

QUORNDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Quorn Parish Council held on Tuesday 4th March 2003.

PRESENT

Cllr J Hutchinson (Chairman)

Cllr P Child

Cllr I Bexon

Cllr Mrs M Gamble

Cllr D Cawdell

Cllr Mrs J Backus

Cllr T Tyler (Vice-chairman)

Cllr K Croysdale

Cllr R Jessop

Cllr J Maltby

County Councillor T Kershaw (part of meeting)

Borough Councillors R Shepherd & D Slater (part of meeting)

Ms Jackie Scott

PC Ian Clarke

4 Members of the public

03/29 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Mrs E Harrison.

03/30 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 4th FEBRUARY 2003

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

03/31 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

03/32 POLICING MATTERS

PC Clarke was welcomed to the meeting and to his new position as community beat officer for the village.

03/33 MATTERS ARISING

- 1 Redevelopment of the Village Hall The notes of the meeting held on 10th February had been previously circulated. It was resolved to accept plan no 584 42. Jackie Scott will make a planning application and in parallel the Finance Committee will consider the funding issues. Cllr Bexon noted that revenue was available for fees and planning applications but no capital budget had been agreed. This was expected to be in the region of £350,000.

- 2 Village Hall subcommittee. The Minutes of the meeting held on 10th February had been previously circulated. It was agreed that a strongly worded letter be sent to the Chairman of the Quorn Country Hotel group asking why there has been a complete breakdown in communication over the issues such as the hotel's use of the village hall car park. It was agreed to accept the lowest quotation for the redecoration of the Gents toilet and cloakroom from Philip King of £470. The committee's stance on fly-posting for village hall events was discussed. It was the view of the council that community and commercial events should be treated separately and than advertising community events through the village should be allowed if the posters were swiftly removed after the events. It was noted that, in future years, consideration should be given to allowing the village hall subcommittee to manage its own budget.
- 3 Barrow Road closure After discussion, amendment and subject to the approval of the County Council, it was agreed to circulate the consultation document. The vote will be limited to households on and off Barrow Road, as with the original consultation. The rest of the village will be invited to comment in letter directly to the Clerk. Cllr Child agreed to print the document and analyse the result. The final date for return to be noon on 28th March.
- 4 Plan for Quorn The Plan will be printed by the same company as prints 'The Quorndon' and distributed with the magazine. The cost will be £1166.72 exclusive of VAT. This was agreed.
- 5 Quorn Mill development. The design director of David Wilson Homes has written to the Council acknowledging that their architect had agreed to lower the boundary wall in return for the Council recycling the recycling banks. This has not happened and will not happen now as the director claims that the residents do not wish it as they do not want their security affected. As a gesture of 'goodwill' the company offers to meet the Council's expenses in relocating the recycling banks. The Council was disappointed with this reply, the new location is not ideal as it is prone to flooding, has caused the loss of two parking spaces and has inconvenienced the residents of Dower House Gardens. It was agreed to write back to the company noting the Council intention to move back the banks.
- 6 Drainage The Borough Council has written in response to the drainage problems raised by the Parish. The problems relate predominately to highway and surface water matters which are being dealt with by the County Council. The Borough Council no longer acts as agents for Severn Trent. The County Council report is awaited.
- 7 ASHTAV Introductory information has been received and circulated.
- 8 Kinch buses. Several letters of support have now been received from neighbouring parishes. Cllr Mrs Gamble noted that she had to wait 40 minutes recently to get to Woodhouse Eaves as she had missed the bus which had arrived

too early. The timetable has still not been moved. County Councillor Kershaw will be asked to increase the pressure on the company for improved performance.

- 9 Parish Councillors' e-mail addresses In view of the forthcoming election, it was agreed to delay the purchase.
- 10 Tree Foundation Cllr Mrs Gamble reported that a new Lime tree has been planted to replace the one that came down in the churchyard. The tree was a gift from the foundation after the council won the best village competition.

03/34 COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS

- 1 County Councillor Tony Kershaw reported on a very busy 'surgery' he had recently held. The main issues which people wanted to discuss were the Barrow Road closure, the introduction of wheelie bins and the presence of Rawlins students in the village at lunchtime. He had tried to arrange a meeting with the headteacher but had been unable to do so to date. The Chairman and the Clerk will be informed of the meeting date once arranged. Cllr Kershaw noted that the introduction of wheelie bins was not a 'fait accompli' but was still under discussion by the Borough Council.

Cllr Cawdell asked a question about the operation of the Loughborough tip. The future management of the facility is still under discussion.

Cllr Child queried whether any progress had been made on obtaining a pedestrian crossing at Farley Way crossroads. He noted that the primary school will not subscribe to the school travel plan until a pedestrian crossing in this location provides a safe route to the school. Cllr Kershaw agreed to investigate.

Cllr Bexon remains concerned at the shift of the meals on wheels service away from the WRVS to a private contractor. He has passed on a reply from Social Services to Cllr Kershaw.

There appears to be some difficulty about the location of one of the proposed new village entry signs on the roundabout at the bottom of Barrow Road. Cllr Kershaw agreed to speak to the Highways Department to find out where the problem lies.

- 2 Flag grant application An initial meeting had discussed several possibilities for village improvements, the one most likely to attract funding is a lit 'heritage-style' walkway linking the park, churchyard and Jubilee Gardens/Church Rooms. It was agreed that the project should proceed by the environmental improvements groups meeting a landscape architect recommended by the County Council.

- 3 Branchline information circulated.
- 4 Historic Buildings Conservation 2001/2002 review circulated.
- 5 Maintenance of bus shelters. For the two shelters in the ownership of the Parish on Leicester Road and Loughborough Road it was agreed to join the County maintenance contract at a cost of £14 per shelter per month. This to be for a trial period.

03/35 BOROUGH COUNCIL MATTERS

- 1 Annual Meeting with Parish Councils – 20th March Cllr Hutchinson agreed to attend and present the Council's resolution that wheelie bins would not be welcome in the village.
- 2 Charnwood Community Strategy Circulated for discussion at the next meeting.
- 3 ABC Minutes tabled
- 4 Footpath next to the Bowls club Cllr Mrs Gamble reported that this path requires sweeping due to the heavy fall of beech masts.

03/36 CORRESPONDENCE

- 1 Wicksteeds Playground Inspection The quarterly inspection had been circulated to all members. Mr Ed Maltby would be requested to undertake the minor repairs required.
- 2 Grant applications Two applications had been received – Rawlins Senior Play Scheme £180 and Mrs Sue Templeman £140 for assistance with purchasing census data for the genealogy website. Both applications were granted under the Council's S137 powers.
- 3 LAPLC County Council meeting with parishes. This meeting is scheduled for the same date as the next Parish Council meeting. Cllr Cawdell agreed to table a question relating to waste management.
- 4 RCC An invitation has been received to attend a Community Consultation Seminar on 27th March. Cllr Bexon agreed to attend as will Cllr Hutchinson if his diary is clear.
- 5 Off Licence – 12 Station Road Notification has been received that an application has been received to transfer the licence from 12 Station Road to the owner of the 'Thatch'
- 6 PRIDE alarm systems for elderly persons has appealed for a donation. Agreed to grant £160.
- 7 LAPLC The organisation is offering an evening's course on the audit in May. Agreed

that the Clerk, Cllr Bexon and Mr Southwart (the internal auditor) would attend at a cost of £12 per person.

8 Standards Board An invitation to a 'roadshow' on 27th March was tabled for information.

03/37 EAST MIDLANDS AIRPORT – Report of meeting with Charnwood Borough Council

Cllr Cawdell reported that the plans are currently to restrict the air corridor which will mean that those underneath it will get a more concentrated blast of activity, but less frequently. It was noted that the noise has been very bad lately. Cllr Shepherd noted that the meeting had agreed to establish a formal Charnwood/North West Leicestershire group to monitor further developments.

03/38 STAFFING MATTERS

It was noted that the staff were still without contracts of employment. Cllr Jessop agreed to pursue with the consultant working on them as a matter of urgency. The Clerk tabled information about pensions and gratuities which would be taken into consideration by the consultant.

03/39 PLANNING MATTERS

Dr I Schofield – Quorn Borrow Pit Dr Schofield has written to the Council as he believes that the Minutes of Dec 02 are inaccurate in that they note that planning permission has been granted for angling and the construction of a car park. Dr Schofield has been in communication with the planning department and discovered that there is currently a dispute as to whether planning permission is actually required. In the meantime development work is taking place.

Cllr Mrs Gamble clarified that she was informed that planning permission was not needed. However, the whole character of the area appears to be changed with massive planting of conifers. Cllr Cawdell agreed to look out the original consultation document on the bypass construction to look for any conditions which were imposed at the time of the construction of the Borrow Pit.

Enforcement cases A list of cases where a breach of planning control has been established for December 02 and January 03 has been received. Only two cases relates to Quorn at 34 Sanders Road and plot 28 The Pingle. The Sanders Road case has been satisfactorily resolved.

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:

02/2450 Demolition of bungalow and erection of detached house at plot 1 adj 26 Buddon Lane

03/0487 Two storey extension to side and conservatory to rear of detached house at 24 Paddock Close

03/0459 Installation of replacement shop front at 10 Station Road The applicant would be encouraged to paint the shop in green and gold as the 'adopted' Quorn street colours.

03/0518 LCC – Change of use of formation premises officer's bungalow to educational purposes 7a Orchard Estate.

03/0141 Erection of a single storey extension, conservatory and pitched roof to side of bungalow at 29 Cradock Drive

03/0453 Erection of 1 one and a half storey dwelling (revised) at land adj to 12 White Street.

03/0346 Single storey extension for garage and living accommodation to side of detached bungalow at 45 Leicester Road

03/40 PAYMENTS

The following payments were approved:

J Unwin electrical work	£846.00
BR x 3	£301.17
M Lee – skateboard ramp repair	£70.00
Rawlins – photocopying	£23.56
Salaries & expenses	£2085.29
Inland Revenue	£635.98

TOTAL = £3,962.00

03/41 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Street lights are still not working on Stafford Orchard and Love Lane.

It was remarked that Joint Responsibility Nursery has constructed an excellent entrance to the business. It was a shame about the smoking area which litters the public footpath into the churchyard.

Christmas lighting to next agenda with a view to forming a working party.

Geese in field owned by Wm Davis at the end of Buddon Lane. The company will be advised.

Masonry is loose and falling off the front of the village hall. Mr Ed Maltby will be asked to repair as a matter of urgency.

The meeting concluded at 22.26.10

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Chairman.....

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