

MINUTES OF QUORN ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 1st August 2007 @ 3pm in the Village Hall

PRESENT

Cllr Mrs E Harrison (Chairman)
Cllr I Bexon
Cllr T Rodgers

Cllr Mrs J Bloodworth
Cllr T Stirling
Cllr D Cawdell

Mrs L Swinfield – Clerk to the Council

1 APOLOGIES

Cllr D Cawdell, late arrival

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil

3 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 19th June 2007

The Minutes of the last meeting were approved and signed as a correct record.
One amendment to item 4a – delete wording ‘and Dower House Gardens.’

4 MATTERS ARISING

- a) **The Banks Opening Ceremony, 22nd Sept 07, 12 noon** - invitations ordered, gazebo purchased, CBC Mayor and LCC Chair accepted invitations, food ordered, band organised, invitation list being compiled, plaque for Shires in place, QPC plaque ordered, CBC do not wish to have a plaque erected in their name.

Cllr Bloodworth to ask Julian to remove holly and berberis plants from agreed areas and re-plant along the Church Lane path. Areas to be replanted with laurel. Approximate cost of plants £250.00. Resolved.

Clerk to ensure litter picking on the Banks is carried out on the 14th August and early on the 15th, and early in the morning of the 22nd September.

Cllr Bloodworth to ask Julian to ensure grass is cut on 20th September, and that the ‘sunken’ area of grass is filled prior to this to ensure the area looks pristine. Resolved.

Clerk to chase Debbie Payne re the tar on brick paving, and to chase the dummy lantern installation date – to ensure the scaffolding tower is ordered (£30.00 plus delivery) and liaise with Cllrs Bexon and Cawdell who will erect the tower in readiness for the lantern delivery/erection. Clerk to liaise over the Church rooms driveway construction – ensure this is finished and the whole area is left in good condition by the contractors.

Priority – Clerk to find out when the retention fee for contractor works covering the resin bonded gravel expires, and to write a holding letter to the contractor, cc. Bellinger Design.

Graffiti on pillars – Cllr Cawdell will try to remove this before 15th August. Clerk to investigate possible graffiti removal contracts.

A general discussion ensued around general maintenance in the village for all areas, to include planters, benches etc. Cllr Bloodworth to compile a list of all planters. The plan would be to go to tender and manage various areas in-house.

b) Christmas Tree at the Banks

Cllr Bloodworth had distributed a copy of the two schemes for the Christmas tree socket with quotes included. Cllr Cawdell proposed that Scheme 2 be adopted (both schemes available for viewing in the Parish office), seconded by Cllr Bloodworth (vote = 2 abstentions, 1 against, 3 for), it was agreed that we go to tender for Scheme 2, however, Cllrs Cawdell and Bloodworth to produce a detailed specification first. All works to be carried out after 22nd September 07. Resolved.

c) Shrub bed at Nursery Lane

Clerk obtained a quote from C. Hassell for £350.00 plus vat for the removal of top blue bricks and replacement with jagged bricks to stop vandalism. Resolved. To be placed in the Greening fund column of the cash book. On completion spiky shrubs to be planted with manure to assist growth.

d) General works from last meeting update

Benches in the village are being renovated, most completed. Electricity boxes and ventilation column to be painted plus the metal box on the edge of the car park and the box on the Banks. Memorial steps have been renovated by the Environmental Agency. The pavement around the perimeter including the bridge is now included in sweeping duties. Litter picking times have been adjusted to meet needs of the village. Quorn Brook responsibility not defined yet, ongoing.

5. SUBSUME CAVES FIELD AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEES

This item to be discussed at the Parish Council meeting on 7th August 2007.

6 CORRESPONDENCE FROM DAVID BOWLER

The letter outlined the problem of grass cutting within the Churchyard – Clerk to ask Tony Buckingham to mow the area as quoted for £150.00 (one cut only) and to respond to the letter accordingly. Resolved.

7 QUORN PUBLIC TOILET CLEANLINESS AND OPENING TIMES

Charnwood had responded to the Clerk's letter (copy available in the Parish office), and have requested details of any problems that occur in the future.

8 GRASS CUTTING IN THE PARISH

Clerk to check Charnwood's responsibility for cutting, to include breakdown of costs. Cllr Bloodworth produced quotes for grass cutting, these to be deferred until more information has been obtained.

9 MECHANICAL STREET CLEANING UPDATE FROM COUNCILLOR STIRLING

Councillor Stirling has obtained all street cleaning schedules and a copy is in the Parish office. Main Road x 12 times pa, rest of Quorn x 4 times pa. Litter x 12 times pa for the whole village and every day for Station Road.

10 CAVES FIELD FENCING

To be discussed by the Caves Field Committee.

11 NOTICE BOARDS

The Clerk had obtained 3 quotes for new notice boards. Resolved. Clerk to order 1200mm x 1000mm for the new car park board @ £1560.00 + vat and £25.00 delivery (does this include installation?). Further board costs to be included in the 2008 budget. Clerk to write to Townlands Charity for permission to replace the car park board, and to contact LCC for approval to erect further notice boards within Quorn village.

12 MEMORIAL GARDEN RAILINGS QUOTE

Derek Allen quoted £13.00 per hour to sand and paint the railings. Resolved.

Not on agenda: A discussion took place around the 'Dog Fouling Orders, clean neighbourhoods and environment act 2005' email previously distributed to all Councillors, general consensus to not respond at this time.

Meeting closed at 5.10pm

Date of Next Meeting: tba following the Parish Council meeting. Time will be 2.30pm.

Chairman.....Date.....