

QUORNDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Quorn Parish Council held on Tuesday 5th March 2002.

PRESENT

Cllr J Hutchinson (Chairman)

Cllr T Tyler (Vice-chairman)

Cllr P Child

Cllr I Bexon

Cllr Mrs E Harrison

Cllr Mrs J Backus

Cllr D Cawdell

Cllr Mrs M Gamble

Cllr R Jessop

County Councillor T Kershaw

Borough Councillor R Shepherd

K Paterson – Clerk to the Council

3 members of the public

Mr T Shrives – Neighbourhood watch

Inspector S Boulton

02/27 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. J Maltby & K Croysdale.

02/28 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 5th FEBRUARY 2002

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

02/29 POLICING MATTERS

A letter has been received from Inspector Boulton in response to the concerns raised at the last Council meeting. In it he notes that PC Sam Samaria will attend the March Council meeting and thanks Councillors for their understanding that the PC has not been able to attend in the past due to illness. The number for the local station cannot be distributed to local shopkeepers as the station is not always manned. The call handling centre will log all calls and pass details onto local officers. Action will be taken on illegal parking on Meeting Street.

At this stage of the meeting neither PC Samaria nor Inspector Boulton were present and it was agreed to ask the police to liaise with Neighbourhood Watch in order to ensure that someone would attend Council meetings to provide information regarding crime statistics and matters of local interest. Mr Shrives commented that, subject to his members'

approval, he felt that the Neighbourhood Watch committee would welcome a member of the Parish Council to join them. Councillor Cawdell expressed an interest.

As requested, the Clerk has provided a breakdown of the cost of criminal damage to the village over the previous year. It was agreed that this would be publicised as widely as possible and marked in the accounts as a separate item in future. It is also to be made clear that the damage on the list relates solely to Parish Council land and equipment – not the Borough and County Councils.

The Neighbourhood Watch newsletter had very few crimes listed which was generally felt to be encouraging news.

02/30 MATTERS ARISING

1 Village Hall

a) The Minutes of the subcommittee meeting held on 11th February were ratified..

b) Councillor Cawdell noted that users of the hall are bringing in and installing all kinds of temporary electrical equipment. It was agreed that all electrical equipment should be inspected. The matter will be discussed further at the subcommittee meeting where information will be obtained on the frequency of the testing of wiring and what the general requirements of the Council and users of the hall are to comply with safety legislation.

c) The redevelopment group is due to meet next week. It will be the first meeting with those members of the public who have expressed an interest in forming part of the steering committee. The group will operate independently of the Parish Council but will report back its recommendations.

d) Beer Festival accounts. These have now been presented by Councillor Cawdell. It was proposed by Cllr Bexon, and agreed that a meeting of the Finance committee will be called in order to address issues which have arisen from the accounts.

2 CCTV. Mr Shrives demonstrated the use of a mobile CCTV unit owned by north Leicestershire Neighbourhood Watch association. The camera cost in the region of £2,000 and was available for the use of members. It was noted that legislation governing the use of CCTV had been strengthened recently, protecting the privacy of individuals. Inspector Boulton noted that generally CCTV works in isolated area but the danger is that problems may be moved along geographically. It was agreed to arrange a special Council with PC Ashley Russell, the crime prevention officer.

3 Cave's Field. Information has been received from the Council's solicitor that prior to the completion of the sale, the Trustees need to publicly advertise the land for sale at the ground. It was noted with annoyance that this should have been done a

- year ago. A request has been received from the Cricket Club to amend the conditions of the draft lease to allow the Club use of the field on any evening during the cricket season. It was agreed to respond by stating that the Council will agree to the amendment subject to the Council not having a prior need for the field and the Club to give notice in advance. A letter from the Cricket Club concerning the members' desire to change and improve the nets on the east end was agreed, but the Club would be warned that the improvement would be at their own risk as the Council does not yet own the land.
- 4 Playscheme grants. An acceptable explanation of the registration procedure has been received. The response will be acknowledged with gratitude.
 - 5 Licence for a flower bed on Meeting Street. A letter has been received from the persons requesting the flower bed confirming that they will meet all costs involved in construction and maintenance. The licence was therefore signed by the Council. It was noted that the shrub bed on the Loughborough Road has now been completed. The Clerk was thanked for her efforts in concluding this scheme so swiftly.
 - 6 Golden Jubilee Councillor Child presented two examples of commemorative spoons costing £1.68 and £3.00. It was proposed to purchase approximately 500 of the more expensive spoon. This was agreed. Mrs Bloodworth has offered to organise a 'picnic in the park' as part of the Jubilee celebrations. A budget of £2,000 was approved. £200 was also granted to the Quorn Flower Club for decorating the church over the Jubilee period. This will leave a balance in the Jubilee budget of approximately £1,300 but the May Day Fair costs will come out of this. It was noted that the Borough Council are hosting an evening in the Town Hall on 13th March for those persons organising Jubilee events. Mrs Bloodworth will probably attend.
 - 7 Civic Reception Cllrs Hutchinson and Mrs Gamble confirmed that they would attend with spouses.
 - 8 Joint Responsibility Nursery and planning enforcement The Clerk has produced a draft letter and sought the Council's approval. Referred to the next meeting.
 - 9 Aircraft noise monitoring Borough Councillor Shepherd has been pursuing the monitoring of aircraft noise by using Borough Council equipment. So far he has not received a very favourable response, but he intends to pursue his inquiries. Cllr Mrs Gamble noted that Mr Graham Stocks was currently attending a meeting at East Midlands Airport in connection with noise management. Cllr Shepherd had been in contact with Mr Stocks. County Councillor Kershaw has been requested to inquire whether the County Council can become involved or lend equipment.

- 10 Barrow Road Another letter has been received from Mr Stirling urging the Council to reconsider the closure of the road. A reply will be sent to Mr Stirling pointing out that the closure will be experimental, is supported by the Parish Council and any decision concerning the future of the road will be taken by the County, not the Parish Council.
- 11 Slabs footpath A meeting between the working party, the County Council and the Civil Engineers has been arranged for 13th March at 7.30pm
- 12 Disused garage on Loughborough Road The Clerk has photographed the site and contacted Texaco with a plea for the site to be tidied up.

02/31 COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS.

- 1 Modification of road markings – Leicester Road. The County Council has agreed to modify the road markings outside the offices of Quorn Travel Services to enable more room for easterly bound vehicles to pass. The matter of drivers parking beyond the bay should be referred to the police. The question will be asked as to whether the County Council would install a bollard at the end of the bay or allow the Parish to place a planter there.
- 2 Parking outside St Bartholomew’s Primary School. Councillor Child brought to the Council’s attention a couple of serious incidents involving parking disputes outside the primary school. It was agreed that the Council would write to the Department of Planning and Transportation at County Hall supporting the provision of a road management scheme in the vicinity of the school.
- 3 Branchline information. Tabled for information.
- 4 Oil Exploration application Councillor Kershaw noted that the planning application will be heard at the County Council later that week. He will report back to the Parish Council.
- 5 Bus stop improvements The working party delegated to comment on the proposed improvements to bus stops, has forwarded its comments through the Clerk back to the County Council.

02/32 BOROUGH COUNCIL MATTERS

- 1 May Fair road closure. Notification has been received from the Borough Council of the intention to charge approximately £250 for the administrative work involved in closing the road for the May Fair. A similar charge will be made for erecting signs and barriers. As the May Fair forms part of the Jubilee celebrations, and the Borough has agreed to fund administrative works involved in Jubilee events, it was agreed to write again requesting exemption from

- payment.
- 2 Statement of accounts. Circulated for information.

02/33 CORRESPONDENCE

1 Mrs O Newton has written from Orchard Estate complaining about the amount of Rawlins students using the estate for parking their cars. It was noted that the increase has occurred due to the reluctance of people to use the lower car park in Rawlins due to security problems. Mrs Newton's letter would be acknowledged and passed to the college/village liaison committee for consideration

2 Leicestershire Rural Partnership – Community Consultation. Notification has been received of a community consultation seminar to be held on 21st March at County Hall.

3 HMS Quorn Lieutenant Commander Mark Newland has written from HMS Quorn to introduce himself as the new commanding officer and to invite two persons to visit the ship in Portsmouth on 17th May. As no Council member is available to travel on that day, it was agreed that Mrs Bloodworth would advertise the opportunity in her Loughborough Echo column.

02/34 DRAFT RAWLINS COLLEGE/VILLAGE CHARTER

The draft charter was approved and if workable, was felt to be a very positive initiative. It was noted that sensitive areas such as the War Memorial garden and the Churchyard should be made out of bounds to students during the school day.

02/35 CHRISTMAS LIGHTING

Dissatisfaction was expressed at the continual damage to the lights caused by them being poorly erected and subject to vandalism or lorry and wind damage. Cllrs Mrs Harrison, Mrs Backus and Cawdell would form a working party to discuss new ideas and report back to the next Council meeting.

02/36 PLANNING MATTERS

Concern was expressed at the lack of information available on the proposed green paper for planning changes. The LAPLC will be consulted to see if a response is being forwarded on behalf of local councils.

02/0185 & 02/0257 Change of use of agricultural land to marina, mooring basin, fishing lake and erection of a building for shop, chandlery, café, bar, restaurant, toilets, showers, laundry, offices and managers's flat. Extraction of sand and gravel

prior to the construction of a marina and fishing lakes

The Council objects to this application on the grounds of the devastating effect on the bio-diversity of the area which will inevitably follow given that the nature of the land and riverside will change completely if this application is granted. The Council also has concerns with the proposed access and feels that a country bridleway is inappropriate for the large number of heavy vehicles which will use it during the extraction and construction process. The number of other marinas in Barrow, Sileby and Mountsorrel should also be taken into consideration as the effect of additional river traffic would be detrimental to the locality.

The following applications were also considered but no comment passed to the planning authority:

02/0310 Erection of 17.5m mast and equipment cabinet to replace floodlight column and fixing of floodlights to mast at Quorn Football Club

02/0311 Erection of 2 bedroom detached house at plot 30 The Pingle

02/0325 Erection of 6 terraced houses and garages at plots 31-36 The Pingle

02/0298 Single storey extension to front of detached house at 40 Poulteney Drive

02/0285 Erection of a one bedroom dwelling and attached garage (revised house type) at plot 17 Quorn Mill

02/0470 First Floor extension to front of detached house at 18 Beardsley Road

02/0519 Felling of 4 Sycamore Trees (TPO) at 9 Spinney Drive

Referred to the tree wardens for observation

02/0301 Lopping of 1 Oak tree, 1 Ash tree and group of trees along western boundary (TPO) at land r/o 7 Armston Road

It was agreed to endorse the tree warden's report on this application which questions the need for the tree work.

02/37 PAYMENTS

The following payments were approved:

Ian Lockwood (electrical work at village hall).....	£375.74
Quorn Home & Garden	£20.10

Farm Supplies	£13.56
E Hassall & Son (repairs to planter).....	£52.88
LCC (street light repair).....	£49.56
LCC Rawlins (photocopying).....	£27.95
J Unwin Ltd – electrical inspections.....	£190.94
J Hutchinson (tree ties and pole).....	£6.28
Graham & Graham (village hall floor).....	£566.35
BT x 3.....	£278.59
Severn Trent	£904.89
Salaries & expenses.....	£2016.00
Inland Revenue	£567.56
CBC annual grass cutting & pruning.....	£3283.30

TOTAL = £8,353.70

02/38 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The new playground equipment is being held up by grant confirmation. The Clerk will pursue.

The footpath through the park is in poor condition. It will be referred to the County Council for maintenance, as it is a public right of way.

The telephone box on Chaveney Road is scheduled by BT for repairs soon after March 2002.

David Brindley, head teacher at Rawlins is visiting China on an educational visit. It was agreed to give him a copy of ‘Bygone Quorn in Photographs’ to present to his hosts.

A survey of the litter bins in the churchyard will be requested of Charnwood Borough Council.

The meeting concluded at 22.50hrs

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Chairman.....

Date.....