

MINUTES OF QUORN ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 21st October 2009 @ 7pm in Quorn Village Hall

PRESENT

Cllr Mrs E Harrison (Chair)
Cllr Mrs J Bloodworth
Cllr Mr T Stirling
Cllr Mr J Poland (items 54 - 63)
Mrs L Swinfield – Clerk to the Council

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54 APOLOGIES – received from Cllr P Child

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

56 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 27th August 2009

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

57 CAVE'S FIELD UPDATE

a. Driveway to the Cricket pavilion

Committee members agreed that, as this item had been discussed fully at the Parish Council meetings, the Committee should monitor the situation and keep in abeyance.

b. Cave's Field entrance height restrictor bar – Cllr Bloodworth reported that the lock on the bar was not in use; the Clerk to check this out. Cllr Bloodworth to pass the lock code to the Clerk.

c. Environment agenda items – all agreed that items discussed fully at full Parish Council meetings should not be repeated at Environment Committee meetings. The Committee would like to see all environment issues dealt with by the Environment Committee (with the exception of major issues and some financial matters).

d. The Clerk to obtain quotes for infant swings for Cave's Field.

58 ALLOTMENT PROVISION IN QUORN

This item has been discussed by QPC at full council meetings and is ongoing.

59 FOOTPATHS

a. Victoria Street/Station Road – discussed by QPC at the October 09 meeting.

b. Love Lane – the Clerk has requested a meeting with CBC to discuss this further.

60 CONSERVATION AREAS WITHIN QUORN

Cllr Stirling and the Clerk had attended a meeting with representatives from CBC – this item had been discussed in detail at the October QPC meeting and feedback from County Councillor Tony Kershaw has been requested. Cllr Stirling is concerned at the reduction in SSSI land area; due to the position of the SSSI site between Barrow and Quorn there is some confusion over which Parish holds responsibility for the area. We are still waiting for details of ownership of the Sante Maria Bridge.

61 TREES IN THE VILLAGE

a. The new Tree Warden, Mr Stuart Freeman has been very helpful and is monitoring the H&S aspect of the Willow trees on Stafford Orchard.

62 TENDERS FOR 2010 GRASS CUTTING, PLANTERS & BASKETS

Grass cutting – the specification for grass cutting and ground maintenance was amended slightly. Cllr Stirling proposed, seconded by Cllr Bloodworth “that the Environment Committee is now of the opinion that the specification for Stafford Orchard Park should be the responsibility of the Parks For People Group, and not be included in the Environment Committee remit”. **RESOLVED.** Unanimous.

The Clerk to issue offers to quote letters with a response deadline of 13th November 2009.

Cllr Bloodworth declared a Personal Interest in this item

Planters and hanging baskets – all agreed that the Clerk should write to Mr Adrian Bloodworth requesting a quote for watering for 2010. Cllr Bloodworth felt that the planters need a total overhaul for 2010, all agreed. Cllr Stirling suggested that a layer of pea gravel be put on the planters at the base of the Station Road notice board – as a temporary solution; all agreed. Cllr Bloodworth to pass the Clerk actual plant details for 2010. The Clerk to send out quote letters to suppliers with a response deadline of 13th November 2009.

Following a brief discussion on plant type and cost, it was agreed that the Clerk write to Jane Hollingworth asking if pink and red Geraniums could be planted in the appropriate planters for 2010; and to also request that purchases be made from Loughborough Road Nurseries, where possible, using the account system to enable VAT to be re-claimed.

63 PLAY AREA REPORT

No items to report.

64 FINANCE / BUDGETS

- a. The Clerk had distributed current financial statements for Environment cost centres and codes; these were discussed and analysed for the 2010 budget. A breakdown of budget requirements is to be passed to the Finance Committee for consideration. Cllr Bloodworth is to continue to manage the Christmas Lights for 2009/10.
- b. Cllr Bloodworth and Quorn in Bloom wish to donate £500.00 towards new benches for the Cross; the Environment Committee agreed to support this financially to enable two new benches to be purchased and installed (keeping within the budget). The Clerk is to obtain details of design and quotes.

65 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Cllr Harrison suggested that the next meeting date be changed to the 17th December 09 – all agreed.

Date of Next Meeting 17th December 2009 @ 7pm, Village Hall Council Chambers

Meeting closed at 9.45 pm

Chairman: Date: