



HUNCOTE VILLAGE NEWS

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PROPOSED HOUSING DEVELOPMENT ON DENMAN LANE FOR 71 HOUSES

Huncote Parish Council has received notification of a planning application from Westleigh Developments Ltd for a residential development of seventy-one houses with associated infrastructure off Denman Lane, running from Forest Road, Denman Lane junction across the fields to the end of Bennett Rise. A development of this magnitude will increase the population of Huncote by approximately twelve per cent, and could have an impact on the whole community. This will be in addition to the approximate ten per-cent increase currently in progress with the completion of Duncan Avenue/Quarry View Close and work undertaken for the Forest Road/Sportsfield Lane developments.

In light of public opinion voiced at the last Parish Council meeting on Thursday 1st March 2012, and to better enable the Parish Council to respond to this planning application at Blaby District Council's Planning Department, an extraordinary public meeting is being called to gather the villages views and opinions on the proposed new development by Westleigh Developments Ltd for a residential development of seventy-one houses with associated infrastructure off Denman Lane, running from Forest Road, Denman Lane junction across the fields to the end of Bennett Rise..

The extraordinary meeting of the Parish Council will be held on **Monday 12th March 2012**, starting at **7:00 pm** in the **Huncote Methodist Church Hall** on Forest Road, Huncote.

Full detail of the application is provided under the following reference:

12/0138/1/OX - Proposed residential development for 71 dwellings, associated infrastructure, open space and landscaping (Outline) on Land off Denman Lane, Huncote, Leicestershire

All details can be viewed at Blaby District Council's Planning Department, at the Council Offices in Narborough, or alternatively online via the website - www.blaby.gov.uk, and going to the 'Planning area search service' page and typing in the above application number, as well as via the Huncote Parish Council website (<http://huncote.leicestershireparishcouncils.org>) under 'Planning Applications' and looking for the application number (listed above).

An extension to responses has now been agreed, and all comments need to have been received by **Monday 2nd April 2012**.

If residents wish their comments, observations, support or objections to be taken into account it is vital that these are submitted together with any further comments to: **Mr A.K. Senior, Development Control Manager, Blaby District Council, Council Offices, Desford Road, Narborough, Leicestershire LE19 2EP**, quoting the application number and reference. Anyone wishing to make their thoughts known on the proposed development can also do so via the online response form when viewing the application from Blaby District Council's Planning website.

Further detail of how best to respond to planning applications is available under Information> Planning on the parish council website. Additional information will be provided as part of the **public meeting** scheduled for **Monday 12th March**, 2012 beginning at **7:00pm** in the **Huncote Methodist Church Hall**, Forest Road, Huncote.

QUEEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE – 4TH JUNE 2012 COMMEMORATIVE MEMORABILIA FOR HUNCOTE YOUTH

As a memorable way to mark HRH Queen Elizabeth II's 60 years on the throne and monarch of Great Britain, there will be a great many activities to celebrate this auspicious occasion.

Huncote Parish Council would like to provide a free commemorative coin to all the children in the village under the age of eleven. We do however appreciate some villagers may wish to purchase a commemorative coin to match for older children, themselves, friends or relatives. Costs will be determined by the level of response.

If you would like to purchase a commemorative coin, or to find out further costing information, please fill in the form below and return to the address at the bottom of the page, or contact the Clerk.

COMMEMORATIVE DIAMOND JUBILEE COIN

Name: _____

Address: _____

Tel No.: _____

I would like to reserve _____ coins. (Please complete)

UPCOMING PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

The next meetings of Huncote Parish Council are due to be held on Monday 12th March, at 7.00 pm in the Methodist Church Hall, Forest Road, Huncote and Thursday 5th April, at St James Church Hall, Narborough Road Huncote. All residents are invited to attend Parish Council meetings.

PROBLEMS WITH DOG FOULING

This problem continues to get worse recently. Dog fouling that is reported and not cleared immediately by an owner will result in the owner being fined anywhere between £40 - £1000 by the Dog Warden's at Blaby District Council. Contact the Dog Warden to report any dog fouling 'hotspots' on 0116 272 7515.

HOW TO CONTACT YOUR COUNCILLORS

Should you have an issue to raise or a question about something going on in your community that you would like answers to, please contact your local Councillor for help, support and advice.

Cllr ALEC KNIGHT (Chairman) - (0116) 284 1285;

Cllr KEN DAVIES (Vice Chair) - (0116) 286 2196;

Cllr STEVE BOULTER - (0116) 286 2585;

Cllr CLAIR BROWN - (0116) 284 1851

Cllr JENNY GRUNDY - (0116) 286 6669;

Cllr BARBARA KILBY - (0116) 286 5214;

VACANCY 1 – Application received;

VACANCY 2 – Applicants welcome

Cllr MAGGIE WRIGHT (District Councillor) - (01455) 888 306 or cllr.m.wright@blaby.gov.uk

Cllr ERNIE WHITE (County Councillor) - (01455) 272 136 or Ewhite@leics.gov.uk

YOUR CLERK is **STUART BACON** (01455) 844 539 or 07875 291 366

Our e-mail is huncotepc@hotmail.com

Our website is <http://huncote.leicestershireparishcouncils.org>

Our postal address is Huncote Parish Council, c/o 3 Mountfield Road, Earl Shilton, Leicester LE9 7LW

POLICE MATTERS

Your local Beat Officers are P.C. Rob Weston (1275) and PCSO Alex Joule (6075), and they can be contacted on 0116 222 2222. The Sergeant in charge of Huncote (Fosse Villages) is Sgt Rachael Payne (4322) who can also be contacted on the same number.

Should you have any concerns about noise related issues please contact Blaby District Council.

**** RESIDENTS OF BLABY DISTRICT – WHAT ARE YOUR LOCAL SERVICE PROVIDERS DOING FOR YOU? ****

Do you wonder who is responsible for delivery of your local services? Do you wonder how local development will take place in your area over the next 20 years? Do you have concerns about what the transfer of schools to academies will mean for you and your family?

Over the next twelve months residents of Blaby district will have the chance to find out more about the delivery of services that affect them. There are nine Community Forums scheduled for local residents, just like you, looking for information, advice and answers from local councils, the police and the NHS. Community Forums are open meetings, and run from 7pm – 9pm.

The first round of Community Forums for the district this year are taking place in March of 2012, and topics for discussion include **how a fund of £40,000 could benefit Blaby Community Projects and Groups** (for more information please see <http://www.leicestershireforums.org/cfb.html>), and there will be opportunity to be involved in how the District of Blaby will grow and change up to 2026.

If there is an issue that is affecting your community, we want to hear from you...if you would like more information on the delivery of your local services, from bin collection, to planning developments, from winter gritting to access to a local GP, the Community Forum is the place to be, because the agenda is set by you, local residents. **If you feel strongly about your local area, we want to hear from you!**

Local Community Forum Chair, and local resident, Mike Lee says:

“It is no use moaning over the loss of services, we have all got to take responsibility for supporting our own communities, otherwise we will all lose much of which we hold dear as part of our communities’ quality of life. It is really important that people come to their local Community Forum and learn about what is happening, make their input into the process and understand what and how they can do to protect the future.”

You can participate in these interactive discussion sessions by attending your local Community Forum. Your views will be critical in developing future policies and proposals.

The next round of forums in this district is:

The Blaby South Community Forum is for people who live, work or play, in the Aston Flamville, Elmesthorpe, Stoney Stanton, Sapcote, Sharnford, Croft, Huncote, Thurlaston and surrounding areas. **The next Blaby South Community Forum is scheduled for Monday 5th March, at Stoney Stanton Social Club, Hinckley Road, Leicester LE9 4LJ.** Future Community Forums are scheduled for Wednesday 12th September and Wednesday 14th November.

For further information please call Victoria Bowers on 0116 305 8169, Victoria.bowers@leics.gov.uk or see: <http://www.leicestershireforums.org/bsouth/meetings.html>

CAN YOU HELP LOCAL OLDER PEOPLE GET OUT AND ABOUT?

Volunteer drivers are needed in Huncote to help local people get out and about. People who find it difficult or impossible to access public transport need your help.

On Social Car Schemes volunteers use their own cars to take people to local activities and places. The only cost to you is your time. You will receive reimbursement for every mile you travel using your own car.

You can give as much time, or as little, as you want. You can drive on a regular basis or be flexible and help when you can. Any time you can give would be extremely helpful.

For further information please contact Community Action Partnership’s Community Transport Team on 0116 272 7668.



Community Speed Watch



Speeding has been identified by the Parish Council as a major problem within our village, and as a result the Parish Council has decided to fully support the creation of a Community Speed Watch initiative in Huncote.

Led by Councillor Steve Boulter and Councillor Clair Brown, volunteers are now being sought to drive this project forward.

Between 9 and 16 volunteers are needed to set up this vital aid to make the roads in Huncote safer for all.

Many concerns have been raised by you the parishioners over the past months and we feel that this initiative is a positive step forward in addressing your issues regarding road safety.

We now ask for your help in making this Community Speed Watch project work, we cannot do this without volunteers.

All we ask is for you to commit to a 2 hour training session where you will be trained in how to use a radar gun and a few hours of your time over a 4 week period to go out and make our streets safer.

Please support this project. Your safety and that of others depends on your support.



Community speed watch

Name: _____

Tel No.: _____

I would like to volunteer to help. (Please tick)

For more information or to volunteer please contact Cllr Steve Boulter directly on (0116) 286 2585 or at 18 Ratcliffe Drive, Huncote, Leicestershire LE9 3BA