideration had been given to the conservation area and how long the signs have to be in situ for.

PCSO Jarvis said speed checks had been carried out during recent months across the area and was on their current waiting list of tasks to do but they had been experiencing a very busy period. PCSO Jarvis was not aware of a response having been received regarding the signage.

Resolve: Noted with thanks.

0577/22. Bradgate Park

Bradgate Park Director, James Dymond, had sent apologies to the meeting along with the following update:

- BPT are still in pre-application with Charnwood BC for the track resurfacing works, with full comments not yet received.
- An Outdoor Theatre Event takes place on Fri 15th July and then again on the 18th and 19th August.
- The Visitor Centre is now open daily for the holidays.
- Bradgate Park had been entered for a Green Flag Award this year and are expecting the result on 26th July.

Resolve: Noted with thanks.

A resident asked if Bradgate Park Trust are to hold other big events in the future, as suggested by the Director in a recent edition of the Village Magazine, does it have any plans to ticket events or manage visitors unable to park, when the gates to Newtown Linford car park are closed late morning due to being at full capacity? The resident explained that at a recent Jubilee event, vehicles were parked on the pavement opposite the entrance at 11.30am, where there are no waiting/loading restrictions, the gates were closed and no one from the park was in attendance.

Resolve: The Chairman agreed to feedback comments to Bradgate Park Trust and that due provision should be made for additional parking.

0578/22. Newtown Linford Biodiversity

- A NatureSpot Survey had been carried out at Groby Lane Urban Wildflower Verge on 27/05/22.
- Councillors considered a response received from BHIB Councils Insurance regarding volunteer works carried out on wildflower verges.
- The Clerk reported the SHIRE Environment Grant installations were now complete. Councillors considered a donation amount to LROS and LBG for their help.

Resolve: Councillors noted the requirement to use Parish Council owned equipment for the strimming of wildflower verges and that volunteers should be aged between 16 and 75 years. Councillors agreed to donate £50 each to the Leicestershire and Rutland Ornithological Society and the Leicester Bat Group. Clerk to action.

0579/22. Report by County Councillor Deborah Taylor.

See Appendix One

Resolve: Noted with thanks.

0580/22. Report by the Borough Councillor, David Snartt.

See Appendix Two

Resolve: Noted with thanks.

0581/22. Village Governance and Residents.

Nothing to report.

0582/22. Planning: Buildings and Tree Issues:

• Decisions

a) P/22/0422/2 - 6 Grey Crescent - Proposed loft conversion with dormer windows. Construction of porch to side of dwelling with associated window alterations - Grant Conditionally 24/06/22.

b) P/22/0219/2 - 100 Main Street - Proposed construction of summer house and swimming pool to rear of existing dwelling - Grant Conditionally 24/06/22.

c) P/22/0574/2 - Newtown Linford Cricket Club - Variation of condition 2 of planning permission P/21/1416/2 under Section 73 of the Town and Country Act 1990 to allow the net frames to be constructed in a galvanised steel colour instead of dark green - Grant Unconditionally 24/06/22.

d) P/21/2263/2 - 124 Main Street, Newtown Linford - Replacement windows to a listed building - Grant Conditionally 06/06/22

Resolve: Noted.

• Comments submitted through Planning Explorer

e) P/22/0586/2 - Longdale Land off Warren Hill, Newtown Linford - Proposed Extension to Existing Agricultural Building (part retrospective) - Mixed Comments 24/05/22

“Although Councillors have no objection to this application, this agricultural building shares a gravelled access with the adjacent property, where Councillors believe previous application conditions have stated there is to be no further development of outbuildings or sheds within the curtilage.”

f) P/22/0574/2 - Newtown Linford Cricket Club, Main Street, Newtown Linford - Variation of condition 2 of planning permission P/21/1416/2 under Section 73 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to allow the net frames to be constructed in a galvanised steel colour instead of a dark green. (Replacement of existing cricket practice net with double bay practice nets (24m x 7.32m) – No Objection 26/05/22

“Councillors have no objection to this application for a variation of condition 2 of application P/21/1416/2, to allow the net frames to be constructed in a galvanised steel colour, instead of a dark green. However, with regards to the white screens that have been installed in addition to the original application, Cricket Club representatives have agreed these will be removed during winter months, following Councillor concerns regarding the visual impact they have on the conservation area.”

g) P/22/0731/2 - 488 Bradgate Road, Newtown Linford - Alterations and extension to garage at rear of house – No Objection 26/05/22

h) P/22/0729/2 - 34 Main Street, Newtown Linford - Construction of single storey annexe building to rear of existing dwelling with glazed link and walkway between dwelling and annexe – No Objection 10/06/22

i) P/22/0499/2 - Blakeshay, Ulverscroft Lane, Newtown Linford - Single storey extension with first floor balcony with external alterations and associated works – No Objection 10/06/22

j) P/22/0756/2 - Rough Hill, Benscliffe Road, Newtown Linford - Demolition of existing conservatory to front of dwelling. Proposed two storey front extension, second storey front extension and roof alterations with side dormer, single storey front and side extension, two storey side and rear extension, two storey rear extension and single storey rear extension with balcony over. Raised roof and roof alterations, three chimneys and four dormers. Re-cladding, re-roofing and replacement windows and doors. Raised decking area with hard and soft landscaping. Detached triple garage with store over – No objection 05/07/22

Resolve: Ratified.

- **Discuss**

k) P/22/0776/2 - Thatched Cottage, 45 Main Street, Newtown Linford - Replacement windows.

Resolve: No objection. Clerk to submit comments via Planning Explorer.

l) P/22/0965/2 - 528A Bradgate Road, Newtown Linford - Proposed erection of two storey rear infill extension.

Resolve: No objection. Clerk to submit comments via Planning Explorer.

m) P/22/0914/2 - 502 Bradgate Road, Newtown Linford - Proposed erection of single storey front extension and loft extension.

Resolve: Councillors had no objection to this application providing Planning Officers have no concerns regarding the proposed materials and any potential impact on the street scene. Clerk to submit comments via Planning Explorer.

n) P/22/0878/2 - 209 Markfield Lane, Newtown Linford - Erection of single storey extension to front of house

Resolve: No objection. Clerk to submit comments via Planning Explorer.

- **Trees**

Tree Warden, Brian Anderson, reported there were no current tree applications, however, overgrown vegetation had been noted at the following locations: Ulverscroft Lane, verges not cut back in the region of the memorial; Corner of Markfield Lane; Top entrance to Markfield lane Service Road; Roecliffe Road crossroads; Priory Lane crossroads and a post had been knocked down on Groby Lane and 3 x bollards knocked down on Main Street outside the school.

Resolve: Noted with thanks. Clerk to action. Bollards had already been reported to LCC Highways.

- **Other**

Councillor Pickles recused herself from the following discussions and removed herself from the meeting to join members of the public in the public gallery.

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i) Outline planning application for the demolition of 287 Markfield Lane, and the development of up to 150 dwellings, together with open space, landscaping, and drainage infrastructure (All Matters Reserved except Access) - NB Application not yet validated or registered.

Resolve: Noted. Councillors will consider this planning application once registered. It was noted Linda Walker had been assigned as Case Officer.

ii) An email had been received from Groby Parish Council on 27/05/22 regarding Pre-Planning Consultation P19-3107 Field Head, Markfield. Groby Parish Council had asked if NLPC would give consideration to sharing the cost of a Planning Lawyer, should it be felt expert advice was necessary at the planning application stage.

Resolve: Councillors agreed in principle to consider sharing the cost of a Planning Lawyer should it be felt necessary but the amount involved would need agreeing by Council at a later date.

iii) Requests had been received by email from three residents of Markfield Lane, for NLPC to fund an environmental survey. The developers had already engaged an ecological survey and Newtown Linford Biodiversity had been in contact with the residents group on Markfield Lane.

Resolve: Councillors agreed to obtain costings for an environmental survey providing permission was received from the land owners for access to the site. Clerk to action.

0583/22. Bob Bown Memorial Field:

Cllr. Pickles rejoined the meeting.

The Clerk had received a response from BHIB Councils Insurance with regards to unauthorised rope swings at the park as follows:

“Please note that the Newton Linford Parish Council cannot be held responsible for rope swings that are being put up without your knowledge. We would suggest you erect some signage warning people that they may take action against people installing unauthorised rope swings and dissuading others from using them, as well as occasionally removing them when they are discovered.”

Resolve: Noted. Councillors agreed signage would be appropriate with regards to liability. Clerk to obtain costings.

A Councillor advised the areas surrounding the football goals were in need of reseeding.

Resolve: The Chairman has grass seed available and the areas would be reseeded in the Autumn.

The Clerk reported an application had been submitted to the Future Charnwood Investment Plan for £27,000 to fund wet pour repairs and a new piece of play equipment. The application was unsuccessful 07/07/22.

Resolve: Noted. The Chairman confirmed that new play equipment would be purchased in commemoration of the Platinum Jubilee and the Clerk was making arrangements.

0584/22. Village Magazine:

Nothing to report.

0585/22. Parish Council Website/Facebook Page:

The Parish Council Facebook group had increased to 406 members.

Resolve: Noted.

0586/22. Village Hall

Councillors considered the Village Hall rent review at £3000 per annum, effective from September 2021. The Chairman explained this would be an increase from £1750 pa and the current lease ends in 2029. The Public Works Loan repayments of funds used to refurbish the Village Hall, also end in 2029. The Village Hall is on a fully maintained lease and requires high reserves which are held by the Village Hall Committee.

The Clerk has now taken on responsibility of Village Hall bookings.

Resolve: Councillors voted unanimously in favour of agreeing at £3000 per annum effective from September 2021. Clerk to action and make arrears payment once confirmed.

0587/22. Highways, Footpaths, Street Furniture, Traffic and Transport:

- Councillors considered a request for a replacement litter bin in the vicinity of the Village businesses. A Parish Council owned binned had been disposed of in 2021. Following a review of the area, a resident had requested it is replaced and has offered a donation towards the cost.

Resolve: Councillors agreed to replace the litter bin. Clerk to obtain costings and action.

- An opportunity to input into development of the Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP) for north of Leicester had opened and the Clerk had responded on behalf of Newtown Linford Parish Council for a cycle lane between Anstey and Newtown Linford and for improvements to footpath provision on Groby Lane.

Resolve: Noted.

0588/22. Churchyard and Cemetery:

Councillors to consider an estimate received from Michael Liggins of Firetree, for the removal of the Yew bush at the Churchyard, subject to the necessary permissions being granted. Total cost £266.00

Resolve: Councillors agreed to accept the quotation subject to the necessary permissions being received. Clerk to action.

Councillors considered ratifying the decision made under Scheme of Delegation, to instruct Michael Liggins of Firetree to level and returf 5 x burial plots at the Cemetery. Total cost £292.50

Resolve: Ratified

0589/22. Correspondence:

Future Charnwood Investment Plan: call for project proposals received by email 25/05/22 and cascaded to Councillors.

Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP) development programme update received by email 27/05/22 and cascaded to Councillors for information.

East Midlands Airport – Airspace Modernisation Programme, Stage 2 received by email 30/05/22 and cascaded to Councillors.

CBC Parish Survey - Community Infrastructure received by email 29/06/22.

Polling Districts, Polling Places and Polling Stations Review 2022 received by email 29/06/22 and circulated to Councillors.

Resolve: Noted and actioned where appropriate.

0590/22. Reports on Meetings and Training by Councillors and Clerk:

The Chairman and Cllr. Lightfoot attended an online discussion regarding East Midlands Airport's Airspace Modernisation Programme, Stage 2 on 27/06/22.

Councillor Haylock attended the LRALC/LCC Joint Parish Liaison Conference on 04/07/22 (see report at Appendix Three).

Resolve: Noted.

0591/22. Items of interest of for future meetings

Nothing to report.

0592/22. Finance:

Authorisation for payment of invoices: -

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| 20.05.22 | NatureSpot | Maintenance for parish pages – pro-rata 6 mths | £25.00 |
| 26.05.22 | S. Pritchard | Expenses – Village trough plants | £40.00 |
| 26.05.22 | LRALC Ltd | S106 Training for Clerk and Vice-Chairman | £80.00 |
| 27.05.22 | HS | May Broadband and Out of Plan Calls | £55.78 |
| 27.05.22 | HS | May Salary | £1080.93 |
| 07.06.22 | NEST | Pension Contributions | £48.67 |
| 16.06.22 | Firetree | Grounds Maintenance Inv. 4 of 12 | £1062.50 |
| 16.06.22 | APB | Village Hall Rent | £437.50 |
| 27.06.22 | HMRC | Tax and NI Contributions | £554.61 |
| 28.06.22 | HS | June Broadband and Out of Plan Calls | £73.87 |
| 28.06.22 | HS | June Salary | £1119.00 |
| 28.06.22 | P Williams | Expenses re SHIRE Grant Owl and bat box installations | £18.37 |
| 06.07.22 | NEST | Pension Contributions | £52.92 |
| 12.07.22 | PWLB | Public Works Loan Repayment | £2468.06 |
| PENDING | | | |
| 22.07.22 | ICO | Data Protection Fee (Direct Debit Instruction set up) | £35.00 |

Total Expenditure **£ 7,152.21**

Bank Balances:

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| Business Current Account @ 06/07/22 | £ 3,442.45 |
| Business Reserve Account @ 06/07/22 | £72,000.00 |

Total **£75,442.45**

Resolve: Councillors authorised payments, payments were ratified where necessary and the bank statements were reconciled and signed by the Chairman.

0593/22. Dates of the next three Parish Council Meetings.

- Wednesday 24th August 2022 7.15pm
- Wednesday 28th September 2022 7.15pm
- Wednesday 26th October 2022 7.15pm

The meeting closed at 8.35pm

Signed by Chair:-.....Dated:-.....

Appendix One – Report by County Councillor Deborah Taylor

County Report – July 2022

Finances - You may have seen that Leicestershire County Council’s cabinet has asked senior finance officers to look at reducing capital expenditure and identify further potential savings in addition to those set out in February in its four-year Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS).

National and global events since then have triggered a decline in the overall financial situation affecting all councils including Leicestershire.

With inflation already at nine 9% and expected to pass 11% by October – the costs of providing day-to-day council services, as well a crucial long-term major infrastructure projects to accommodate a growing county population, have surged.

For example, each 50p increase in the National Living Wage means an extra £10 million for the council to find.

The cost of providing statutory social care for vulnerable and older adults and children will be the main service costs driven up sharply by inflation.

Leicestershire, which is the worst funded county council, is continuing to lobby MPs and press the Government for a fairer way of funding local authorities but has warned it cannot afford to wait for reforms.

Previously the council calculated there would be a be an £8 million gap between what it needs to spend and its income next year but now says inflation, and other pressures, have widened that to around £20 million.

By 2025/26 the budget gap is predicted to increase from £40 million to £70 million unless further action is taken.

Further information is available here: <https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/news/extremely-tough-financial-decisions-ahead-for-county-council-as-spiralling-inflation-bites>

Highway Fund - I am continuing to work on my Highway Fund and work is starting to be carried out. I have always chased about the wooden post that was stated to be missing on the verge where the ice cream van likes to park. There is no record on Highway’s system of a post being there, so they will not put in a replacement.

I have therefore now submitted a request for a wooden post to be erected there from my Highway Fund.

Annual Report – I am required to produce an annual report each year for the County Council. The link to my report is here:

<https://www.bradgateconservatives.org.uk/news/deborahs-annual-county-councillor-report>

Weeds – I have received a lot of complaints about the weeds around the village. Newtown Linford was weed sprayed on 7th July 2022. The website has been updated but there is not date on when the second spraying will be done. I am hopeful that the weeds are now starting to die back. You can check progress here:

<https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/sites/default/files/field/pdf/2022/6/29/weed-spraying-schedule-2022.pdf>

Census - New census data shows Leicestershire growing, with new population figures available by sex and age group. The overall population of Leicestershire has risen from 650,489 in the 2011 national census to 712,300 in the 2021 census (rounded to the nearest 100).

This is broken down by sex, with 351,700 men (49.4 per cent of the population) and 360,600 women (50.6 per cent of the population) living in the county.

The number of households in the county has risen by 11% from 267,434 in the 2011 census to 296,400 in the 2021 census (rounded to the nearest 100).

Further details can be found here: <https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/news/census-reveals-growing-county>

HAF - Parents and families are being encouraged to sign up for free holiday activity clubs running across Leicestershire over the summer holiday period.

Leicestershire Holidays Together is a Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme funded by the Department for Education, for children aged five to 16 who are receiving benefits-related free school meals.

Leicestershire County Council is working with Active Together to deliver the summer programme, which will be held at venues across the county by schools, voluntary and community organisations, childcare providers and sports clubs.

Children and young people can access up to 16 holiday club sessions over the summer – totally free of charge.

The sessions will offer a variety of fun activities, including sports, music, arts and other exciting opportunities to learn and develop new skills, alongside a nutritious meal each day.

Some holiday clubs will also offer fee paying places for children and young people not eligible for free school meals; and families who are eligible for Universal Credit may be able to claim back up to 85% of their childcare costs.

Please promote the offer across your networks. Further information is here: <https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/news/sign-up-now-for-free-kids%E2%80%99-holiday-clubs-and-meals-this-summer>

Cllr Deborah Taylor

Appendix Two – Report by Borough Councillor David Snartt

Report from David Snartt.

Platinum Jubilee

I was delighted to be involved locally with events to celebrate Her Majesty the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee, it was so good to see people coming together to enjoy the festivities, especially after the difficult times with the pandemic.

I was pleased to be invited to Newtown Linford Primary School to be involved with their activities, which included a design a crown competition. Nearly all of the of the children participated and I must say, the

standard of work from all the children taking part was of a very high standard, making it very hard to choose a winner from each class. The event at 'The Linford' was a great success with many people from the village attending. After attending other events around the village, I went to the church at Copt Oak where the service included hymns that had been sung at various times the Queen had attended services throughout her reign, starting with the Coronation in 1953, which I remember watching on television!

Planning Application, Markfield Lane.

A planning application P/22/1031/2 has now been received by Charnwood Borough Council. This is for outline planning for the demolition of 287 Markfield Lane, Newtown Linford, and the development of up to 150 dwellings, together with open space, landscaping and drainage infrastructure, with all matters reserved for future approval, except for details of access into the site from Markfield Lane.

This application is now in the validation stage of the planning process. A case officer has now been appointed, so the application will come out to public consultation when it has been registered, I do hope residents will have their say and respond to the consultation. Already there has been considerable public interest in this planning application. Therefore, I have 'called in' this application to be determined by a Plans Committee at Charnwood Borough Council. I have already alluded to my concerns when responding to the pre-application consultation by Pegasus Group, the agents for the applicant Davidsons Developments Limited.

I will keep you informed as the application progresses through the planning process.

Charnwood Draft Local Plan.

I have made further written representations to the Inspectors about my concerns with the Charnwood Draft Local Plan, which is now in the examination stage of the process. I centred my concerns that the Draft Local Plan, in my view, doesn't follow the Strategic Growth Plan, Leicester and Leicestershire, Shifting the Focus of Development. This states: 'To date the majority of new housing has been built on small and medium sized sites in market towns, villages and rural areas, some of this development has been unplanned. Often these developments make little or no contribution to infrastructure or services, instead rely on existing facilities. This has created significant problems. Some communities feel overwhelmed by the speed and scale of change'. I believe this was the case when the Inspector permitted the 36 dwellings adjacent to Maplewell Road, Woodhouse Eaves and recently the 93 dwelling granted planning permission by Charnwood Borough Council in Newtown Linford Parish, near to the village of Markfield. I have also registered my concerns about the proposed developments within the Draft Local Plan for Anstey. In my view, these will cause significant infrastructure and service issues not only for Anstey, but for the villages close by.

In my view, this has been the case in and around my Forest Bradgate Ward, impacting on the local infrastructure and services. In the Draft Local Plan there is a proposal to include a site which encroaches into the Woodhouse Parish, this development will be on a large amount of Grade 2 agricultural land.

In my opinion, the Draft Local Plan uses a disproportionate amount of greenfield sites. This will have serious consequences for the natural environment, especially the area around Charnwood Forest. I believe with the changing structures within business and industry the Draft Local Plan should be looking

more to brownfield sites, which have a low percentage of dwellings to be built, in comparison to greenfield areas within the Plan.

The latest written submissions will be considered by the Inspectors along with the information from the Hearings taking place during June and July at the Town Hall, Loughborough.

The Hearings have now been adjourned, the Hearings sessions that were programmed from the 12th July 2022 onwards are postponed. During the Hearing session on the 28th June Charnwood Borough Council confirmed that it would, in principle, be willing to accommodate Charnwood's apportionment of Leicester's unmet housing need. As this represents a significant change in circumstances compared with the submitted Plan which proposed that unmet need would be dealt with through a Plan review, further consideration is being given to how the evidence for the apportionment can be tested and the progression of the Plan Examination overall.

In my view, this is disappointing news, any delay in the New Local Plan being agreed leaves the Council open to more piecemeal development because the Council cannot demonstrate a five year housing land supply.

Electoral Register.

New e-mail checks for the electoral register. Residents in Charnwood are being asked to look out for an e-mail as part of an annual check of voter details. Every year, Charnwood Borough Council sends a letter to all households to check voters' details are correct on the register. For the first time, the Council is going to send some voters an e-mail to carry out the check to save time, money and help the environment. The Council normally sends out 77,000 letters to households in the Borough. It is aiming to send out around 25,000 e-mails and reduce the number of letters by almost a third.

The Council is also asking residents to update their contact details with the Electoral Services team so they may be able to receive an e-mail instead of a letter next year. Residents who are already registered to vote and would like to update their contact details can e-mail electoral.services@charnwood.gov.uk. The Council is legally required to check that the electoral register is up to date each year to make sure that everyone who is eligible to vote is registered and can have their say in future elections and referendums. The Council is using databases to identify households where voter details are unlikely to have changed and then send them an e-mail. The e-mails will be sent from Thursday 23rd June and residents are asked to respond by Tuesday 12th July. Where data suggests there have been some changes to the voters at the property, a paper form will be delivered by Friday 19th August. A list of frequently asked questions can be found on the Council's website at www.charnwood.gov.uk/annualcanvas. More information can be found on the Council's website or residents can contact the helpline on 01509 634546.

Anti-Social Behaviour.

I thought I would bring to your attention the latest information provided by Charnwood Borough Council on ways to report anti-social behaviour (ASB). The Council have been working on improving the customer experience when reporting incidents of ASB. The guide is split into different sections which include the following areas, noise, drugs and dealing, dogs, harassment and intimidation and hate incidents. Each section has detailed information and on-line reporting forms to make it easy for residents to find out what is and isn't ASB, and where and how to report it.

For full details, visit www.charnwood.gov.uk/asb_guide.

Appendix Three – Report by Councillor Rob Haylock re LRALC/LCC Joint Parish Liaison Conference held on 04/07/22

The event was hosted by various dignitaries from LCC and LRAC as well as NALC.

The evening began with a market place where various groups and agencies were represented:

LCC Forestry and Arboriculture Group, Voluntary Action Leicestershire, LCC Environment and Transport, Rural Community Council, Waste Initiatives. Fareshare Midlands, Public Health Local Area Coordination, Work and Skills Leicestershire, Communities Team, Trading Standards

Draw by the word “grant” I found myself in front of the SHIRE environment GRANT table.

Grants of £300 and up to £3000 are available to local communities to:

1. Reduce the amount of household waste
2. Reduce greenhouse gas emissions
3. To improve biodiversity
4. To raise understanding and awareness of the above outcomes

There are general criteria to meet.

There then followed addresses by the dignitaries. Following this were briefing sessions on Levelling Up

Net Zero Carbon by 2035 for Leicestershire.

Neighbourhood Planning and I opted for this one.

There was an explanation of process including some discussion re the role of the Parish Council and an oral presentation by Ashby.

Key points:

1. It’s a long business 18-24 months
2. Engage the local community expertise – even appointing

A Chair from outside the PC

3. It isn’t about preventing development but.....
4. And the message from Ashby is that they are well worth doing.
5. And from Burbage “They do work!”
6. Both Ashby and Burbage had fought and won significant planning battles.

Overall this conference was a celebration of local councils and of their working together – some 100,000 councillors across 10,000 parish and local councils.

Rob Haylock 5/7/22