

QUORNDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Quorn Parish Council held on Tuesday 6th September 2005.

PRESENT

Cllr J Hutchinson (Chair)
Cllr Mrs J Bloodworth
Cllr T Stirling
Cllr T Tyler

Cllr Mrs S Templeman
Cllr P Child
Cllr I Bexon

County Cllr T Kershaw
Borough Cllr D Slater
CSO Chris Kendall

Mr T Shrives - Neighbourhood Watch
Mr G Peace - Neighbourhood Watch

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

1 member of the public

05/123 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Mrs Harrison, Cllr Mrs Backus and Borough Cllr Shepherd. Cllr Shepherd also wished record to be made that he had given his apologies for the previous Parish Council Meeting on 2nd August 2005.

05/124 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- (a) Neighbourhood Watch. Mr Terry Shrives and Mr Geoff Peace were welcomed to the meeting.

Mr Peace advised that he is presently in the process of collating information regarding public liability insurance and is liaising with the co-ordinators to obtain the necessary information from them. There are presently 53 co-ordinators. There are 5 vacancies and maildrops will shortly be going to the areas that do not have co-ordinators. Mr Shrives and Mr Peace showed the meeting a map of Quorn indicating areas covered. They said some 2100 leaflets per month were distributed. The Neighbourhood Watch Scheme in Quorn had so far managed on voluntary contributions and sponsors. Last year finance received from the house to house contributions produced £1340 plus £200 from shops. The current collection was still in progress. They also received finance from adverts placed in the newsletter. They were grateful for the support of the Parish Council. Their small committee needed more support – Mr Peace had now taken on some of the work. A suggestion was made that a representative of the Parish Council may wish to sit on their Focus Panel and this will be pursued.

Future plans involved working more with the elderly and looking at possible schemes such as (a) No Cold Calls (residents not accepting anyone making cold calls) and (b) Refrigerator card (involves a sign on 'fridge door and window advising where information on contacts/medication etc. could be found). These schemes had not yet been fully discussed.

90% of the village was covered and ideally the scheme would like to distribute newsletters by e-mails. The police also found the scheme very useful as a lot of information could be passed out on burglaries, crime prevention etc. Feedback from residents was also very positive.

Thanks were given to Mr Shrives and Mr Peace. The Parish Council were very appreciative and complimented them on their excellent work and the running of the scheme.

- (b) Stafford Orchard/litter bins: Mr Peace commented on a litter problem at Stafford Orchard. The bins presently provided did not appear to be large enough and were often overfull. The Parish Council advised that arrangements are already in hand to replace the bins with larger ones as soon as possible. Thanks were given to Mr Peace for his comments.
- (c) Mr Southam wished to speak with regard to recent work to the road through the village. He asked that compliments be passed on to the relevant persons. He thought the result was excellent and the speed humps etc. much better. Thanks were given to Mr Southam for his comments.

05/125 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 2ND AUGUST 2005

The minutes were signed as a true and accurate record.

05/126 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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| Cllr Mrs J Bloodworth - | Personal and prejudicial regarding contractor for Christmas lights |
| Cllr Mrs S Templeman - | Personal regarding Caves Field |
| Cllr P Child - | Personal regarding Caves Field and prejudicial regarding item 6 (f) of the agenda |
| Cllr I Bexon - | Personal and prejudicial regarding item 11(i) of agenda as self and wife members of the theatrical company |
| Cllr T Tyler - | Personal regarding a neighbour's planning application |

Standards Board newsletter. Received and noted. Copies of the information had been forwarded with the agenda.

05/127 POLICING MATTERS

Community Support Officer Chris Kendall was welcomed to the meeting.

CSO Kendall spoke first regarding the parking problems within the village. Numerous tickets had been issued and local businesses contacted regarding abuse of parking facilities. Problems had been dealt with on an almost nightly basis and advice given to motorists and at present there appeared to be improvements.

Cllr Tyler had received concerns from residents regarding police cars being driven speedily down Station Road. CSO Kendall advised that with the police station being based in the village this raised these problems but lights and sirens would normally be used as warnings and relevant procedures would be adhered to.

(b) **Community Policing – letter from Chief Superintendent Feavoyour.** A copy of the letter was distributed with the agenda. It was felt that the letter did not directly address the points raised, but it was pleasing to note comments regarding Rawlins.

(c) **Fair/Wakes:** CSO Kendall asked if police could be notified in advance in future as arrangements could be made for more resources to be made available. He was advised that this event always took place during the 2nd week of September, but that arrangements will be made to give police ample advance warning of this and any future events. Concerns had been expressed regarding the fair being allowed to open during lunch times. It was requested that this item be asked to go on the agenda of future Liaison Meetings with Rawlins.

(d) **Rawlins:** The new school year had commenced and 1 or 2 issues had arisen regarding lunch times. The police had had to contact the school and the school had given messages to the relevant school year and changes had been made to exits.

Thanks were given to CSO Chris Kendall.

05/128 MATTERS ARISING

(a) Licensing Act 2003. The Clerk had received a response from Charnwood Borough regarding the Blacksmiths Arms that they did not consider the Council's comments to be a relevant objection. It was noted that the Licensing Act 2003 is to be an item on the agenda of the next LAPC meeting.

(b) Partnership funding for 'bus shelters. Mrs Paterson advised that the site had been agreed and the County Council would now consult internally and then write to the Parish Council with plans plus houses to be consulted. The Parish Council can then contact the households and report back to the County Council. Further checks will then be made on underground services and then the licence etc. can be obtained. Initially the shelter will be provided with seating, but this could be removed if necessary.

(c) Meynell Road development site – revised layout. The Clerk has received a copy letter from Miller Homes to Charnwood Borough Council regarding a boundary change which had meant the layout plan had had to be revised/amended (the access had moved slightly to the East). Miller Homes had stated the changes were very minor and should not cause any delay.

(d) Village Design Statement. Cllr Stirling advised that he had met with Hazel Fish. A public meeting has been arranged for 20th October in the Village Hall. A half-page notification is being placed in the Quorndon and there will be flyers/posters to draw attention to the meeting. Martin Tincknell

and Hazel Fish will address the meeting and persons interested in participating can be identified. There had been interest shown already.

(e) New banking arrangements. The Clerk advised of additional personal information required by the bank for cheque signatories. Forms were given out by Mrs Paterson – it was noted that not every member of the Parish Council would need to be a signatory on cheques.

(f) Allotment site planning application. A report had been distributed with the agenda. Cllr Child left the meeting whilst this was discussed. Discussion was held and thanks were given to Mrs Paterson for her work. She was asked to write to the solicitor on behalf of the Parish Council and put forward the offer to negotiate with the owners of the allotments. Contact was also requested with the Planning Officers at Charnwood Borough Council regarding possible confusion on Brownfield sites – and ask them to confirm the area is not a Brownfield site. It was felt that as the application would effect the whole environment of the village for years to come, special time should be allocated to look at what could be done. Mrs Paterson was asked to arrange a special meeting of the Parish Council and residents (including Mr Stone). The Parish Council had already lodged objections but would welcome their input. A draft joint letter could then be compiled. Letters could be sent to all members of the Planning Committee and to Planning Officers – but it was important that they should all receive the same letter.

Cllr Child rejoined the meeting.

(g) Quorn Churches holiday club. A letter of appreciation and thanks had been received for the use of Caves Field and Stafford Orchard. The club had been very good and the barbeque had also been a great success.

(h) Bottlebank in carpark: Townlands Charity have agreed to support the request to have the bottlebank removed. It appears to be being used primarily by local businesses. The Clerk was requested to now write to the Borough Council asking them to remove it.

(i) War Memorial tap: The area has been marked out and the water authority will arrange for the work to be undertaken one Sunday morning soon.

(j) CCTV: Cllr Mrs Bloodworth has passed further details on to Mr Middleton. She is awaiting information from a further company.

(k) Drain by old Home and Garden: This appears to now be unblocked, but does not look very clean.

(l) Caves Field: Cllr Mrs Templeman advised that 2 skips had been ordered for 22nd September and a clean-up afternoon arranged for 2 pm onwards on 24th September. 2 seats and litter bins had not yet been installed. It was agreed that alternative arrangements should be considered.

05/129 COMMITTEE REPORTS

(a) Village Hall Committee meeting held on 8th August 2005. Copies of the minutes had been distributed with the agenda. Cllr Child reported that the hearths in the hall had now been finished and looked good. A 'lost property' basket had been provided, the front gates repaired and the work to the floor completed.

(b) Christmas Lights Subcommittee meeting held on 23rd August. Copies of the minutes had been distributed with the agenda. Cllr Mrs Bloodworth left the meeting whilst this item was discussed. A quotation had been received for work plus transformers for each of the trees, and a recommendation that the supply cable suitability needed to be checked at the Memorial and Station Road. Discussion was held and it was agreed that expert advice with a detailed specification of what was required was needed. Cllr Mrs Templeman and Mrs Paterson were asked to liaise re the way forward. The switch-on

evening would be Thursday 1st December. It was agreed that the emphasis should be on the event taking place at The Banks this year as this appeared to be an appropriate venue. Fenella Bellinger is dealing with the electricity supply etc. to The Banks. Items to go back to committee.

(c) Environment Subcommittee meeting held on 24th August. Copies of the minutes had been distributed with the agenda. Cllr Bexon presented the amended design of The Banks 2 to the Parish Council. It was proposed and agreed that the designs were accepted in principle (copies to be sent to the Church Rooms Committee for information). Cllr Stirling voted against with regard to the proposed road surface detailed in the scheme. Some sort of legal agreement would need to be entered into with the Church Council for access for maintenance for 10 years from the date of completion. Surface dressing was as recommended and requested by the Highways Department. Final costings were not yet known and grant funding had still to be explored. It was proposed and agreed to commission a drainage survey of the collapsed area in the car park. It was also proposed and agreed to seek planning permission.

Station Road car park: The plan was shown at the meeting. Fenella Bellinger had been asked to liaise with Townlands Charity and all other interested parties as soon as possible. It was proposed and agreed to approve the plan for consultation purposes and filter back comments and new items to Mrs Paterson as soon as possible. It was noted that the Parish Council's involvement in the scheme was to act as an 'enabler', not to fund the project.

It was proposed and agreed to recommend acceptance of quotations from Parkdale Landscapes regarding 1. Barrow Road planter, 2. Stafford Orchard works, 3. Nursery Lane planter, and 4. Village Hall noticeboard area works – all as detailed in the minutes. It was also proposed and agreed to purchase two large stone urns for the Memorial Garden. Payments to be made from the Greening Fund. It was suggested that a price for regular maintenance be sought.

05/130 COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS

(i) Leicestershire Highways – programme. Paper copies distributed with the agenda but also available on the website. This was considered a very useful document. County Councillor Kershaw regretted that the work at the Farley Way crossing had not been able to be undertaken during the summer months. It was still happening and details would be received during the next week. It would then be going out to consultation (28 days) and the work could then be done hopefully pre-Christmas.

(ii) Resurfacing works – consultation with 'bus companies: Cllr Stirling expressed concern that there did not appear to be any liaison between the highways department and 'bus companies during the resurfacing works. There were no signs regarding what was happening and the public were also not made aware of arrangements. County Councillor Kershaw advised that normally 'bus companies were contacted as a matter of course. It was noted that signs noting the road closure still needed to be collected/removed.

(iii) Community Strategy: Brochures received for information. Also available on the web.

(iv) County Service 9th October 2005: Invitation received for the County Service to be held in Hinckley.

Thanks were given to County Councillor Kershaw.

05/131 BOROUGH COUNCIL MATTERS

- (i) Charnwood News – request has been received for information.
- (ii) Play area access grants for Disability Discrimination Act conformity: Grants are available for capital works. The Clerk advised that a disability access audit of play areas needed to be undertaken. It was proposed and agreed that arrangements should be made for this audit.
- (iii) Charnwood Local Development Framework – core strategy and Loughborough Science Park issues and options paper: Deadline has passed but comments were still welcomed.
- (iv) Mr Mike Jones, ex mayor, advised of a charity funding evening on Monday 12th September. A number of committee members would be attending and therefore it was agreed the Village Hall meeting date be changed from 12th to 19th September.

Thanks were given to Borough Councillor Slater.

05/132 PLANNING MATTERS

- (i) **Amendments to limits to development defined in the Local Plan.** It was agreed that the Parish Council should object on the same grounds as before and state that the plan should remain as before.
- (ii) **Planning permissions granted:** (a) Single storey extension Highfield Farm and (b) single storey extension and access 6 – 8 High Street.
- (iii) **Planning applications:**
 - (a) **05/2158/2** 33 Freehold Street. Revised scheme. No comments.
 - (b) **05/2266/2** 106 Station Road Erection of detached dwelling house. Revised scheme. No comments
 - (c) **05/2356** Single storey extension r/o 3 Woodward Avenue. No comments
 - (d) **05/2396** Single storey side extension 11 Bayliss Close. No comments
 - (e) **05/2304** Two storey and single storey side extensions 6 Cradock Drive. No comments.
 - (f) **05/2338** Two storey side extension 9 Orchard Estate. No comments
 - (g) **05/2166** Single storey and 2 storey extension r/o 27 Deeming Drive. No comments
 - (h) **05/2183** Single storey extension to front. 4 Rumsey Close. No comments
 - (i) **05/2274** Two storey extension to side and single storey extension r/o 99 Barrow Road. No comments
 - (k) **05/1806** 1st floor extension to side and single storey extension to front. 4 The Sandhills. No comment.
 - (l) **05/2322** 2 storey and single storey side and rear extension 6 the Deepway. No comment.
 - (m) **05/2358** Cutting of overhanging branches of Alder tree (TPO) – 10 Sanders Road
- (iv) **Planning consultation – review of procedure** – Cllr T Stirling. Deferred to next Parish Council Meeting.
- (v) **Conservation Area alterations** – Cllr T Stirling. Cllr Stirling commented on three businesses (Bradleys, Graysons and Devol kit) – all within the conservation area which he felt had had work undertaken without the benefit of planning permission. He felt the Parish Council should refer this to the Planning Authority. This was agreed.

05/133 CORRESPONDENCE

- (i) New Quorndon Shakespeare Company – application for grant. Councillor Bexon left the room whilst this was discussed. Letter received from John Foster for S137 grant. It was proposed and agreed to grant £100.
- (ii) Local Works – campaign for the sustainable communities bill. Information circulated with the agenda. It was proposed and agreed the Parish Council should support it.
- (iii) Leicestershire Rural Partnership – Annual Report. Noted.
- (iv) Old People's Fellowship – invitation to Harvest Festival. 28th September. The Clerk was asked to acknowledge the invitation and advise that Cllr Hutchinson, Cllr Mrs Bloodworth, Cllr Mrs Backus and Mrs Paterson would be attending.
- (v) Transfer of Licence – Manor House. Noted.
- (vi) CPRE – invitation to Leicestershire Planning Roadshow – workshop to be held at Woodhouse Eaves on 26th October. Cllr Stirling to attend.
- (vii) AGM CPRE – Invitation received from Joyce Noon for representative to attend on 27th September. Speaker is the rural housing enabler.
- (viii) AGM Rural Community Council 22nd September. Invitation received.

05/134 PLAN FOR QUORN

- (a) Approval of draft as published on website. The Policy and Plans Committee had updated the plan. It was proposed and agreed to publish it on the website.
- (b) Republishing schedule. It was suggested that republishing take place every 2 years, not 4 years as at present. This was proposed and agreed. Cllr Bexon to liaise with Mrs Paterson.

05/135 SKATEBOARDING RAMP REPAIRS

The work required on repairing the skateboarding ramp was discussed. Work had been reported as requiring immediate attention – and the emergency work was carried out. The work that had been required was discussed and it was noted that some sealing/painting work was still outstanding from these works. The work was approved by councillors at the time because of the nature and urgency of the work required. *Formal proposa for approval to be confirmed at the next Parish Council meeting.*

05/136 PAYMENTS LIST AND SUMMARY SHEET

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

05/137 GENERAL VILLAGE MATTERS

- (a) Basketball post. Cllr Child advised that quotations had been received. The post would cost £500 and the installation approximately £500. The Mayday fund would pay for the post. It was proposed and agreed that the Parish Council pay for the installation.
- (b) Chores for handyman/end of meeting. It was agreed that a list of additional works for the handyman should be compiled at the Parish Council meetings (as originally proposed some years ago). It was agreed that this item to go on each meeting agenda. From the meeting held today it was suggested that the hedge in School Lane, on each side, required attention. Mrs Paterson will pass on the information to the handyman.

The meeting ceased at 23.00 hours

Chairman

Date