

MINUTES OF QUORN ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 21st April 2009 @ 4.00pm in the Village Hall

PRESENT

Cllr Mrs E Harrison (Chair)
Cllr Mrs J Bloodworth
Cllr Mr T Stirling
Cllr Mr D Cawdell
Mrs L Swinfield – Clerk to the Council

Note: All Minutes are subject to correction before formal approval at the following meeting. Please check the Minutes of the subsequent meeting to see if corrections were made to these Minutes before ratification.

14 APOLOGIES – received from Cllrs Glover and Templeman

15 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - (The Chairman reminded Members to declare any interests either now or at the time that an item was discussed)

16 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 18th February 2009

The Minutes of the last meeting were approved and signed as a correct record.

17 CAVE'S FIELD UPDATE

- a. A request had been received to install slabs to the front of two of the memorial seats on Cave's Field. Two quotes to be obtained, Clerk to select from quotes. As paving is being installed to the front of the Cricket pavilion, it may be prudent to enquire if the Cricket Club would include the bench paving in these works, QPC would pay for the bench slabs.
- b. A Quorn resident had requested the installation of a cycle rack by the main gates leading into Cave's Field. All agreed that a letter should be sent to the Cricket Club asking for their opinion.

18 ALLOTMENT PROVISION IN QUORN

QPC has received 12 expressions of interest in managing allotments. Cllr Stirling proposed that these should be passed to CBC with a request for advice and assistance in taking this forward.

Seconded by Cllr Bloodworth. **RESOLVED.** Unanimous.

19 WICKSTEED PLAY INSPECTION REPORT

The play areas were inspected on 16th April 09, a report has not been received, however, on receipt of the report, the Clerk will take action where appropriate.

20 FOOTPATHS

- a. Love Lane footpath improvements – defer to a future meeting, Cllr Stirling to liaise with the Clerk.

21 THE SLABS / RAISED FOOTPATH

At QPC's April 09 meeting (Minute 09/84) the members requested that the Slabs project be discussed by the Environment Committee, and a way forward proposed. Two representatives from Barrow upon Soar Parish Council had attended the QPC meeting, and subsequently a letter had been sent to QPC expressing concern relating to the manner this attendance was received. Cllr Cawdell proposed that a letter of apology be sent to Barrow PC, also requesting another meeting with representatives from QPC, Barrow PC and LCC Officers; the meeting to be hosted by QPC representatives (Cllr's Stirling, Cawdell and Harrison) in Quorn. County Cllr Kershaw to be prompted re his action point to provide representation from LCC Highways.

Seconded by Cllr Stirling. **RESOLVED.** Unanimous

22 BUS SHELTERS

- a. The Memorial Gardens bus shelter is in a very poor state, the back and roof are rotten and a quote for repair has been requested. If repair is not a feasible option, then a replacement will have to be investigated.
- b. The bus shelter on Leicester Road (south-bound towards Mountsorrel) needs varnishing. The Clerk to find out who owns the bus shelter, and to request that it is varnished.

23 ANNUAL WAKES FAIR

Cllr's Cawdell and Harrison declared a personal interest in this item.

A resident had contacted the Clerk to express concern over a rumour that the Parish Council had recommended the annual fair be held on the railway site. The Parish Council had not made such a recommendation, but had discussed the possibility that, due to the renovation of Stafford Orchard Park, from 2010 it may not be possible to hold the fair in the Park, and therefore an alternative site would have to be found by the fair organisers. Cllr Harrison will speak to the resident.

24 MEMORIAL GARDEN

Jane Hollingworth requested the removal of a few tree branches that are overhanging and spoiling some of the flower-beds; all agreed. Cllr Bloodworth will liaise with Jane to organise the removal.

25 FINANCES

It was agreed to defer this item as the budgets had been set and the new financial year had only just begun.

26 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- a. Cllr Stirling commented on the benches on the Cross – they have been painted and not stained. Cllr Templeman to be asked for an update on the provision of memorial benches.
- b. The Clerk to arrange weed spraying at the Banks, the Cross bus-shelter and relevant areas.
- c. Cllrs Bloodworth and Harrison to look at the gaps in the Banks hedging, and the best way of filling said gaps.
- d. Cllr Bloodworth requested that the Clerk to Rothley Parish Council be contacted to ensure that the proposed date for the Quorn Christmas Lights Switch On did not clash (3rd December 09).
- e. Cllr Cawdell requested that Highways be informed that the grass cutting was shoddy and grass was sprayed all over the highway.

Date of Next Meeting 17th June 2009 @ 6pm – Cllr Harrison’s residence

Meeting closed at 6.10 pm

Chairman.....

Date.....