

## QUORNDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Quorn Parish Council held on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2005.

### PRESENT

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

Borough Cllr R Shepherd  
County Councillor T Kershaw

Mrs K Paterson	-	Clerk to the Council
Mrs B Holland	-	Administrative Assistant

1 member of the public

### 05/167 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr J Hutchinson, Cllr K Croysdale, Cllr J Maltby and Borough Cllr D Slater.

### 05/168 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr Alan Southam was welcomed to the meeting. Mr Southam addressed the meeting with regard to the provision of a 'bus shelter in Wood Lane. There were a high number of residents with disabilities in the area and he felt there was a need for a shelter. He said there was a strong community spirit in the Wood Lane/Leicester Road area although not everyone was initially happy with the suggestion of a new 'bus shelter. One objection had been regarding a possible gathering of youths at the shelter, but he advised he has only seen young people going to and from school. Another objection had been regarding impaired visibility from a driveway, although Mr Southam said there appeared to be ample room before the highway. Speaking personally, Mr Southam advised that although he was able to drive at the present time it was possible in the future that his medical condition could necessitate him having to rely upon public transport.

Mr Southam was thanked for his comments and advised that the topic would be discussed under item 8 of the agenda (County Council matters).

### 05/169 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 1<sup>ST</sup> NOVEMBER 2005

Cllr Mrs Templeman asked and it was agreed that 05/156 item (k) be amended to read:

'A summary of consultations information had been circulated by Mrs Paterson for information, and had also been sent to Charnwood Borough. Cllr Mrs Templeman had received a copy of the consultation document from Mr Gibson, Clerk to the Townlands Charity, together with a letter advising that the charity did not like the central section in the design as they felt it would delay work and increase costs. Cllr Templeman had replied (in writing) giving her views supporting the whole scheme and explaining her views on the

central section. She had then received a letter from Mr Unwin (Chairman, Townlands Charity). Her comments had been misinterpreted as though she was agreeing to not having the central section – which was not the case at all. The letter further stated that Mr Unwin had instructed the Clerk to write to Charnwood Borough Council expressing the contrary views. Mrs Templeman had then written to Mr Unwin to say that she could not give her support as a member of the charity to the letter and did not agree with the comments regarding the central section. It was agreed that a letter go to the Trustees of the Charity stating the Parish Council were dismayed about their view, and ask that they reconsider their decision.'

Item 05/156 item (b) should add 'This was proposed and agreed'. Item 05/166 item (iii) – agreement was need by the end of the present year (not financial year).

After these amendments, the minutes were signed as a true and accurate record.

### **05/170 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr Mrs Templeman	-	Personal regarding Cave's Field
Cllr P Child	-	Personal regarding Cave's Field
Cllr Mrs Bloodworth	-	Personal and prejudicial regarding planning application 05/2903, and personal and prejudicial regarding 34 Mansfield Street
Cllr T Stirling	-	Personal regarding 34 Mansfield Street and personal regarding 'bus shelter in Wood Lane
Cllr I Bexon	-	personal regarding item 11 (i) of the agenda (NQSC)

(a) Town and Parish Standard – documents received for information.

### **05/171 POLICING MATTERS**

(a) Cllr Mrs Templeman said that the police had been to St Bartholomew's School regarding the school travel plan etc. She was very pleased with the response. She commented that zig zag road markings had been ignored in other areas.

(b) Invitation received to Parish Councils' Meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> December 7.30 pm at Police Headquarters in Enderby. Items to discuss included amalgamation and neighbourhood policy. If possible Cllr Stirling will attend – if he is not able to, Cllr Child will attend in his place.

(c) Police Force restructuring. A questionnaire was enclosed with the agenda and it was proposed and agreed that Parish Councillors should complete and submit them individually in their own right (not as a joint response from the Parish Council).

(d) Information on noticeboard: It was pointed out that police information on the Parish noticeboard was out of date. Mrs Paterson will obtain and replace it with up to date information.

### **05/172 MATTERS ARISING**

**(a) Bottle Bank:** Mrs Patterson read out a letter received from Charnwood Borough Council. The Bottle Bank would be removed during the week commencing 12<sup>th</sup> December. Before that date a Notice of Withdrawal would be displayed advising of the nearest other bottlebank.

**(b) Station Road car park design.** Cllr Mrs Templeman advised that an extension to the lease would be required before Charnwood Borough Council could go ahead with the works. This and other issues were due to be discussed at the next meeting to be held on 7<sup>th</sup> December. B Cllr Shepherd will check what delays (if any) there would be if the Bellinger design was used as opposed to the basic design if Townlands were concerned regarding timescales. Cllr Stirling asked that his objection to the plan be recorded.

**(c) 106 Station Road:** Mrs Paterson read out a reply from Charnwood Borough Council. The site had been inspected and building work was in accordance with plans and therefore no further action could be taken.

**(d) Confidential item** (05/156 (i). This was deferred.

**(e) Quorndon Terrace entrance.** Work still not been undertaken. The Highways Inspector is to meet with the developer.

**(f) Caravans/Meynell Road (bridge):** A notice has been placed on the bridge that it is closed (deemed unsafe).

**(g) New gateway sign to village at Meynell Road:** A meeting has been arranged.

**(h) Village Design Statement:** Cllr Stirling confirmed that a meeting has been arranged for Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2006.

**(i) Transfer of bank account:** Contradictory information had been received, and the bank has now advised that all signatories needed to complete and sign a mandate with their personal banking details (although the bank has stated credit checks would not be followed up). It was proposed and unanimously agreed that a letter should be sent stating a common sense approach was needed and personal banking details should not be required, or the Parish Council would go elsewhere.

### **05/173 COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**(a) Cave's Field Committee** meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> October 2005 – minutes were circulated with the agenda for information only.

**(b) Village Hall Committee** meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> November – minutes were circulated with the agenda. The as yet unapproved minutes state that the Village Hall Committee recommendation to the Parish Council will be that the Council redevelop the village hall. Cllr Child gave a presentation to the meeting on the redevelopment of the hall. The main reasons for the redevelopment were to meet the requirements of the Disability Discrimination Act 1998, storage needs and conflicts of increased usage (ie disturbances to other users and hall limitations). He advised that a redevelopment group had initially been set up some time ago and an initial design had been agreed but there was limited benefit for the significant cost involved.

The group had widened it's horizons and a final preferred design had been agreed, with planning consent being achieved in 2003. The estimated cost at the time was £400000. This cost was thought excessive and a sub group was formed to identify a similar project. Tenders were sought for design and

build. There was no local interest, but 1 tenderer and come back with an estimate for a design and build of £250,000. Cllr Child advised decisions on which design (if any) and funding were needed. The design options were the preferred (consented) design, an alternative design or not do anything, which would effectively close the building. Discussion was held including the topic of revisiting the possibility of Charitable Trust ownership of the hall. Thanks were given to Cllr Child for his excellent presentation.

It was recommended and agreed that the Clerk be asked to look at funding availability (including revisiting the Charitable Trust option) and the Village Hall committee be asked to look at alternative 'halfway' schemes.

Thanks were extended to the Village Hall committee for perseverance.

**(c) Environment Committee** meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> November 2005. Minutes of the meeting were circulated with the agenda. It was proposed and agreed that, in view of the extensive remit of this committee, the work be broken down and divided into subcommittee groups which would report back to the Environment Committee.

**(i) Village greening subcommittee:** Cllr Mrs Backus to chair, Cllr Mrs Bloodworth, Cllr Mrs Harrison and Mrs Jane Hollingworth.

**(ii) Major projects/public space management:** Cllr Bexon to chair, Cllr Hutchinson, Cllr Stirling. **(iii) Traffic, Highways and village cleanliness** (including The Slabs): Cllr Stirling to chair.

It was anticipated that other members of Council may wish to join one or other of the subcommittees and also that interested members of the public might be invited to join. Information to be put in Quorn Notes and the website.

With regard to Kelcey Road Lake: Cllr Mrs Backus and Mrs Paterson had met with a representative of Charnwood Borough Council – Mr Mark Graham. He had advised that Charnwood can provide skips etc. and an insurance umbrella could be available for approximately £100. A formal working party is to be set up and a meeting with residents has been arranged for Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> January at 8 pm to enable a group to be set up and a survey and management plan be discussed. Information will be circulated to persons in the vicinity.

**The Banks 2:** It was proposed and unanimously agreed that the project should progress to tender stage prior to a final decision being taken on implementation.

**(d) Finance Committee meeting** held on 14<sup>th</sup> November 2005. Minutes were circulated with the agenda. Cllr Bexon reported back to the Council on the meeting and also produced a Project Budget on the Banks Phase 2.

(i) Setting of the precept for 2006/7: It was proposed and unanimously agreed that the budget be approved including the precept of £122,200 for the year 2006/7. Congratulations and thanks were given to the Finance Committee for their work.

Comment was made that consideration in the future should be given to any possible Charitable Trust status for the village hall and the expectations on the Parish Council financially.

### **05/174 COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS**

**(a) New bus shelter Wood Lane/Leicester Road.** Cllr Stirling left the room whilst this was discussed. Mrs Paterson advised that the County Council had attended a site meeting and had suggested the proposed siting. Highways and Transportation departments have also given their approval and Mrs Paterson had sent out letters to those in the vicinity. 5 or 6 replies had been received, copies of which had been circulated. 1 additional representation had been received from Mr McCaffer and Mrs Paterson read the e mail received objecting with respect to young people, refuse, etc. A plan of the site was produced and discussion held. It was suggested that a letter be sent advising that setting back the 'bus shelter (to go against the wall) would improve matters. It was proposed that agreement be given in principle to the installation provided it could be moved back against the wall. This was unanimously agreed. It was also felt that if the seat caused any problems then it could be taken out at a later stage.

**(b) Medium Term Corporate strategy to 2009.** Paper received – Cllr Bexon agreed to look through the papers.

**(c) Appointment of Heritage Warden.** Mrs Paterson has received a pack of information and will place a poster on the noticeboard and information also to go in Village Notes. This item will also be discussed at the Village Design meeting.

*Standing Orders were suspended to discuss the next items. County and Borough Councillors were included as the topics effected them*

Standing Orders were resumed.

**(e) Finances:** C Cllr Kershaw warned that there would not appear be good news regarding government financing for the next financial year. There were concerns regarding the Ivahoe line and the Department of Transport would be looking at this. This would have implications on future budgets.

**(f) Farley Way – school travel plan.** Cllr Mrs Templeman advised a preliminary work was being undertaken with the actual work starting in the near future.

**(g) Containers by footpath between Mansfield Street and Castledine Avenue:** Mrs Paterson will write, with a copy to C Cllr Kershaw, asking how their siting had been authorised.

### **05/175 BOROUGH COUNCIL MATTERS**

**(i) Naming of thorough fares – land off Meynell Road:** Potential names were discussed and it was agreed that The Rookery, Thomas Firr Close and Macaig Close (or Court) be used.

**(ii) Confidential item.** *Already discussed with County Council Matters.*

**(iii) Lotteries and Amusement Act Licence:** It was proposed and agreed that this be renewed in the sum of £17.50 for the year.

**(iv) Proctor's site:** B Cllr Shepherd advised that evidence-gathering had been completed and contact would be made to inspect the site for any breaches. Mr Proctor had agreed that 20 of the most unsightly abandoned caravans would be removed, and some of these had already gone.

**(v)** B Cllr Shepherd advised that rumour had suggested that cattle dying of anthrax in the beginning of the twentieth century may have been buried in the area off Meynell Road. Checks had been made and the Borough had investigated rumours and there did not appear to be any evidence whatsoever to support this rumour.

Thanks were given to B Cllr Shepherd.

### **05/176 PLANNING MATTERS**

**(i) 05/2903 Rivers Trading Ltd.** (Cllr Mrs Bloodworth left the meeting whilst this was discussed) Land adjoining High Street and Station Road. Mrs Paterson read out a letter received subsequent to the recent meeting. 2 drawings had also been e-mailed showing the new frontage. Mrs Paterson also read out comments made by Parish Councillors. Discussion was held and then it was proposed and agreed to support the application, and ask Mrs Paterson to write to Planning requesting that the points raised be included in the planning application. Mrs Paterson was also asked to write to the developers advising the Parish Council were pleased to have the opportunity to meet and sit round the table to discuss the proposed development with them. The County Council and 'bus company to be involved regarding the change to the present 'bus stop.

**(ii) Pillings Lock Marina** – creation of a temporary plant area with entrance and car park. Mrs Paterson read out a letter received, which included an offer to meet with the Parish Council. Mrs Paterson was asked to reply on behalf of the Parish Council stating that they would not be taking up the offer to meet as this was only a temporary matter.

**(iii)** Planning applications received - already notified to councillors by e-mail. Request to discuss the following:

(a) Angling development, land at the lake Quorn Fields Farm. Peter Gamble's comments to this application were read out – he gave a cautious OK to the application. Mrs Paterson was asked to respond including Peter Gamble's comments and draw attention to the access/carparking issue which had not been addressed.

(b) The Brinks – boundary wall and alterations to access. Mr McCaffer had expressed concerns on this retrospective planning application. It was agreed that a letter be sent from the Parish Council based on and endorsing Mr McCaffer's comments.

**(iv) Other planning matters:**

Domestic planning applications:

(a) **05/2773** Extension to The Old Forge, 178 Woodhouse Road.

(b) **05/3572** 2 storey extension to side and rear 21 Toller road.

(c) **05/3466** Conservatory 87 Chaveney Road.

**05/0107** 20 Station Road: Charnwood Borough Council have advised that a site meeting with the agent to be arranged. It was possible formal action could be taken.

Applications refused: **05/2717** 11 Armston Road. Felling of oak tree. This had been refused and a tree preservation order placed on the tree.

Applications granted: **05/2985** 32 Sanders Road, **05/2507** 17 Warwick Avenue **05/2985** 34 Sanders Road. **05/3056** 39 Unitt Road

With regard to an application **05/3422** received for 99 Barrow Road, it was felt that the rendering should be expected to match the existing.

#### **05/177 CORRESPONDENCE:**

(i) **NQSC.** Mrs Paterson advised that a letter of thanks had been received from the New Quorn Shakespeare Company regarding the grant of £100.

(ii) **Rawlins:** A letter of thanks had been received from the PE department at Rawlins for the grant received.

(iii) **Patient and Public Involvement Forum:** Notification of a public meeting to be held on 8<sup>th</sup> December 7 pm to 9 pm at John Storer House has been received. They welcomed attendance and support at the meeting.

#### **05/178 PAYMENTS LIST AND SUMMARY SHEET**

Copies were distributed with the agenda. These were formally agreed and approved.

#### **05/179 GENERAL VILLAGE MATTERS**

(i) **Jobs for handyman.** Deferred.

(ii) **Date of next meeting:** This was agreed to be 10<sup>th</sup> January 2006 as previously suggested.

(iii) **Christmas Decorations:** Cllr Mrs Backus advised that Mr Paul Taylor (previously of chemist shop) had donated some lovely Christmas decorations. The decorations were used in the village hall and remainder given to Abbeyfield. Cllr Mrs Backus proposed and it was unanimously agreed that a letter of thanks be sent to Mr Taylor.

(iv) **Association of Parish Councils:** Cllr Stirling advised that the next meeting was due to take place on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December, which he would be attending. He had previously raised 2 issues – police/parking and the licensing situation/action taken. Both points would probably be discussed again at this next meeting.

(v) **CPRE meeting at Woodhouse:** Cllr Stirling attended this meeting and brought back 2 documents (Advice on new planning format and the Local Development Framework) which could be placed in the library for information. He commented that planning applications would soon have to take place with 3 years, not the 5 as at present.

**(vi) External Christmas lights at village hall.** Some lights were not working and access to them would be difficult and costly. It was suggested that lower lights could be put up, with a view to locating more easily accessible ones in future years.

The meeting closed at 10.55 pm

Chairman .....

Date .....