

QUORNDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Quorn Parish Council held on Tuesday 7th February 2006.

PRESENT

Cllr J Hutchinson (Chair)	Cllr I Bexon
Cllr Mrs E Harrison	Cllr Mrs J Backus
Cllr Mrs J Bloodworth	Cllr T Stirling
Cllr P Child	Cllr Mrs S Templeman
Cllr K Croysdale	

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

Mrs B Holland - Administrative Assistant

1 member of the public

06/15 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr T Tyler, Cllr J Maltby, Mrs K Paterson and CSO Chris Kendall.

06/16 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr Alan Southam was welcomed to the meeting. Mr Southam spoke regarding the Station Road Car Park. He favoured the second option with the tree in the centre focal point and hoped that vandals would keep away. Mr Southam felt this was the more acceptable solution even though there were reduced parking spaces – he commented that when just devoted to numbers the surroundings and appearance normally suffered. He said he had criticised the Parish Council on occasions before but felt the proposed scheme necessary and an improvement.

Cllr Hutchinson pointed out that modern standards for car parking recommendations had had to be used and therefore approximately 11 spaces had been lost. Newer recommendations were even more severe. Cllr Hutchinson also stated that the land belongs to the Townlands Charity and they will decide what is going to be done, but the Parish Council appreciated Mr Southam acknowledging the layout of the plan. Mr Southam was thanked for his comments.

06/17 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 10TH JANUARY 2006

06/14/1 the road was Sanders Road (not Sadlers Road). *Confidential item: 06/6 (b) should read'*

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

06/18 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Mrs S Templeman	-	Personal regarding Cave's Field
Cllr P Child	-	Personal regarding Cave's Field
<i>Cllr Mrs J Bloodworth</i>	-	<i>Personal and prejudicial regarding confidential item under Village Hall matters.</i>
Cllr K Croysdale	-	Personal regarding Cave's Field and personal regarding church issues
B Cllr D Slater	-	<i>Personal regarding Village Hall confidential item and member of Rawlins Swimming Pool Committee</i>
B Cllr R Shepherd	-	<i>Personal regarding Village Hall confidential item and member of Rawlins Swimming Pool Committee</i>

06/19 POLICING MATTERS

Apologies had been received from CSO Chris Kendall.

(a) Cllr Mrs Templeman reported that she had written to the police regarding parking on zig zags in the vicinity of the school and the comments from the person involved, which had been witnessed. She had included all details.

(b) Cllr Child advised that he had recently met with CSO Chris Kendall on another matter, but during discussion he had been advised of a parking initiative that was to be undertaken in Quorn in the near future. Cllr Child had e-mailed County Cllr Kershaw to request he contact relevant County Hall persons to ensure lines were valid and not faded etc. so that they could be enforceable. Cllr Hutchinson said he would also talk to CSO Chris Kendall and then ask Mountsorrel Depot to look at any shortcomings.

06/20 MATTERS ARISING

(a) Station Road Car Park: Copies of all but one of the consultations received had been distributed with the agenda. The other consultation received – from Mrs K Collie – was read out. Mrs Collie asked about mother and toddler spaces for the car park and asked if the disabled spaces could double as parent/baby access spaces. These comments were noted.

Discussion took place with regard to the actual number of car parking spaces. Cllr Bexon advised that in order to maximise the number of spaces the County Council had been approached and they had come up with exactly the same number of spaces and there was no way of increasing the number of legal spaces without extending the area.

The Parish Council had looked at the responses received from the consultation process, which were mainly regarding the number of spaces, and the fact that the landscape scheme and the county scheme came up with the same number of spaces that could be legally included. As a result the Parish Council was not at the present time minded to change its view. The Clerk to the Council to be asked to respond to the individual consultation comments stating this. One consultation response also referred to an archway. The

response to this was that the archway is not part of the car park scheme but an add-on as a safe route scheme – and nothing is planned as yet for this.

The Parish Council are awaiting developments from the Townlands Charity and the Parish Council's view/policy will be held over until the next Parish Council meeting.

The Chair, Cllr Hutchinson, proposed the suspension of standing orders for item 6 (b) of the agenda.

Standing Orders were resumed.

(c) Kelcey Road lake meeting. Cllr Mrs Backus reported that an excellent well-attended meeting had been held and she was very pleased with the response. Mike Graham from Charnwood Borough Council and Peter Gamble had been in attendance. A maintenance schedule is being put together for a shared responsibility. Skips will be provided and taken away as necessary. The path area is being monitored. A name for the lake is also being looked at.

(d) (i) The Banks 2. Cllr Bexon circulated information on the current funding position and advised that 2 of 3 tenders had been received. Power supplies to the banks could not be included in the scheme and it was also felt that the trees etc. could come out of the greening fund.

However, a problem had arisen in that part of the land was not actually owned by the church rooms but by the vicar in trust with the church. That land was consecrated and it could take at least a month before it could be de-consecrated. This could mean that the work may not be able to go ahead in time and therefore the Flag grant may not be received for this financial year. The delay in going through the legal process could put the project in jeopardy and the whole project may need to be delayed until the new financial year – in which case some other way of funding the £13000+ would need to be found before the contract could be let.

Cllr Croysdale said he would do all he could to assist getting the process moving forward.

If things did start to move quickly then an extraordinary meeting of the Parish Council would need to be held as it could not be left to the next Parish Council meeting in March.

(ii) Cllr Bexon then distributed copies of a new scheme – Heritage Lottery. This is a 3 year initiative with a minimum of £250000 and a maximum of £5000000. He suggested that a bare bones idea/scheme be looked at which should be incorporated in a professional way. A group of willing volunteers from the Council (with the time, energy and sense of humour) could get together the application, and then persons from the Heritage Lottery would come and look at it. The Parish Council would need to be the lead, but then the more people in the community who could be involved the better. He proposed that a group of members of the Parish Council be set up and be given a £1000 budget – which would act as a cushion and they would therefore have money available for professional help. This was proposed, seconded and all were unanimously in favour.

Cllr Bexon, Cllr Hutchinson, Cllr Mrs Templeman, Cllr Child and Cllr Croysdale volunteered to be in this initial group.

(e) Wakeley's development – public art: A letter had been received from David Granter of Architectural Design Ltd. in reply to the suggestion by the Parish Council for a mill stone at the development. The letter asked for the desired location of the mill stone and details of the construction, positioning etc. and a request for the location of the mill stone at the entrance to Anstey so that they could view it. Cllr Child agreed to take a photograph of the one in Anstey (which was on the A46 going into the village). The precise location etc. could then be discussed.

(f) Xmas lights subcommittee: Cllr Mrs Templeman said that she had decided to come off the sub committee. This would leave Cllrs Mrs Bloodworth and Mrs Backus and they welcomed anyone else getting in touch regarding the Xmas lights and the switching on event. A vote of thanks was given to Cllr Mrs Templeman for all her valued time etc. on the sub committee.

(g) Old Texaco garage site: An e-mail had been received from Mr Rayns saying that he hoped to start work on the site in spring but as yet nothing had been confirmed. He felt the fenced piece of wasteland was more pleasing to the eye than the old building that had been there, but will do his utmost to tidy it when possible.

(h) DCMS – Licensing act: A reply, in response to the Clerk's letter of the 19th October about the role of Parish Councils under the Licensing Act 2003, had been received and copies distributed with the agenda. It was felt a copy of the response should be sent to Malcolm Burton. Cllr Stirling said he would raise the matter at the next Parish Councils Association Meeting in an attempt to encourage Charnwood Borough Council to adopt the procedure of advising Parish Councils.

Comment was made that not all applications appeared to have been displayed correctly (ie in the windows at applicants' premises).

(i) Land Registry. Further to the letter received advising of the benefits of registering land, the Clerk had checked and could not find anything registered for Quorn. Borough Cllr Slater said he would check with the Borough Council about land registrations. It was agreed the Clerk to be requested to obtain a quotation from the Land Registry for registering (ie whether the £525 mentioned in the letter would include all the land needed to be registered). Checks also to be made again as to whether the land at Cave's Field was registered.

(j) Quorndon Terrace: Cllr Hutchinson had spoken to Mr Peter White and the work was in hand (with Cllr Stirling available for consultation if required).

(k) Bank account: The cheque had been returned. A letter has been received – referred to the next Finance Committee meeting.

(l) 'bus shelter Wood Lane: No news yet. To go on the next Parish Council Meeting agenda.

(m) Meynell Road site: It was reported that site work had now commenced. Borough Cllr Slater advised that both applications were passed but they are being treated as 2 separate sites at the present.

(n) Love Lane lights: Cllr Hutchinson reported that he had spoken to Mr Peter White and the vegetation had now been dealt with. Contact was being made with an adjoining property owner to ask that overhanging trees be cut back.

(o) Rawlins playing field – containers: Nothing to report as yet.

(p) Road Traffic Collisions: Cllr Child advised he now had details of accidents in Leicestershire and Rutland since 1994 and will compile and distribute a paper summary of those relating to Quorn. He would hold a special meeting at a date to be agreed for those interested.

(q) The slabs at the Cross: This work has now been done.

(r) The Mills: Graffiti was also reported on the brick wall in the car park, the granite wall at the rear of number 5 Dower House Gardens and on the Wedding Path wall.

06/21 COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1) Village Hall Committee meeting held on 16th January 2006. Copies of the minutes were included with the agenda.

Cllr Child advised that he was in a position to give further details on the hall redevelopment and would do so at the next Parish Council meeting. This item to go on the next Parish Council meeting agenda.

Ownership of the lights and the mess outside the hall: Cllr Child advised that these were being discussed at the next Village Hall meeting.

Standing Orders were suspended for the next item, and Cllr Mrs Bloodworth, Borough Cllr Slater and Borough Cllr Shepherd left the room whilst this was discussed.

Standing Orders were resumed and Cllr Mrs Bloodworth, Borough Cllr Shepherd and Borough Cllr Slater rejoined the meeting.

2) Cave's Field Management Committee Meeting held on 26th January 2006 - copies of the minutes of the meeting were attached to the agenda.

Cllr Mrs Templeman presented the draft minutes. Cllr Mrs Templeman confirmed that the Parish Council would be kept informed and be given an early indication of the thinking around the new pavilion as soon as there was anything to report.

06/22 COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS

(a) Parking/lining: County Cllr Kershaw acknowledged that he had received Cllr Child's e-mail regarding lining etc.

(b) The Banks 2: With regard to the Flag grant, County Cllr Kershaw said he would do all he could to provide help/assistance in this difficult situation.

(c) Rawlins playing field – containers: County Cllr Kershaw will chase up concerns re permission etc. for the containers (as per last Parish Council meeting minutes).

Other items had been discussed under matters arising.

Thanks were given County Councillor Kershaw.

06/23 BOROUGH COUNCIL MATTERS

(i) Statement of Community Involvement – adoption. Information received – further information being available on the website.

(ii) Charnwood Borough Council Corporate Equality and Diversity Documents. Consultancy documents received. Cllr Croysdale was given the documents to look through – the consultancy period being 1st to 28th February 2006.

(iii) Green and red bags: High Street: A report had been received of the placement of bags on a narrow part of the footpath in High Street causing a dangerous hazard to a blind resident of Quorn. It was agreed that the Clerk write a letter to Charnwood Borough Council on behalf of Mrs Smith of Flat 1 Quorn Court, advising of the hazard and asking that they sort out the problem. Copies of the letter to go to Borough Cllrs Slater and Shepherd.

(iv) Car park Station Road: A meeting still to be arranged with Vicky Walsh and Kevin Biddolph of Charnwood Borough Council regarding the possibility of a regeneration scheme. Borough Cllrs Slater and Shepherd wished to be included and asked to be advised when the date and time has been arranged (possibly after the end of February).

(v) Rawlins – swimming pool. It was agreed to discuss the letter received from the Chair of Quorn Swimming Pool Management Committee (item 11 (viii) of the agenda) at this time as both Borough Councillors (who declared interests at this meeting) are members of the Quorn Swimming Pool Management Committee.

Mrs Ackers had written regarding the considerable financial losses being made on public swimming sessions and asking if the Parish Council could help them in any way to continue to offer this public amenity. An approach was being made to the Parish Council, the County Council and Charnwood Borough Council.

Discussion took place regarding this excellent facility which was originally purchased by residents of Quorn. It was felt that the Parish Council may be able to look sympathetically towards giving some sort of annual grant to assist this facility in the expectation the amount would be matched from some other body(ies), but the Parish Council would need to have figures and more information in order that this could be considered. It was suggested that a questionnaire/survey be taken with users of the pool. Also that trading figures and usage information etc. be given to the Parish Council.

Borough Cllrs Slater and Shepherd took the opportunity to thank Cllr Mrs Bloodworth (on behalf of the Quorndon) for waiving advertising fees regarding the pool.

Subsidies are being given to other swimming facilities in the area as well as refurbishments and the pool has to be competitive with them even though at present they have no revenue or capital subsidies from anywhere.

The Clerk to be requested to contact Mrs Ackers to ask if permission can be given to using the letter when making any contact with Charnwood Borough Council etc. on the subject.

06/24 PLANNING MATTERS

(a) Planning applications e mailed were: P/05/3844/2 12 Toller Road Quorn; P/06/0095/2 25 Beacon Avenue Quorn, P/06/0037/2 74 Warwick Avenue Quorn; P/06/0091/2 Quorn Manor Armston Road Quorn; and P/06/0145/2 17 Wood Lane Quorn.

(b) New planning application received was P/06/0196/2 61 Farnham Street Quorn.

(c) Grants of Planning Permissions were received for P/05/3688/2 102 Station Road Quorn and P/05/3790/2 88 Woodhouse Road Quorn.

06/25 CORRESPONDENCE

(i) Mrs Jane Hollingworth. Letter of thanks received from Mrs Hollingworth for the Christmas hamper.

(ii) RCC – best village competition. Information received – with closing date 3rd April 2006. It was agreed not to enter this year.

(iii) RCC – invitation to Extraordinary General Meeting on the 23rd February 2006. Information noted. The Clerk has the application form if anyone wished to attend.

(iv) RCC – Community consultation seminar – 9th March. Information received and Clerk has details if anyone wished to attend.

(v) Mr Cinavas – vegetable box scheme. Mr Cinavas gave details of his scheme and also requested information on land available to rent in Quorn. A copy of his communication to be sent to Peter Blitz. It was suggested that Mr Cinavas may wish to contact the Quorndon to advertise details of his scheme. Cllr Child will contact Mr Cinavas.

(vi) Joint Soar Valley Parish Councils – notification of next meeting 12th April 2006. Copy to go to Cllr Mrs Backus and Cllr Tyler.

(vii) Letter from G Wright regarding quarry traffic. Mr Wright wrote regarding windscreen damage incidents as a result of lorries leaving the quarry complex. A copy of the letter to go to Mountsorrel Depot and also to Cllr Bexon. Cllr Bexon will raise the matter at the next Quarry Liaison Meeting. A response to be sent to Mr Wright advising of action being taken and also pointing out that the area was not actually in Quorn.

(viii) Rawlins swimming pool. Already dealt with under Borough Council matters.

(ix) CPRE Leicestershire – design awards. Details and application form received. It was agreed that consideration be given to applications – ie the Banks I and II, the new Mary Holloway Garden,, Cave's Field etc. To be discussed at a later meeting. The closing date for submissions being 30th June 2006.

(x) Letter from Quorn Medical Centre regarding their producing a contingency plan, as part of their Business Continuity Plan. They need to include details of alternative premises they could use in the unlikely event that the Medical Centre should become unsafe or unsuitable for use, due to an unforeseen crisis such as fire, or flood damage. Response to be sent that there was no objection to the Village Hall being used in those circumstances.

(xi) Lighting in park: Letter received from Mr Fryer and Ms Barry regarding their concerns re lack of lighting in the park. Response to be sent advising that the Parish Council are aware of issues and are working towards doing something about it. The Parish Council do not know when any project which includes the re-lighting of the Stafford Orchard will commence but it will not be for at least another 2 years.

Standing Orders were suspended for the next item

06/26 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Standing Orders were resumed.

06/27 PAYMENTS LIST AND SUMMARY SHEET

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

06/28 GENERAL VILLAGE MATTERS

(a) Finance Committee meeting: Cllr Bexon advised that the next meeting will take place on 21st February 2006.

(b) Village Design Statement: Cllr Stirling reported that the next meeting was to take place on Thursday 9th February 2006 at 7.30 in the Council Room.

(c) New crossing/traffic lights Woodhouse Road: It was hoped that the central refuges would be reinstated to a good standard when the work was completed.

The meeting ceased at 23.00 hours.

Chairman

Date