

QUORNDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Quorn Parish Council held on Tuesday 7th January 2003.

PRESENT

Cllr J Hutchinson (Chairman)
Cllr P Child
Cllr Cawdell
Cllr Mrs M Gamble
Cllr Mrs E Harrison

Cllr Mrs J Backus
Cllr T Tyler (Vice-chairman)
Cllr I Bexon
Cllr R Jessop
Cllr K Croysdale

Borough Councillors R Shepherd and D Slater
Mr D Southwart – Internal Auditor
Mrs K Paterson – Clerk to the Council
Members of the public

03/01 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor J Maltby and County Councillor T Kershaw. Apologies were also received from Borough Councillor J Foster

03/02 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 3rd DECEMBER 2002

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

03/03 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors Child and Croysdale declared an interest in item 5(i) as they are both social members of the cricket club. Councillor Bexon declared an interest in item 5(ii) as his wife is a member of the New Shakespeare theatre group.

03/04 POLICING MATTERS

There was no police presence at the meeting.

03/05 MATTERS ARISING

- 1 Cave's Field A progress report and proposals for future management and rebuilding of the pavilion was distributed at the meeting by representatives of the cricket club and the scouts. It was agreed to table the report until the next

meeting to enable members to consider it in detail. The interest of Sutton Close residents association to be kept informed of developments was noted.

- 2 Village Hall subcommittee The Minutes of the meeting held on 9th December were ratified by the Council. The booking form is now completed and will be used by Mrs Bruce. The problems with the hotel are on-going and Cllr Croysdale has tried on three occasions to make an appointment to see the manager. The matter will be discussed further at the next village hall meeting with a view to sending a letter of complaint.
- 3 Traffic Regulation Orders and redundant signs The Parish Council's request for the revocation of certain cycle orders and removal of redundant sign posts has been accepted by the County Council and is awaiting processing when resources become available.
- 4 Barrow Road closure A progress meeting had been held on 9th December with County Council officers. The onus has been placed on the Parish Council to consult again with residents now that the experimental closure is reaching an end. Cllr Bexon tabled a draft discussion note with four options outlined. It was agreed to seek clarification from the County Council on several points such as the cost of privately funded traffic calming and the feasibility of closing the road halfway down. It was proposed, seconded and resolved that the document circulated by the County Council indicating those in favour and those opposed to the closure be kept confidential.
- 5 Plan for Quorn All amendments to be passed to Cllr Bexon for consideration at the next meeting.
- 6 Wrights Mill David Wilson Homes has written to the planning department refusing to alter the boundary wall, saying that they were unaware that discussions had taken place to lower it. The company also states that a gate was added at the request of the Parish Council. No Member could recall this request. It was agreed that the Clerk should seek out previous correspondence concerning the boundary wall and the agreement that, if the Council re-sites the recycling banks, the company would lower the wall. It is believed that the reduced wall became a planning condition.
- 7 The Slabs footpath Apart from one e-mail from Mr Geoffrey Smith who recommends the use of heritage style lighting on the path, there has been no response to an article placed in 'The Quorndon' asking for views on the proposals to transform the path into a proper cycletrack. It was noted that the County Council refuses to consider any type of lighting other than high columns. Other aspects of the scheme, such as the push-button traffic light control, the floodlighting of the bridge and the raising of the bridge parapet also caused the

Parish Council concern. It is assumed that the project will progress no further.

- 8 Kinch 123 bus route A letter has been received from the company explaining the recent problems being experienced on the route. The reduction of the service from half-hourly to hourly has been blamed on the loss of County Council subsidy. It was agreed to send a copy of the letter to County Councillor Kershaw, asking him to take up the issue of the lost subsidy. Other local councils will also be asked for their support. The timetable for the No2 bus still has not been relocated, the Clerk will write to the company's head office.
- 9 Mr Alan Johnson attended the last Council meeting and has e-mailed several suggestions. It was agreed to add Chaveney Road to the list of roads which require a drainage survey.
- 10 Parish Lighting A list of the County Council's revised charges for lighting maintenance has been received. It was agreed to contact the DLO and arrange for a meeting to discuss the council's requirements.
- 11 ASHTAV The documentation concerning this organisation 'The Association of Historic Towns and Villages' had been circulated amongst members. It was proposed and seconded and resolved that the Council should join.
- 12 Parish lighting A meeting to consider the transfer of the maintenance of the parish lighting to the county council has been arranged for 10.30am on 14th January.
- 13 Village hall redevelopment Cllrs are recommended to formulate questions and points to raise with the architect at the February meeting. It was noted that the redevelopment group will meet on 16th January.
- 14 FLAG grants. A meeting has been arranged with the county council officers concerned for 22nd January.
- 15 Drink prohibition bylaws The Clerk agreed to seek information from Kegworth Town Council.

03/06 COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS

There were no County Council matters.

03/07 BOROUGH COUNCIL MATTERS

- 1 Display cabinet A reception to mark the handing-over of the display cabinet by the Mayor of Charnwood has been arranged for Saturday 11th January.
- 2 Non functioning lamp at churchyard entrance The lamp by The Thatch restaurant

does not work and numerous attempts to persuade the planning department to rectify it have failed. The lamp formed part of the Conservation Area Partnership Scheme run by the Borough, County and Parish Councils. Cllr Shepherd will be asked to investigate.

03/08 PRECEPT 2003/04

In accordance with the unanimous resolution passed at the last meeting. The precept forms for 2003/4 were signed, setting a precept of £91,530 for the coming year.

03/09 REVISION OF STANDING ORDERS

In accordance with current standing orders, the revisions were tabled for discussion at the next meeting.

03/10 ADOPTION OF FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

These regulations, based on an example supplied by NALC had been previously circulated. It was proposed, seconded and unanimously resolved to adopt them forthwith.

03/11 CORRESPONDENCE

1 Transfers of Licence Notification has been received that the transfer sessions on 14th January will consider an application for the Manor Hotel. The application for the transfer of the licence at the White Horse has been withdrawn. It was noted that the Manor Hotel is looking exceedingly untidy with makeshift signs, caravans and building materials scattered throughout the grounds and frontage. A representation will be made to the planning authority to investigate.

2 Rawlins Youth Club A letter of thanks for the support offered by the Parish Council during the brook clean-up has been received. Photos have also been supplied.

3 Mr D Cox has written with the dates for the Quorn Wakes next September. He requests no increase in the fee payable. It will be noted that the fees have already been agreed by the Council.

4 Mr M Lee has supplied a quotation of £770 to replace the top sheep of the half-pipe ramp, replace the damaged rails and replace the damaged plywood to the outside of the structure. If the Council supplies the preservative, he will treat the ramp free of charge. As Mr Lee frequently looks after and effects small repairs on the ramp for no charge, and it was felt that this was a fair and reasonable quotation, it was agreed to accept it. Mr Lee's advice about the work being carried out in the spring, when better weather has arrived was accepted.

Mr Lee was also able to provide the names of several young people who had vandalised the ramp recently. It was agreed to write to the parents warning of the consequences should this damage continue. The suggestion was made again that the ramp should be painted with camouflage colours to disguise the graffiti. The suggestion was also made that a contingency should be placed in the budget for on-going repairs and maintenance.

5 HMS Quorn A general newsletter has been received.

6 Charnwood & North West Leicestershire Primary Care Trust The Director of Strategy and Development has written to the Council requesting that a representative from the Trust occasionally attends Parish Council meetings. This was agreed and it will be noted that sample Minutes can be viewed on the website.

7 Mr Richard Guise has communicated by e-mail that he would find his voluntary litter-picking duties easier if a litter bin was placed at the end of the footpath from Tom Long's Meadow through to Cradock Drive. He also comments that the refuse from the Quorndon Fox's kitchen bin is often overfull and on windy days the contents fly everywhere. It was noted that litter-bins in this location have been burnt out in the past and residents do not want them sited near properties. A possible location was identified on the path from between the bowls club and the Fox leading to Sanders Road. A bin will be placed there subject to the approval of the Borough Council. The Environmental Health department have been alerted as to the Fox's refuse.

03/12 PLANNING MATTERS

Review of the planning enforcement system in England Information received from the Borough Council has been circulated.

Public speaking at Plans Committees and Regulatory Committee. Borough Council review circulated. It was noted that the period allowed for public speaking has been increased from 3 minutes to 5 minutes.

Oil exploration application. The detailed planning consent was circulated.

02/3482 + 3464 Erection of a five bedroomed detached house at land adj 85 Warwick Avenue.

There will be an objection lodged to this application on the grounds that the siting of the house is not appropriate for the plot size. The house should be located further back in the plot to allow for better vehicular turning-space.

The following applications were also considered but no comment passed to the planning authority other than those applications for new dwellings where it will be noted that the Parish Council does not consider that the village facilities can cope

with any new development:

02/3465 Erection of two storey extension to side of detached house at 5 Toller Road

02/3516 Replacement conservatory and canopy to rear of detached house at 10 Swinfield Road

02/3463 Erection of detached house and extension to outbuilding to form garage/carports and workshop at 21 Soar Road

03/13 PAYMENTS

The following payments were approved:

Powergen – street lighting	£168.64
J Unwin Ltd – Xmas lights & village hall	£3,300.81
Fibrous Ltd – plaques	£356.79
CBC – tree debris removal	£269.22
Mrs P Kinch – secretarial assistance	£53.00
Walter Dilkes & Son – plumbing works	£32.90
J Hutchinson – 100 th birthday flowers (S137)	£10.00
Powergen – village hall	£57.26
K Paterson – expenses & mileage	£80.69
Inland Revenue (Dec)	£635.98

TOTAL = £4,965.29

03/14 CONFIDENTIAL ITEM (APPENDED FOR MEMBERS ONLY)

03/15 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Cllr Hutchinson requested that an attendance list for 2002 be prepared by the Clerk.

Cllr Bexon drew attention to several items

- His annoyance with the Mountsorrel car boot market being named as ‘Quorn’.
- The possibility of a deed of dedication giving Cave’s Field to the National Playing Fields Association whereby the Parish Council would retain ownership but the land would receive increased protection against future development.

The meeting concluded at 22.05hrs.