

MINUTES OF QUORN ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 17th June 2009 @ 7pm, Cllr Harrison's residence

PRESENT

Cllr Mrs E Harrison (Chair)
Cllr Mrs J Bloodworth
Cllr Mr P Child
Mrs L Swinfield – Clerk to the Council

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27 APOLOGIES – received from Cllr Stirling

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

29 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 21 April 2009

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

30 CAVE'S FIELD UPDATE

- a. A request had been received and approved to install slabs to the front of two of the memorial seats on Cave's Field, this has been carried out.
- b. Complaints have been received about the driveway leading into Cave's Field, there are potholes and tufts of grass which are hazardous for elderly people trying to manoeuvre 'walkers' across the drive. The drive was laid as part of the Cricket pavilion project (1976), enabling access to the pavilion. Further information is being sought to ascertain ownership and responsibility re maintenance of the drive.

31 ALLOTMENT PROVISION IN QUORN

Cllr Child declared a Personal Interest in this item.

The Clerk is compiling a list of people who have expressed an interest in tending an allotment, there are currently 27 people on the list. Legal advice on the provision and management of an allotment site has been requested.

The Committee discussed how QPC intends to provide allotments to satisfy local demand, what the legal obligations and powers are, and the legal framework which governs actions taken by QPC. Cllr Child proposed, seconded by Cllr Bloodworth, that the following proposal be placed on the July Parish Council meeting agenda:

'To manage the list of people requiring allotments in the village, QPC should approach the current owners of allotment plots situated on Loughborough Road, Quorn (in writing) to ask if they would be willing to lease their plot(s) to villagers currently waiting for an allotment.'

RESOLVED unanimous

32 WICKSTEED PLAY INSPECTION REPORT

Following the latest play area inspection report and recommendations, the Spiraglide slide, situated on Stafford Orchard was removed due to metal fatigue and corrosion. The two flat seat swing seats were replaced.

33 FOOTPATHS

- a. Mr Ken Brown, the village footpath warden, has kindly agreed to continue in this role.
- b. Love Lane footpath improvements – a meeting had been arranged, but had to be cancelled. Another meeting is to be organised between LCC and Cllr Stirling.
- c. The Clerk had reported a burnt out car adjacent to footpath K35; this has been removed.
- d. A resident of Leicester Road, Quorn complained that an area of land opposite her house was overgrown and because of this motorists are parking on the verge and using the area as a public convenience. Cllrs Bloodworth and Child to inspect the area and report findings to the Clerk, who will act as appropriate.

34 THE SLABS / RAISED FOOTPATH

This item is being taken forward by Cllrs Stirling and Cawdell (refer QPC minutes, June 2nd 09, item 09/123).

35 TREES IN THE VILLAGE

- a. Mr Peter Gamble, the village Tree Warden had issued a letter of resignation. The Parish Council is very sorry to lose Mr Gamble who has been a stalwart volunteer for many years, ensuring that the village trees are cared for and managed properly. The Committee requested that a formal letter of thanks and a gift be sent to Mr Gamble. Steps are in place to seek a replacement Tree Warden.
- b. A Councillor had asked if some of the Sycamore trees on Stafford Orchard were to be removed as part of the Parks For People initiative – Cllr Child said they would.

36 BUS SHELTERS

The quote of £430.00 from Mr Derek Allen to repair the Meeting Street bus shelter was accepted. All agreed. The Leicester Road bus shelter is to be re-varnished by Mr Allen. All agreed.

37 PLANTERS IN THE VILLAGE

Cllr Bloodworth declared a Personal Interest in this item.

New watering equipment has been purchased and as this speeds up the process the cost of watering the large planters has reduced from £100 to £65. All agreed that watering of planters should be included in the 2010 tender process.

38 FLOODING IN STATION ROAD, AND BLOCKED DRAINS

Cllr Bloodworth requested that the persistent large puddles that form along Station Road be reported. The Clerk has reported this and the problem of silted drains along parts of High Street.

39 FINANCE / BUDGETS

- a. The Clerk distributed current financial statements for Environment cost centres and codes; these were discussed.
- b. A quote is to be obtained for pointing slabs within the War Memorial area.
- c. Cllr Child proposed, seconded by Cllr Bloodworth **‘that the Parish Council opens an account with Loughborough Road Nurseries, with Mrs Jane Hollingworth as a named account user.’**
RESOLVED Unanimous

40 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- a. Cllrs Harrison and Bloodworth had looked at the plants within the Banks, and reported that there are still gaps to be filled. Cllr Bloodworth to ask Julian from Parkdale Landscapes if it would be feasible to move some plants from the Old School to the Banks. The new tree does not look healthy. Noted. The Banks area generally needs weed and moss treatment. The small garden area in front of the Church rooms needs attention. Cllr Child reported that an area of grass alongside the pavement close to Church Lane is full of weeds. The benches on the Banks need to be varnished. All agreed that the above issues be dealt with asap.

Date of Next Meeting Thursday 27th August 2009 @ 7pm, Village Hall Council Chambers

Meeting closed at 8.45 pm

Chairman.....

Date.....