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Braunstone Town

"Citizens Advisory Panel"

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20th February 2019

Dear Citizens' Advisory Panel Member

A meeting of the **BRAUNSTONE TOWN CITIZENS' ADVISORY PANEL** will be held in the **Fosse Room at Braunstone Civic Centre** on **Thursday, 28th February 2019** commencing at **7.30pm**, the agenda for the meeting is set out below.

The Council extends an invitation to any interested local residents and users groups to attend the meeting to participate in the debate.

Yours sincerely,

Executive Officer & Town Clerk

AGENDA

1. **Apologies**
To receive apologies for absence.
2. **Disclosures of Interest**
To receive any disclosures of Interest in respect of items on this agenda.
3. **Minutes of the Meeting held 6th December 2018**
To confirm the accuracy of the Minutes of the meeting held 6th December 2018 to be signed by the Chairperson (**Enclosed**).
4. **Update on Library and Customer Service Shop**
To consider the latest position with the County Council's proposals for Braunstone Town Library and to consider the future provision of Customer Services through the Customer Service Shop (**Enclosed**).
5. **Shakespeare Park Improvement Project**

To receive an update on progress with improvement to the pavilion, sport, recreation and play facilities at Shakespeare Park (**Enclosed**).

6. **Remembrance Events**

Following the refurbishment of the Civic Memorial Garden, to suggest ideas for future Remembrance events for further consideration.

7. **Leicester Mercury Guide to Braunstone and Thorpe Astley**

To receive information the Leicester Mercury holds on Braunstone Town, in order to comment and identify any inaccuracies (**Enclosed**).

8. **Health and GP Services in Braunstone Town**

To receive an update on the provision of primary care services in Braunstone Town.

9. **Lubbesthorpe**

To receive an update on issues relating to the Lubbesthorpe development and its impact (**Enclosed**).

10. **Termination of the Meeting**

NOTE:

*CRIME & DISORDER ACT 1998 (SECTION 17) – The Council has an obligation to consider Crime and Disorder implications of all its activities and to do all that it can to prevent Crime and Disorder in its area.
EQUALITIES ACT 2010*

Braunstone Town Council has a duty in carrying out its functions to have due regard to:-

- *eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation;*
- *advance equality of opportunity between different groups; and;*
- *foster good relations between different groups*

To ensure that no person receives less favourable treatment on the basis of race, disability, sex, gender re-assignment, sexual orientation, age, religion or belief, marriage or civil partnership, pregnancy or maternity.



BRAUNSTONE TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF CITIZENS' ADVISORY PANEL
THURSDAY 6th DECEMBER 2018

PRESENT: Councillors P Moitt (Chair), N Brown (Vice-chair), A Ambrose and R Waterton; and local residents J Dodd, L Faulkner, J Jameson and J Johnson.

Officers in attendance: Mr D Tilley, Executive Officer & Town Clerk.

1. Apologies

There were no apologies for absence.

2. Disclosures of Interest

There were no disclosures of interest.

3. Minutes of the Meeting held 6th September 2018

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 6th September 2018 were received and noted.

4. Braunstone Town Library

The panel received an update concerning the transfer of the Braunstone Town Library Service from Leicestershire County Council to the management of the Town Council (item 4 on the agenda).

The Panel discussed and noted the following issues:

- a) the length of time the process was taking with the County Council was a concern; it was confirmed that the delays were entirely down to Leicestershire County Council; and
- b) there was concern that many of the staffing contracts were temporary and there was concern among Library staff that the transfer process was dragging on.

5. 100th Anniversary of the end of World War I

The panel reflected on the commemorations for the 100th anniversary of the end of the First World War in November 2018.

Councillor Moitt stated that the Town should rightly be proud of its efforts from the knitted poppies, to the functions and the refurbishment of the Memorial Garden. It had been the largest set of events held in the Town in recent years and compared very favourably with that of neighbouring areas. Councillor Moitt concluded that it was a good effort by all concerned.

The Panel discussed and noted the following issues:

- a) the dedication event on Wednesday was superb;
- b) Sunday's Remembrance Event was well-supported;

- c) the only little criticism was that the parade on Sunday started too early;
- d) particular credit should go to Lin Burrows and the committee;
- e) emphasis to date tended to be on the fallen rather than the impact, the conflict tended to be misunderstood and in future years with there would be opportunities for wider education on the facts about war;
- f) the play held at Thorpe Astley Community Centre on 3rd November, The Window, conveyed real life stories from the perspective of a relative; and
- g) the Second World War was likely to be marked in a different way, with more of an emphasis on the life stories, for example the role and impact upon women.

AGREED that the Panel's thanks be conveyed to all those involved.

6. Priorities, Projects and Financial Planning

The panel received the Council's medium term strategy along with the current priorities, objectives and capital plan. To determine whether they were relevant to address current and emerging issues faced by the Council and the community. To consider and comment upon progress during the current year and consider and identify any new issues and projects for 2019/2020 and beyond for recommendation to Policy & Resources Committee.

The Leader, Councillor Nick Brown, advised the Panel that the Town Council's finances continued to be affected by the consequences of Blaby District Council's decision to remove Council Tax Support and New Homes Bonus of around £50,000 per annum. There was likely to be a further year of impact on the finances.

A member of the Panel noted that significant sections of the pathway along the Kingsway were difficult to pass in a wheel chair due to the gradient of the slopes and requested that a new path around the centre are be considered. The Leader of the Council acknowledged the issue but advised that due to funding pressures on the County Council a new path was unlikely but it may be possible to address the worst gradients on the existing path. The Leader advised that the matter be raised with the County Councillor.

A member of the Panel also noted that the slope on the footpath adjacent to the Civic Centre main car park entrance was tricky for less abled people and recommended that a hand rail be installed.

AGREED that the potential to install a handrail on the footpath adjacent to the Civic Centre main car park entrance be considered for inclusion in the Capital Plan.

7. Annual Survey 2018 - Actions and Responses to Survey Comments 2018

The panel set out for consideration the actions and responses to the issues and comments raised by residents in the Braunstone Town Council Annual Survey 2018.

The Panel discussed and noted the following issues:

- a) the importance of high standards of Customer Service;
- b) support for the idea of the bar also being open as a café; and
- c) the need to sell Braunstone Town better to the outside world.

AGREED

1. that the importance of actively acknowledging customers be dealt with through normal staffing procedures;
2. that the Leicester Mercury be asked to share the information it holds on Braunstone Town, in order for any inaccuracies to be addressed.

8. Shakespeare Park Improvement Project

The panel received an update on progress with improvement to the pavilion, sport, recreation and play facilities at Shakespeare Park.

AGREED

1. that the Library be asked to stock the survey;
2. information about the project and surveys be left in rooms people use; and
3. the project incorporate measures to encourage safe cycling.

9. Health and GP Services in Braunstone Town

The panel received an update on the provision of primary care services in Braunstone Town.

The Executive Officer & Town Clerk updated the Panel on the implementation and expansion of the GP service at Thorpe Astley Community Centre, which was now operating five days a week and the Council was working with the surgery to enable services to be expanded in the new year.

10. Lubbesthorpe

The panel received an update on issues relating to the Lubbesthorpe development and its impact.

Councillor Robert Waterton reported on the following matters:

- a) the first Primary School was due to open in September;
- b) the Site Wide Phasing Strategy had been revised
- c) Affordable Housing Units on Phase 1A was set out in the paper enclosed with the agenda, Councillor Robert Waterton had asked for a spreadsheet setting out progress, which remained to be provided;
- d) improvements to the crossing points on Meridian Way – an outline plan had been submitted by the developer, who would carry out the works, to Leicestershire County Council;
- e) £250 charge to residents for the Land Trust to operate the public open space – it was confirmed that the costs of the Land Trust would be underwritten by the developers;

- f) Tay Road – the developer had recommended tree planting to prevent drivers using the footpath to avoid the speed bumps, however, this had been rejected by Leicestershire County Council; and
- g) Old Warren Farm was due to be demolished, subject to comments of English Heritage, and the materials would be reused at Abbey Farm.

Councillor Waterton advised that the next meeting of the Strategic Consultative Group was due to be held in February.

11. Termination of the Meeting

The meeting closed at 9.05pm.

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CITIZENS' ADVISORY PANEL – 28th FEBRUARY 2019

Item 4 – Update on Library and Customer Service Shop

Purpose

To consider the latest position with the County Council's proposals for Braunstone Town Library and to consider the future provision of Customer Services through the Customer Service Shop.

Background to Library Transfer

At the end of 2017, in the absence of a Community Library service provider for Braunstone Town Library, Leicestershire County Council approached Braunstone Town Council to determine whether the Town Council's proposals, submitted on 4th September 2015, were still on offer since the County Council considered them to be able to deliver the continuation of the library in Braunstone Town.

On 23rd August 2018, the principles of the management agreement were approved by the Town Council, which include the County Council continuing to honour their lease commitments.

In addition to the above, the standard service conditions for operating a Community Library will be applied by Leicestershire County Council.

Proposed Library Transfer Agreements

Over the summer detailed discussions have been taking place with Leicestershire County Council concerning the Library transfer agreement. The Town Council's priority being to ensure improvement to the Library Service, while ensuring that the Town's taxpayers avoid significant costs and liabilities and that the County Council honour their long term lease commitments.

The County Council provided draft agreements, in the autumn of 2018, these agreements were considered and reviewed by both the Council's Management and Leader and legal advice was sought from the Council's Solicitor.

As a result Policy & Resources Committee, on 1st November 2018, rejected the "Grant Agreement" in its current form and some important changes were proposed to document. The main areas relate to policies and the grant payments, which in the former as a local authority, the Town Council have a similar standard anyway and the later has to be taken in the context of the County Council's absolute obligation under the lease to meet premises costs.

The County Council subsequently rejected the proposed changes and stated the

Town Council would have to accept their proposals. The Executive Officer & Town Clerk referred to both the Town Council's established position that it would not take on the liability of running the Library without the County Council continuing to honour its long term lease agreement and that its offer, which had been accepted by County Council Cabinet was a service level agreement which did not offer premises management nor require the requisite funding.

Further discussions on whether a legal text could be agreed, which was acceptable to both parties, took place early in January, which the Executive Officer & Town Clerk subsequently confirmed in writing to the County Council. Currently, the County Council's response is awaited. However, the discussions should be concluded shortly with the aim of transferring the service to the Town Council in the coming financial year.

Update on Customer Services

A Service Level Agreement was approved in May 2016 between Blaby District Council and Braunstone Town Council to continue the services of the Braunstone Customer Service Shop and associated social inclusion initiatives until June 2019.

The Service Level Agreement with Blaby District Council includes provision of housing and benefits services as well as various social inclusion services around employment, health and wellbeing. Under the agreement, Blaby District Council make an annual payment to the Town Council.

Since then Blaby District Council has made separate decisions no longer to accept cash payments for its services at any of its customer service outlets, which means services such as payment of Council Tax by cash are no longer accepted at Braunstone Civic Centre. In August 2018, due to changes to housing benefit and with the roll out of Universal Credit, Blaby District Council made a decision to discontinue benefit surgeries at Braunstone Civic Centre.

Initial discussions have been held with Blaby District Council about the renewal of the Service Level Agreement. Indications are that either the District Council will seek not to renew the agreement at the end of the current agreement or will make arrangements for a one year extension with a reduced payment in order to manage closure or any reorganisation.

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Item 5 – Shakespeare Park Improvement Project

Purpose

To receive an update on progress with improvement to the pavilion, sport, recreation and play facilities at Shakespeare Park.

Grant Funding Update

Sport England – Community Asset Fund

Further details have been provided to Sport England, which included the future management arrangements for the facility and further information on the facility's use. This included a letter of support from Blaby District Council. Sport England have responded that the letter “will only strengthen the community use” case.

In addition, Sport England also require further information of the likely community users of the Club Room. To that extend an Expression of Interest process has been set up to enable groups and organisations to indicate that they may be interested in using/hiring the new facility.

All community organisations registered with the Town Council have been contacted and the invitation has been posted on the website and shared on social media. Policy & Resources Committee on 14th February extended the deadline in order to give further opportunities for expressions of interest to be received and the form is attached at Appendix 1.

Football Foundation Football facilities grant scheme

The Football Foundation has a facilities grant scheme, which includes grants towards buildings. Initial discussions have identified that the Council may be able to access funding up to £100,000 from the scheme. The first stage of the application process to the Football Foundation is to submit a pre-application and a progress update is being pursued and a further update will be reported at the Panel meeting.

The County FA are in the process of completing a local football facility plan for each local authority which will be the investment portfolio moving forward. The Executive Officer & Town Clerk met with the consultant who is developing the Blaby District plan on 6th February to discuss the Town Council's proposals for Shakespeare and our Capital Plan. The Blaby District plan should be drafted in April 2019.

In terms of receiving Football Foundation funding, the project would stand a stronger chance of being successful if it is included in this plan.

Section 106 Funding

Section 106 funding of £17,213.35 (the total amount available) was approved on 13th December 2018 and is ring fenced to site works, such as Parking Bays, Paving, Kerbs & Edgings, Fencing & Gates, Landscaping and Street Furniture, which must serve the users of Shakespeare Park and be accessible to the general public at all times with no restrictions on access.

Borrowing

The Town Council intends to at least match fund the project, most of which will be obtained through borrowing. Policy & Resources Committee received a full report on the borrowing options, process and repayments in June and August 2018.

With the Sport England Community Asset Grant Funding remains to be determined (see above), the recommendation has not yet been referred to Council for determination and for an application to be submitted. If the Council chose to submit a borrowing application with the balance to be found from other funding sources, confirmation that this funding had been secured would need to be provided to the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government.

Consultation

The Department also considers how the Council will finance the borrowing and where an increase in the precept is required, whether adequate public consultation to that effect has been undertaken.

To that extent two consultation exercises were undertaken in December and January and a total of 37 responses had been received from both rounds. Policy & Resources Committee on 14th February agreed to extend the consultation and a copy is attached at Appendix 2.

Future Relationship

Details were submitted at the last meeting of the Panel concerning the future relationship with the clubs, including arrangements for managing the facility and longer term tenure. These have been submitted to Sport England and have received a positive response.

However, a response is awaited from the Clubs as to whether they wish to proceed on this basis. Subject to their approval, more detailed work on the legal text would be undertaken.

Timescales for awarding the contract for the works

Once the outcome of funding applications is known, now suspected to be spring or early summer of 2019, at least two months' notice has to be given to the contractor of a start date, meaning that the earliest work is likely to commence is late summer. Contracts will be formally drawn up when the funding has been secured. The current timetable for the project is attached at Appendix 3.



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**Shakespeare Park Pavilion Clubroom
Healthy Living, Active Lifestyle & Wellbeing
Expression of Interest**

Braunstone Town Council has an ambitious capital programme for improvements to its parks and recreation spaces, including improvements to the Sports Pavilion, which includes a new Club Room / Community Space at Shakespeare Park.

We are inviting you to have your say on Sporting and Recreation provision and priorities for improvements generally and the specific proposals for Shakespeare Park. Please see our separate consultation, which closes on 31st January 2019.

Braunstone Town Council aims to nurture and enhance community life, equal opportunities and social inclusion, which includes:

1. To work with our partners to attract increased funding and the provision of a wider range of sporting and other services at local level
2. To assist local clubs and societies to undertake their work for the benefit of the citizens of Braunstone Town
3. To promote social inclusion

Blaby District Council has an aim to promote living - Strong, healthy, safe, sustainable communities where the most vulnerable are supported.

Therefore, the proposed new Pavilion Club Room at Shakespeare Park will host wellbeing, healthy and active lifestyle activities with the aim of enhancing community life and social inclusion.

Do you know of any activities, or perhaps you run such activities which could be delivered from the Shakespeare Park Pavilion Club Room? If so, please let us know.

Activity:

Organisation Name:

Your Name:

Address:

Telephone:

Email:

Signed:

Date:

Please Return your expression of interest by 1st April 2019 to: Town Clerk, Braunstone Civic Centre, 209 Kingsway, Braunstone Town, Leicester. LE3 2PP.

Email: executiveofficer@braunstonetowncouncil.org.uk

Fax: 0116 2824785



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Sports and Recreation Facilities in Braunstone Town Shakespeare Park Improvements Consultation

Braunstone Town Council has an ambitious capital programme for improvements to its parks and recreation spaces, including improvements to sporting facilities, for example the Sports Pavilion and Pitches at Shakespeare Park.

We are inviting you to have your say on Sporting and Recreation provision and priorities for improvements generally and the specific proposals for Shakespeare Park, including how we fund these.

The proposed new Pavilion Club Room at Shakespeare Park will host wellbeing, healthy and active lifestyle activities with the aim of enhancing community life and social inclusion. If you know of any activities, or perhaps you run such activities, please let us know using our separate form.

Both the Capital Plan and information on Shakespeare Park Improvements is available on our website and from Braunstone Civic Centre.

1. How important is it to provide services and facilities in the community to support healthy living, wellbeing and community cohesion?

Please circle one: Very Important Important Not Important

2. How important overall are the community sports and recreation facilities in Braunstone Town in achieving these aims?

Please circle one: Very Important Important Not Important

3. Do you feel Braunstone Town has sufficient sporting and recreation facilities?

Please circle one: Too Much Enough Need More Insufficient

4. Which sports do you consider are important for the community?

Please circle which you consider important.

Football Rugby Bowling Pentanque Tennis Netball

Other Sports (Please list):

5. How important is it for Braunstone Town Council to invest in community sporting and recreation facilities for future generations?

Please circle one: Essential Important Not Important Not necessary

Comments (please explain your response):

6. Do you consider the Shakespeare Park proposals will provide a sustainable site for sport and recreations facilities to support healthy living, wellbeing and community cohesion?

Please circle one: Yes No

Comments (please explain your response):

7. In addition to grants from Sport England, the Football Foundation and Blaby District Council; do you consider that Braunstone Town Council should invest in the facility to ensure that the proposed redevelopment can go ahead at a cost of 13p per week for band B and 17p per week for band D on Council Tax bills, 7% of the Town Council's budget?

Please circle one: Yes – represents good value No – not good value

Comments (please explain your response):

Your Name:

Address:

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Email

Signed:

Date:

CLOSING DATE FOR CONSULTATION RESPONSES
12noon, Monday 1st April 2019

Send your responses to: Sports & Recreation Facilities Consultation, Braunstone Civic Centre, 209 Kingsway, Braunstone Town, Leicester. LE3 2PP.

Email: consultation@braunstonetowncouncil.org.uk

Fax: 0116 2824785



APPENDIX 3 – TIMESCALES

The following is the proposed updated timescales for the project, taking into account assumptions in the report:

March 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of consultation with residents, users and sports clubs on Future Arrangements and Funding • Sports Clubs consider Management Committee and Lease Arrangements
April 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outcome of Sport England Community Asset Fund Grant Application • Policy & Resources Committee reconsiders Borrowing Application
May 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outcome of Football Foundation Facilities Fund Application • Council determines a Borrowing application
June 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lead in Period
August 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Tennis Courts (for up to one year) • Commencement of Building Works on Pavilion • Exploring funding for Playground and Tennis Courts
September 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invitation to Quote for Playground and Tennis Courts Works
October 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consultation on Playground and Tennis Courts options • Funding applications for Playground and Tennis Courts Works
November 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Policy & Resources Committee determines quotes for playground and tennis courts works
January 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commencement of works on Playground
February 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completion of works on Playground
April 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pavilion becomes fully operational • Demolition of Old Pavilion begins • Works on Car Park and Car Park extension
May 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commencement of works on Tennis Courts
July 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completion of works on Tennis Courts • Site becomes fully operational

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CITIZENS' ADVISORY PANEL – 28th FEBRUARY 2019

Item 7 - Leicester Mercury Guide to Braunstone and Thorpe Astley

Purpose

To receive information the Leicester Mercury holds on Braunstone Town, in order to comment and identify any inaccuracies.

Background

On 6th December 2018, the panel received for consideration the actions and responses to the issues and comments raised by residents in the Braunstone Town Council Annual Survey 2018.

The Panel discussed and noted the following issues:

- a) the importance of high standards of Customer Service;
- b) support for the idea of the bar also being open as a café; and
- c) the need to sell Braunstone Town better to the outside world.

In respect of c), members of the panel referred to a guide/article about Braunstone Town, which had been published in the Leicester Mercury on a couple of occasions. Residents who had viewed the article noted that it contained some inaccuracies.

Therefore the Panel agreed that the Mercury be asked to share the information it holds on Braunstone Town, in order for any inaccuracies to be addressed.

Information, which was published in July 2018, is attached at Appendix 1. The contact at the Leicester Mercury stated *"It is the only story I can find that might be considered a guide and appeared in the property supplement. It would be a bit late to publish any corrections by now, but if the council wants to let us know what is incorrect, we can take it from there"*.

Panel members are invited to comment.

SO YOU WANT TO MOVE TO... **APPENDIX 1****BRAUNSTONE AND THORPE ASTLEY****Leicestershire****QUICK VIEW**

With widespread residential development spanning the neighbouring west Leicester settlements, there is far more to these inter-connecting communities than the single, huge housing estate many imagine it to be. A mix older and newbuild housing delivers multi-choice and the green expanse of established parkland offers many leisure options to enjoy.

Begun in 1994 to meet growing demand for local housing, Thorpe Astley stretches west from the older homes at Braunstone across a wedge of land between the M1 Motorway to the west and the city ringroad on the east. The combined population now numbers around 17,000 residents. Sandwiched neatly between the two is the industrial and commercial Meridian Park, providing welcome local employment.

HOMES AND HOUSE PRICES

The wide range of housing in both Braunstone and Thorpe Astley brings buying within more affordable range for people stepping onto the property ladder.

Period buildings, substantial older homes and suburban semis of the old Braunstone Town neighbour the new housing that has made Thorpe Astley a popular option for first time buyers and growing families.

According to latest figures from Rightmove, in the past year house prices in Braunstone were 7% up on the year while overall sold prices in Thorpe Astley were similar to the

previous year. But with an overall average price of £169,902 Braunstone was still cheaper than Thorpe Astley, at £184,758, Leicester Forest East, £264,584 and Leicester £205,671.

Most sales in Braunstone over the past year were semi-detached homes selling for an average £163,865. Terraced properties fetched an average £149,064 and detached houses £237,273.

Most sales in Thorpe Astley over the last year were semi-detached homes, selling for an average £179,311. Detached properties achieved an average £220,441, with terraced properties fetching £166,228.

A terraced three-bedroom house in Burchnall Road Thorpe Astley sold for £187,000 in May this year, an increase of £27,000 on the previous sale price in March 2016. A four-bedroom detached property in Little Meer Close fetched £245,000 in May, having sold for £97,500 in July 1997 when it was first built.

SCHOOLS

Ofsted Ratings
Primary
Braunstone Frith Primary School, Cuffling Drive, 'Requires Improvement' 2018; Caldecote Community Primary School, Hallam Crescent, 'Good' 2016; Kingsway Primary School, Kingsway North, 'Good' 2014; Millfield LEAD Academy, Hat Road, 'Good' 2014

Secondary
Winstanley Community College, Kingsway North, (11 to 16) 'Requires

Improvement' 2015; Fullhurst Community College, Imperial Avenue, (11 to 16) 'Good' 2018; New College, Glenfield Road, (11 to 18) 'Good' 2017; Ellesmere College Special School (4 to 19), Braunstone Lane East, 'Good' 2017

Independent
Loughborough Endowed Schools, Leicester Grammar

SHOPPING AND AMENITIES

Daily needs are well met with several convenience stores and a local pharmacy, plus wider shopping in nearby Aylestone and several family friendly local pubs.

For wider shopping, there's no need to head for the city centre, although it's only a 15-minute ride away. Fosse Park, one of the region's biggest out of town retail centres, is virtually on the doorstep, featuring many high street names and major superstores.

SPORT, PARKS AND LEISURE

The 168 acres of open space at Braunstone Park are a reminder of the area's pastoral heritage, with large areas of park and woodland, ridge and furrow meadows and lakes attracting migrating birdlife.

The park was originally part of the vast Leicester Forest, recorded from 1250 AD and has always been a haven for family downtime.

Sports and leisure activities include four football pitches, an adventure playground BMX and



skateboard park, two outdoor gyms and two play areas.

Braunstone Leisure Centre close by has a community and main swimming pool, a large fitness suite that also caters for people with disabilities, six badminton courts, a sports hall, plus a café and business meeting rooms for burgeoning local firms. There are several local football clubs, including Braunstone Trinity and Braunstone Juniors.

Meridian Park adds further leisure options, including multi-screen cinema, ten-pin bowling and eating out franchises.

TRANSPORT

M1 and M69 motorway connections are a five-minute drive to Junction 21 and there are regular bus services into Leicester city centre.

DID YOU KNOW?

In the early 19th Century Braunstone was known as a fashionable haunt for fox hunting.

Braunstone Park was put to agricultural use during World War II, with cereal crops and potatoes grown here. Memorial Gardens were a military camp, occupied by the British Army, then American troops. Gavin Close, Thorpe Astley, is named after American paratroop commander General James M Gavin whose US 82nd Airborne Division was stationed at Braunstone Park in 1944.

Following the £2.5m restoration and conversion of Georgian Braunstone Hall into a boutique hotel and conference centre by Naresh Parmar, owner of The City Rooms in Leicester, renamed Winstanley House, the venue has received rave reviews in the national press.

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Winstanley House, in Braunstone Park. PICTURE CHRIS GORDON.



Meridian Leisure with lots of entertainment and restaurants on the edge of Thorpe Astley. PICTURE CHRIS GORDON



Thorpe Astley Community Centre. PICTURE CHRIS GORDON.



Braunstone Park hosts a Park Run every Saturday.



The Bees Knees pub at Thorpe Astley.

PRICE POINTS

PRIME PROPERTY



£250,000+

What? 5 bed link-detached house
Where: Owen Close, Thorpe Astley, Leicester LE3
Who: Readings Property Group, 0116 484 9875
Price? £265,000



£200,000+

What? 3 bed detached house
Where: Gavin Close, Thorpe Astley, Leicester LE3
Who: Thorps Estate Agents, 0116 243 0343
Price? Offers in region of £210,500



£150,000+

What? 3 bed semi-detached house
Where: Darien Way, Thorpe Astley, Braunstone, Leicester
Who? Readings Property Group, 0116 484 9875
Price? £175,000



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Lubbesthorpe Strategic Consultative Forum

Agenda – Meeting Wednesday 27 February 2019 5.30pm

Blaby District Council – Council Chamber

To be chaired by Councillor Sheila Scott

1. Welcome
2. Apologies
3. Notes of the previous meeting
 - Minutes from the November forum
4. Matters Arising (see Position Statement Regarding Item4)
 - General update – Occupations
 - Affordable Housing
 - Healthcare
 - Construction signage update
 - Murby Way/Foxon Way highway works
 - Waste bins
 - Weight restrictions on Beggars Lane/fining scheme in Barrow Upon Soar
5. Issues from Representatives
6. Future support for Lubbesthorpe queries in light of new Parish Council being established

Position Statement Regarding Item 4

Matters Arising

1. General

Occupations; the number of occupations will be provided at the forum so an up to date figure can be given.

2. Affordable Housing

56 in total on Phase 1A

40 – 2 bed houses

16 – 3 bed houses

45 – Affordable Rent
11 - Shared Ownership

The number of occupations will be provided at the forum so an up to date figure can be given.

3. Healthcare – Warren Lane Surgery

The Practice Manager at the Warren Lane Surgery has confirmed that Western Power are currently moving the electric boxes and rediverting cables, this has taken longer than expected because there was an impact on supply in the area. That work is now almost concluded. There has been a meeting with the Contractors who are to start the substantive works in March.

4. Construction signage update

Communication is ongoing with the Site Liaison Manager at Lubbesthorpe as well as the Highways Department at Leicestershire County Council to resolve the outstanding matters relating to the existing signage on the A47; and how that may be improved through a more permanent solution involving post mounted signs. An update will also be given in relation to signage on the A563. The latest position will be reported at the forum.

5. Murby Way/Foxon Way Highway Works

At the time of preparation of the agenda, the landowner's representative confirmed they are awaiting a response from the County Council as to the acceptability of what they have proposed and have confirmed they do not have any difficulties in doing the works in advance of when they are required, providing the requirements of the County Council are reasonable. The latest position will be provided at the forum.

6. Waste Bins

An additional bin has been placed at the Tay Road end of the footpath which links to Leicester Forest East.

7. Weight Restrictions on Beggars Lane/Fining system in Barrow Upon Soar

Weight Restrictions on Beggars Lane – the Highways Authority have confirmed that a HGV driver is allowed to enter a weight restricted zone to deliver their load to a site

Fining system in Barrow Upon Soar – this was put in place in the Neighbourhood Plan and not in respect of residential development sites being built out. Considerations enabling this were the historic road network (narrow roads and streets), historic value of the villages, and listed bridges.