

## **QUORNDON PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the meeting of Quorn Parish Council held on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2003.

### **PRESENT**

Cllr J Hutchinson (Chairman)  
Cllr P Child  
Cllr I Bexon  
Cllr Mrs M Gamble

Cllr Mrs J Backus  
Cllr T Tyler (Vice-chairman)  
Cllr Mrs E Harrison  
Cllr R Jessop

County Councillor T Kershaw (part of meeting)  
Borough Councillor R Shepherd (part of meeting)  
Mr Jon Cox and colleague, Quorn Cricket Club  
Ms Jackie Scott and colleague, Village Hall redevelopment architect  
Mrs P Kinch – standing in for Mrs Paterson, Clerk to the Council  
Members of the public

### **03/16 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor D Cawdell, Councillor K Croysdale and Councillor Maltby

### **03/17 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 7<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2003**

The Minutes of the previous meeting were approved and signed as a correct record. It was noted that item 4 page 4 line 1 – sheep should read sheet.

### **03/18 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Child declared an interest in Matters Arising (1) Cave's Field proposal as a social member of the cricket club and also item (11) Development of land to the rear of 14-52 Loughborough Road where he has an allotment. Councillor Gamble declared an interest in item (1) Cave's Field due to the proximity of her daughter's house to the field.

### **03/19 POLICING MATTERS**

There was no police presence at the meeting.

### **03/20 MATTERS ARISING**

- 1 Cave's Field Cllr Bexon pointed out that the Parish Council could not take any

decision on the matter until the management plan was in place. Mr Jon Cox and a representative of the Scouts HQ gave a presentation and update including the share registration scheme which was going ahead. For the time being Quorn Cricket Club would continue to manage the ground as before. The club house was in a dilapidated state with damaged roof, windows boarded up and the kitchen was unusable. Vandalism was the cause of most of the damage. A picture of the proposed new clubhouse was shown, occupying the same site. The new building could be used by other village groups. Security lighting and access were discussed. It was proposed by Cllr Bexon, seconded by Cllr Child that a small group be formed to put forward a plan. Volunteers for the group were Cllr Jessop, Child and Bexon. Cllr Croysdale would be asked to join. Also Mrs Paterson.

- 2 Redevelopment of the Village Hall Cllr Tyler gave an update from the last meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> January 2003. Two plans were put forward for consideration by the Parish Council. Jackie Scott (Architect) handed out the two preliminary plans. Scheme 6 was recommended by the Redevelopment sub committee. However Cllr Tyler proposed that both plans be considered during the next month and that the matter be decided upon at the next meeting of the Parish Council. Finance was not yet arranged. Cllr Bexon would like to see a business plan in place to encourage more use of the improved facilities. The Village Hall Management sub committee meeting arranged for next Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February would be followed by a Village Hall Redevelopment sub committee meeting at 8.30pm. There are issues outstanding with the Quorn Country Hotel. The gents toilet is to be redecorated. Mice infestation in the kitchen is being dealt with by a company who will fill in the hole in the outside wall to prevent mice getting in. Immediate payment required upon completion of the work. A cheque for £94 including VAT prepared for payment
  
- 3 Barrow Road closure Revised notes of the meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> January had been sent out by Cllr Bexon. Cllr Bexon proposed setting up a subcommittee regarding the consultation document listing options available. Cllr Hutchinson urged speed in moving this matter forward. Options available were a) remove the closure b) keep the closure with turning circle at Farley Way end c) closure halfway along the road d) road narrowing to prohibit vans, lorries and buses but allowing access for emergency vehicles, delivery vehicles etc. It was agreed that with Mrs Paterson's assistance, Cllrs Jessop and Child would re-word the consultation document. A copy to be sent to John Brogden at County Hall for his comments prior to issue to residents. A petition was circulated including photographs which had been received from Mr and Mrs Williamson of 84 Barrow Road, campaigning against the closure. These to be passed to the County.
  
- 4 Plan for Quorn Cllr Bexon has updated the document. 2000 copies would be required to be sent out. Mrs Paterson to be asked to arrange, preferably in colour,

to be sent out as an insert with 'The Quorndon' magazine. Distribution date for 'The Quorndon' is 20<sup>th</sup> March. Cllr Jessop would check the document and pass it to Mrs Paterson. Cllr Gamble handed out Charnwood BC maps of sites of ancient woodland and SINC sites.

- 5 Quorn Mill development No response had been received to the request to builders to lower the wall. The matter will be pursued further.
- 6 Kinch 123 bus route Letters of support had been received from Anstey and Woodhouse. Letters to follow from Thurcaston and Cropston.
- 7 Parish Lighting Following a meeting with the County Lighting Chief Engineer, the County DLO costs for inspection and repair would be less than half the present charges by a private company. It was proposed by Cllr Harrison, seconded by Cllr Backus and agreed that the Council should write to the DLO requesting them to take over maintenance and invoice us at the end of the year. Request should be made for an ultrasonic test on all steel and cast iron columns; also electrical safety test (to be repeated every 5-7 years); lamps to be changed every 3-4 years and for the lamps to be numbered. Numbering should be done in a discreet manner.
- 8 Drink prohibition bylaws It was noted that Kegworth Parish Council had taken 5 years to introduce this law. It is now brought in under the Criminal Justice & Police Act 2001. It has to be applied for by the Borough Council. Village centre areas are then subject to 'prohibition of alcohol in public places'. Six Community Service officers had been appointed for Charnwood. It was agreed to ask Mrs Paterson if there was a way forward on this matter.
- 9 The Manor House hotel A letter had been received about the unsightly state of the Manor House hotel. Footing of a new building were visible and building materials. Mrs Paterson was asked to write to Charnwood Borough Council regarding the footings, caravans, stored building equipment and dumped building materials.
- 10 Drainage investigations A letter had been received from Leicestershire County Council Highways agreeing to undertake a survey of various places in the village. Charnwood Borough Council only deal with water courses. A few people had been abusing Poulteney Brook recently and letters will go out to residents on Loughborough Road, Sanders Road and Warwick Avenue.
- 11 Development to rear of 14-52 Loughborough Road Borough Councillor Shepherd and Cllr Child left the meeting ref their declared interest. A letter had been received from the Environment Agency confirming a planning holding objection on the land until a flood survey has been completed.
- 12 Confidential Item (appended for Members only)

## **03/21 COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS**

- 1 County Councillor Tony Kershaw reported that at a recent surgery problems were expressed by villagers of the high volume of pupils from Rawlins School in the centre of the village at lunchtimes. No damage to property was reported but village people felt threatened and intimidated by the high number of youngsters in the area. Telephone calls had been received saying they were causing trouble in the shops but no reports of recent thefts. In view of these concerns Councillor Kershaw had attended a meeting with Police Inspector Boulton and advised him of the situation, requesting that a Police Officer should be in the vicinity of the shops at the school lunchtime period. This has been done and will continue. The students go into the village shops to buy food and drinks, vending machines have been taken out of Rawlins. It was suggested that Cllr Kershaw meet with a senior education officer, the principal of Rawlins and a member of the Parish Council.
- 2 Cllr Bexon expressed concern regarding the transfer of the Meals on Wheels service from the WRVS, with regard to the lack of social interaction with that change.
- 3 Cllr Gamble had received a request for a bus shelter to be erected at Wood Lane in the direction of Loughborough) and also a request for another bus stop on the other side of the road (in direction of Leicester)
- 4 Cllr Hutchinson noted the bad state of tidiness of the bus shelter outside Rawlins.
- 5 Cllr Kershaw handed out a document on the A46 Lincoln Management Strategy.
- 6 Cllr Kershaw also handed out a Highways Inspection Tree survey. Village tree wardens would be asked to look at any trees deemed to be dangerous which were sited near to the highway or footpaths and to report. Obviously dangerous trees must be dealt with soonest.
- 7 It was agreed that the newly appointed Police Constable for the village, PC Ian Clarke, should be invited to attend a Parish Council meeting. Mrs Paterson asked to write a letter.

## **03/22 BOROUGH COUNCIL MATTERS**

- 1 End of Civic Year Reception Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> May An invitation had been received to attend the reception. Cllrs Tyler and Child and their wives would attend. Mrs Paterson asked to reply to the invitation.
- 2 Charnwood Wildlife News Magazine tabled

3 Statement of Accounts tabled

**03/23 REVISION OF STANDING ORDERS**

It was proposed by Cllr Bexon, seconded by Cllr Harrison and agreed that the revised standing orders be adopted..

**03/24 CORRESPONDENCE**

1 R.O.S.P.A Annual Playground Inspection. It was confirmed that Wicksteeds have checked the equipment for safety and are satisfied with it. Wicksteeds now undertake a quarterly inspection. It was agreed not to take up the R.O.A.S.P offer.

2 Mr K Hearnden – land adjacent to Victoria Street A letter had been received from Mr Hearnden expressing concern over the state of the land adjacent to Victoria Street. Extensive vandalism to the fence had taken place and suspected drug abuse took place there. Mr Hearnden’s green house had been damaged. He was seeking support from the Parish Council. The land is a water holding area. It was agreed to ask Mrs Paterson to write to Charnwood Borough Council requesting that the vegetation be severely cut back on the area which was providing cover for children to misuse it. It was agreed to ask Mrs Paterson to acknowledge the letter and advise Mr hearnden that the Parish Council is working with the Borough Council to sort out the problem.

3 Grant applications Three applications had been received – Rawlins Play Scheme £250, Rawlind Garden Project (hanging baskets) £200 and Quorn Church Rooms £100 for the year 2004-2005. The applications from Rawlins Play Scheme and Rawlins Garden Project were agreed. Mrs Paterson asked to write a letter to Mr Bodicoat regarding the application from the Church Rooms advising that it is not possible to carry over their application into the year 2004/4 and inviting them to apply again in the future.

4 Mr P Dakin – application to use Stafford Orchard for football weeks This was agreed on the usual terms. Cllr Gamble would contact Mr Dakin by telephone and Mrs Paterson asked to write to confirm.

**03/25 EAST MIDLANDS AIRPORT – Report of meeting with Charnwood Borough Council**

This matter was deferred to the next meeting

**03/26 PLANNING MATTERS**

Local Plan Proposed further modifications. Armston Road was now to be included

within the development limits. Responses were due by 21<sup>st</sup> February. An application had been received to fell a tree. The tree could not be located by the tree wardens. There is little more that can be done other than to express the concerns of the Parish Council and a large number of residents. Mrs Paterson to send a final objection

Planning applications. There were 19 planning applications. Copies of contentious applications had been distributed with the agenda

**02/3592 Site for the erection of dwelling at land r/o 2 Woodhouse Road** – register concern reference the close proximity to the traffic lights.

**03/0170 Felling alder tree (conservation area) land off Armston Road** – the tree was not diseased and an objection would be made to felling this tree

**03/0113 Erection of single storey extension to rear of care home incorporating 6 bedrooms at 11 School Lane.** – concern expressed in relation to the flood plain.

**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:**

**02/3593 Erection of 1 semi-detached house at 1 Beacon Avenue**

**02/3570 Cutting down of 1 Fir tree (conservation area) at 24 Meynell Road**

**03/0042 Site for dwelling house at land r/o 39 Nursery Road**

**03/0043 Conversion of outbuilding to dwelling house and garage to side of detached house at 39 Nursery Lane**

**03/0101 Change of use from flats to single occupation dwelling at Chaveney Manor, Chaveney Road**

**03/0204 Demolition of toilet block and part boundary wall; change of use of part of residential curtilage to No 16 for church use and part of church curtilage for residential use, rebuilding wall and provision of car parking and vehicular access at land adj Quorn Baptist Church, Meeting Street and 16 Chaveney Road.**

**02/3524 Erection of two storey extension to side forming garage/garden store with games room/study over, orangery to rear and replacement porch to front of detached house at The Old Coach House, Armston Road**

**03/0214 Erection of single storey extension to rear of semi-detached dwelling at 45 Beardsley Road**

**03/0098 Two and single storey extension to rear of semi-detached house at 17 Cradock Drive**

**02/2338 Insertion of roof lights to front and rear roof slopes to facilitate loft conversion at 71 Meeting Street**

**02/3536 Two storey and first floor extension for garage and living accommodation to side of semi-detached house at 26 Farnham Street.**

**02/3214 Erection of bay window to front and two storey extension to rear of detached house at 3a Armston Road**

**02/3594 Extensions to garage, including covered walkway link, and first floor extension to rear of detached house at 21 Paddock Close**

**03/0190 Demolition of garage, store and greenhouses and erection of single storey extension for triple garage and first floor extension for living accommodation to side of detached house at 2 Buddon Lane.**

### **03/27 PAYMENTS**

The following payments were approved:

ASHTAV – subscription	£35.00
Economy rod – pest control	£94.00
Wicksteed Leisure – play inspection	£35.25
Local Council review – subscription	£11.59
Penfold Associates – village hall costings	£293.75
J Unwin Ltd – street lighting repairs	£554.74
CBC – annual grass cutting	£3031.85
ESPO – supplies	£121.91
Rawlins – photocopying Nov & Dec	£37.93
British Gas	£314.23
Salaries & expenses	£2132.47
Inland Revenue	£636.20

**TOTAL = £7,298.92**

### **03/28 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

A letter had been received from the International Tree Foundation inviting us to select a tree. Cllr Gamble would pursue this matter.

Severn Trent. There was a query whether or not a water supply had been fitted in the Memorial Garden. Matter deferred to the next meeting.

E-mail addresses for councillors. Cllr Bexon advised that councillors with e-mail could have their own e-mail addresses on the Quorn website. The cost would be £5 + VAT per entry and the Council would pay the cost. Cllr Bexon proposed, Cllr Child seconded and it was agreed that Tim Rodgers should be asked to set this up.

Buddon Brook – Cllr Bexon advised that a Willow tree was lying in the brook by the green causing an obstruction. Mrs Paterson asked to request the removal.

Cllr Gamble advised that Mountsorrel Quarry was being used for waste disposal of asbestos. Also air quality investigations were taking place at the site.

FLAG grant – Mrs Paterson asked to include this item on the next agenda.

Cllr Child pointed out that road signs recently erected by the Charnwood DLO were in modern style. The Parish Council had requested ‘old-style’ signs be use (as per Wedding Path). Cllr Child also said that the extension work recently carried out on the house near to Jubilee Garden had left builders rubble on the grass and lorry damage to the grass. Mrs Paterson asked to send a letter to the householder to clear and make good the damage to the site. Cllr Child showed a map of Quorn traffic accident site 1<sup>st</sup> April 1997- November 2002.

The meeting concluded at 23.10

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Chairman.....

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