QUORNDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual General meeting of Quorn Parish Council held on Tuesday 4th May 2004.

PRESENT

Cllr Mrs J Backus
Cllr P Child
Cllr Mrs S Templeman
Cllr Mrs J Bloodworth
Cllr T Stirling
Cllr T Tyler
Cllr I Bexon
Cllr Mrs E Harrison
Cllr J Hutchinson

Borough Councillor R Shepherd
Borough Councillor D Slater
County Councillor T Kershaw

PC Neil Smith
Community Support Officer C Kendal

1 Member of the public
Mr D Southwart – Internal Auditor
K Paterson – Clerk to the Council

04/62 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Maltby and Croysdale

04/63 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

It was proposed by Cllr Tyler, seconded by Cllr Mrs Harrison and resolved that Cllr Hutchinson be elected Chairman of the Council for the ensuing year.

Cllr Hutchinson thanked the Council for it's vote. He then relayed the Council's sympathy to Mr Southwart whose wife, Marlene had sadly passed away.

04/64 ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

It was proposed by Cllr Bexon, seconded by Cllr Mrs Templeman and resolved that Cllr Child be elected Vice-chairman of the Council for the ensuing year.

04/65 APPOINTMENT OF RESPONSIBLE FINANCIAL OFFICER (RFO)

Resolved that the Clerk be appointed as the Council's RFO.

04/66 APPOINTMENT OF INTERNAL AUDITOR

It was proposed by Cllr Hutchinson, seconded by Cllr Bexon that, subject to his acceptance, Mr Southwart be appointed the Council's Internal Auditor.

Mr Southwart indicated his willingness to continue in this role in a voluntary capacity.

04/67 APPOINTMENT OF COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES TO COMMITTEES AND EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS

The following Councillors were elected to serve on the following external organisations:

Dr Babinton's Charity – *Cllr Mrs E Harrison*
Leics & Rutland Association of Parish Councils – *Cllr T Stirling*
Rawlins Swimming Pool Committee – *Cllr Mrs J Bloodworth*
Townlands Charity – *Cllr Mrs S Templeman and Cllr Mrs J Bloodworth*
Lafarge Quarry Liaison Committee – *Cllr T Tyler and Cllr I Bexon*
Charnwood Safety Committee – *Cllr Mrs S Templeman*
Soar Valley Liaison Committee – *Cllr Mrs J Backus and Cllr T Tyler*
Police Consultative Committee – *Cllr Mrs E Harrison*
Rawlins/Village Liaison Committee – *Cllr J Hutchinson, Cllr Mrs J Backus, Cllr Mrs J Bloodworth*
Thomas Rawlins Educational Foundation – *Cllr K Croysdale*

The following Councillors were elected to serve on the Council's committees:

Finance Committee – Cllrs Bexon, Tyler, Hutchinson (as Chairman of the Council), Maltby, Mrs Templeman and Child (as Chairman of the Village Hall Committee)
Cllr Bexon was elected Chairman of the Committee

Village Hall Committee – Cllrs Child, Tyler, Hutchinson, Mrs Bloodworth, Mrs Backus and Mrs Harrison.
Cllr Child was elected Chairman of the Committee

Cave's Field Management Committee – Cllrs Stirling, Mrs Harrison, Mrs Backus, Mrs Bloodworth, Mrs Templeman, Croysdale and four co-opted members
Cllr Stirling was elected Chairman of the Committee

Subcommittees:

Environmental Improvements – Cllrs Mrs Backus, Mrs Bloodworth, Mrs Harrison and Stirling.
Cllr Mrs Backus was elected Chairman of the Subcommittee

Policy and Plans – Cllrs Child, Bexon, Stirling and Hutchinson
Cllr Child was elected Chairman of the Subcommittee

Christmas Lighting – Cllrs Mrs Templeman, Stirling, Mrs Backus and Mrs Bloodworth
Cllr Mrs Templeman was elected Chairman of the Subcommittee

04/68 DATE OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

It was agreed that the date of the Annual Parish Meeting be fixed as 25th May 2004

04/69 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr Southam from Wood Lane questioned why, when the recent repairs were carried out to the traffic ramps, wasn't the one at Sarson Street attended to as, in his opinion it required the most work. The Chairman replied that he didn't know why it hadn't been repaired however, the intention is to remove all the traffic calming ramps and replace them with tarmac ones.

04/70 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 6th APRIL 2004

The Minutes of the previous meeting were approved and signed as a correct record subject to the following amendments:

P6 04/61 Revised to read: Cllr Bexon noted from the Quarry Liaison Committee that Wood Lane will be temporarily closed during the year for the removal of a quarry bridge.

P5 04/56 (Confidential item) paragraph 3 amended to Cllrs Shepherd, Slater and Kershaw.

04/71 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Interests declared:

Cllr Mrs Templeman – *Personal interest in any discussion on Cave's Field*

Cllr Bexon – *Personal interest in any discussion on Dower House Gardens.*

The Annual Report from the Standards Board was circulated for information

04/72 POLICING MATTERS

The Chairman welcomed PC Neil Smith, the new Community Beat Officer and Mr Chris Kendal, the Community Support Officer to the meeting.

It was noted that a Community Consultation evening is due to be held in the village hall on Thursday 20th May.

Chief Inspector Feavyour has accepted the Council's invitation to attend a meeting and will be present at the July meeting.

The following matters of concern were raised:

- Parking outside the restaurants in the evening causing traffic difficulties, particularly Halinas.
- Increase in criminal damage this year, particularly car crime. Mr Kendal mentioned that one person recently arrested admitted to more than 250 car crimes in the area.
- Drug abuse – would incidents decrease if students were kept in college at lunchtimes? Mr Kendal noted that the problem with students is more to do with truancy that drug taking. The police and the college are working in partnership to combat any form of anti-social behaviour. At the college's invitation a drug sniffer dog was brought into the campus last year, but no drugs were detected. Occasionally very small quantities of drugs have been found on people in the village but no Class A drugs have ever been detected. The recent myth that cannabis has been semi-legalised has been dispensed with. Anyone caught with drugs in Quorn will be arrested.
- Station Road car park. Mr Kendal noted that too many vehicles are abusing the one-way system. He requested that the road layout and marking be looked when the area is to be resurfaced in the near future.

04/73 MATTERS ARISING

1 Village Hall Committee. The minutes of the meeting held on 19th April had been circulated. Beer Festival. The comment was made that the Council might expect additional income other than just hiring charges as the event is so large. Mrs Bloodworth noted that a meeting was arranged with CAMRA for 24th May to discuss an alternative beer festival event. CAMRA intends to ask the village hall committee for assistance with the organisation.

No progress has been with seeking a fundraiser for the village hall extension.

2 The Banks An additional £1,300 has had to be found to turf rather than seed the grassed areas. The suggestion was made that the fencing should be left in place until the end of the school term to protect the newly grassed areas. A local person has indicated his willingness to water the turf and shrubs. This will be discussed in more detail next month.

Litter bins had to be removed from this phase of the scheme due to cost. Cllr Mrs Templeman reminded Members that £2,000 has been allocated in the

Recreation budget for litter bins and fencing. It was agreed that Clerk will ask Bellinger Design to obtain a design and costings for litter bins from the manufacturers of the street furniture.

The additional grant from FLAG actually amounted to £9,761.45 not the £10,200 originally suggested.

A meeting will be arranged to consider Phase 2 of the overall scheme.

3 Footpath Report and Footpath K33 The April report was distributed to all present. The footpath wardens are concerned that K33 remains blocked by the landowner. The suggestion is that the Council writes to the landowner asking him to remove the obstructions and questioning whether he would be interested in contributing financially to the extinguishment of this path which only leads to the bypass.

After discussion it was agreed to wait until the outcome of the imminent planning application for this area.

4 Consultation and communication with Leicestershire County Council The Chief Executive has responded again to the Council's concern at the lack of consultation and referred to future meeting arranged with the Highways officers. He suggests matters of concern are raised at that meeting.

5 CCTV The arranged demonstration did not take place. The representative now wishes to attend the June meeting of Council to demonstrate the cameras. Cllr Mrs Templeman noted that she is obtaining the contact details of a number of local firms which deal in CCTV. It was agreed that the demonstration should start at 6.30pm at the June meeting with the Council meeting to start at 7.00pm as usual.

6 Dower House Gardens – parking issues The County Council has acknowledged that it 'may be beneficial' to extend the double yellow lines up to the first two driveways. It is pointed out however, that this scheme would receive low priority in the County's ranking assessment scheme. A copy of the letter will be passed to Mr Moxon, the original complainant.

7 Christmas Lighting A grant of £2,000 has been awarded by Charnwood Borough Council. Cllr Mrs Templeman has also received an anonymous donation of £60 from an appreciative resident.

8 School Travel Plan Cllr Mrs Templeman noted that the School Travel Plan is now on the village website. A launch week is planned with stickers, balloons, medals, posters etc. The County Council has agreed to put zig-zag lines around the school in two-three weeks time. Pedestrian lights will be incorporated with the redesigned and upgraded Farley Way traffic lights which is on the reserve list

for capital projects for this year. .

9 Royal British Legion – request for donation It was noted that the Royal British Legion no longer have a requirement for the grant.

04/74 COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS

1 Bus service changes *Cllr Stirling declared a personal interest in this matter*. Information related to proposed changes to bus services was circulated to Members.

04/75 BOROUGH COUNCIL MATTERS

There were no Borough Council matters.

04/76 PLANNING MATTERS

Fishing development at Quorn Borrow Pit An enforcement notice has been served within the last few days and will come into effect on June 4th. Within one month the use should cease and within three months the fishing stages and hardcore should be removed.

Del Rosa Developments Ltd – Beacon View Park This company has forwarded to the Council a planning report in support of its intention to submit a planning application for the creation of a business and technology centre at Beacon View Park.

The proposals looked impressive but the Members were concerned consideration should be given to mixed usage rather than just high technology units. It was generally felt that the principle of improving the physical aspect of the site is to be applauded. Once a planning application has been submitted and the Council formally consulted, specific observations would be made.

Planning applications received

The following applications were 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:

04/1076 Erection of bungalow with access off Woodward Avenue (Reserved matters – outline permisssion already granted

04/1021 Erection of two bungalows (renewal of planning permission) land off Sanders Road

04/0855 Erection of single storey extension to the rear of car home incorporating 6 bedrooms – revised scheme (previously refused) at 11 School Lane

04/1085 Erection of two storey extension to rear and single storey extension to side of dwelling at 35 Mansfield Street

04/1116 Erection of a two storey extension to front and conservatory to rear of detached house at 3 Badgers Walk

04/1282 Erection of two storey extension to side and rear, single storey extension to rear and insertion of chimney to side elevation at 11 Buddon Lane

04/1193 Two storey extension to front and side and single storey extension to rear of dwelling at 19 Wood Lane

04/1257 Erection of single storey extension to rear of dwelling and pitched roof over existing garage at 15 Toller Road

04/1241 & 04/1242 Change of use of outbuilding from stables to residential accommodation and erection of single storey extension front of dwelling (Listed building consent) at Chaveney Manor, Chaveney Road

04/1251 Erection of first floor extension to front of dwelling and extension to garage at 6 Dexter Close

04/1296 Erection of single storey extension to side, conservatory to rear of detached garden room at 17 Alexander Road

04/77 CORRESPONDENCE

1 L&RAPLC – Notification of the annual meeting between Leicestershire County Council and the Parish Councils has been received. Cllr Stirling offered to attend the meeting on 30th June and it was agreed that the following questions be put:

- Would the County Council, as the Local Education Authority consider, in the light of the recent statement from the Schools Standards Minister, supporting a programme of lunchtime supervision which would enable schools and colleges to keep students on their sites during lunchtimes?
- Does the County Council have any specific plans to improve communication and consultation with Parish Councils especially when highway works are proposed within the relevant parish? If the County Council is aware of impending works due to be carried out by other agencies, can this information be passed onto the Parish Council affected?

2 Highways Agency – M1 proposed widening scheme. Circulated.

3 Rural Community Council - Community Roots Fund. Information on a new source of grant tabled.

4 ASHTAV – Notification of a regional meeting to be held on 15th May in Evesham has been received.

5 Environment Agency – Notification of the intention to 'enmain' part of Poulteney Brook by 2006 has been received. The Clerk will make inquiries as to what enmainment actually means.

6 Local Plan Borough Councillor Shepherd presented a preview of information soon to be received on the local development framework and a revised approach to local plans.

04/89 PAYMENTS LIST AND FINANCIAL SUMMARY FOR APRIL

The list and summary had been circulated and it was agreed to approve all payments.

04/90 GENERAL VILLAGE MATTERS

Cllr Hutchinson has received an invitation to attend a burying of a time capsule ceremony at Garats Hay on 27th May. He will take the opportunity to forge links between the new college and the Parish Council.

Cllr Child noted that the fence around the lake on Kelcey Road has been repaired again.

Complaints have been received about the amount of grit and dust in the village. It was noted that Charnwood are four weeks behind on the road cleaning schedule.

Thanks were offered to Cllr Child for organising a successful May Day fair.

There is still an unauthorised BMX track on the Grammar School land opposite Loughborough Road Nursery. The Clerk will make inquiries as to whether the school would be prepared to regularise the situation by leasing the land to the Parish Council

It was reported that the new village entry sign at the bottom of Barrow Road has been deliberately damaged.

Minutes of the Cave's Field meeting will be available next month. The Council will be asked to consider, depending on the view of the Guide Trust, either allowing the Guides to own a piece of the land freehold for building a new meeting place on or to hold a long lease.

Cllr Mrs Harrison reported that regular car boot sales are being advertised at the Manor House pub. Charnwood Borough Council will be informed.

The meeting concluded at 23.05

Chairman…… Date……