

QUORNDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Quorn Parish Council held on Tuesday 10th January 2006.

PRESENT

Cllr J Hutchinson (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
Cllr P Child	

Borough Cllr R Shepherd
Borough Cllr D Slater

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

1 member of the public

06/1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor J Maltby and County Councillor Kershaw.

06/2 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr Alan Southam was welcomed to the meeting. Mr Southam wished everyone a Happy New Year. Mr Southam spoke regarding the provision of a 'bus shelter at Wood Lane. He asked why one letter had been read out at the last Parish Council Meeting. He felt all correspondence for, and all correspondence against, the provision of a 'bus shelter should have been read out. Mr Southam said all people signing for a shelter did so of their own free will. Mr Southam was concerned regarding the findings of any survey and said he felt if only one severely disabled person made use of the shelter then it would be worthwhile. The clerk advised Mr Southam that all communications received regarding the 'bus shelter had been circulated to members in advance of the meeting, and the reason that the one was read out was that it had arrived after the others had been circulated.

Mr Southam was thanked for his comments.

06/3 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 10th DECEMBER 2005

The minutes were signed as a true and accurate record.

06/4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Mrs S Templeman	-	Personal regarding Cave's Field
Cllr P Child	-	Personal regarding Cave's Field
Cllr Mrs E Harrison	-	Personal regarding planning applications for 62 Woodhouse Road, 88 Woodhouse Road and 66 Loughborough Road

(a) Standards of Conduct in English Local Government: The Future. Papers received and available from the Clerk.

06/5 POLICING MATTERS

(a) **Parish Councils' Meeting 13th December 2005.** Cllr Stirling advised that he attended the meeting and the feelings already expressed regarding neighbourhood policing and merging had been echoed by many others at the meeting. There were concerns regarding accountability in large areas. He said it was good to know that what had been said had been listened to. Recent news has suggested that CSO's could be given powers to "sweep up" truancy in the future.

06/6 MATTERS ARISING

(a) Station Road Car Park. The Clerk reported that no feedback had so far been received. Cllr Stirling commented that there had been no closing date given for feedback on the notices displayed. Discussion was held and it was agreed that a closing date for consultation be made of 24th January 2006. This date to go on the notice and also in the Village Notes in the Echo. Cllr Stirling felt that with a little bit of imagination extra car parking spaces could have been found in the design – he said that under item 05/49 of the Parish Council meeting minutes for April 2005 comment had been made that it was vital there should be no loss of car parking spaces (which had not happened). Nothing was set in concrete and there was an opportunity now to make comment. Cllr Stirling advised that he would be making a written submission to the Clerk.

Mrs Paterson advised that a meeting with representatives of Charnwood Borough council was presently being arranged and she would be circulating the date when agreed.

The Chair, Cllr Hutchinson, proposed the suspension of standing orders for points (b) and (d) of the agenda.

Standing Orders were resumed.

(c) New 'bus shelter – Wood Lane. Mrs Paterson advised that Leicestershire County Council had written back saying that they had no objection to the shelter being sited against the wall. However the adjacent property owner was opposed to it being back against the wall, although he was agreeable to a gap of 0.6 metres from the wall. This would give a standard width of 1.8 metres which would overcome the 2 objections received. Mrs Paterson will write to the objectors and hopefully this would now solve the problem. It was proposed and agreed that if all are in agreement to the 0.6 metres from the wall, the letters to go out to the statutory undertakers etc. and the shelter to be ordered and installation arranged before the end of March 2006.

(e) Loughborough Road closure: The road will be closed whilst the works are being carried out at the traffic lights for just odd days and possibly for 1 weekend in March. The Highways Department are hoping to give 2 weeks' notice (but at least 1 week's) of the weekend closure. Cllr Stirling expressed concern with regard to 'bus companies taking responsibility and placing notices of changes as necessary. The Clerk will contact the County Council

and ask that they liaise with the 'bus companies and that in turn the 'bus companies be advised to give sufficient advance information to users.

(f) Transfer of bank account: Mrs Paterson has received a letter from the bank saying that investigations into the complaint were continuing. It was agreed to get back the cheque until the matter is resolved.

(g) Quorndon Terrace entrance work. The work has still not been carried out. Cllr Hutchinson will chase this up with the Mountsorrel Depot staff.

(h) Kelcey Road Lake meeting 24th January 2006. Cllr Mrs Backus circulated a leaflet and advised that any Councillors would be more than welcome at the meeting.

(i) 05/175: The spelling should be McCaig (not Macaig as in the minutes).

(j) The Banks phase two: Cllr Bexon advised that it is a requirement of the grant application that support for the scheme be formally minuted by the Parish Council. He proposed that in addition to moving to tender stage, the Parish Council approve the project going ahead subject to FLAG Grant Funding being made available. This was seconded and unanimously agreed.

In order to meet the very tight timescales, it was felt that it may necessitate calling an extra Parish Council meeting on this one subject before the next Parish Council meeting on 7th February 2006. Formal notice of this extra meeting would be made.

(k) Medium Term Corporate Strategy to 2009: Cllr Bexon will pass the paperwork to Cllr Stirling and Cllr Tyler.

(l) Item 05/175 (v): Cllr Shepherd wished to clarify that investigations had been carried out and no evidence of any concerns were found.

06/7 COMMITTEE REPORTS

Village Hall Committee meeting held on 12th December 2005 – copies of minutes circulated with the agenda.

Cllr Child advised he hoped to come to the next Parish Council Meeting with more information on redevelopment. At the present time there was no further news regarding the ownership of the lighting. Cllr Stirling requested that rubbish and scaffolding left at the rear of the village hall and a set of wooden steps be dealt with. A suggestion was also made that a cancellation policy for bookings be looked at in the future by the Village Hall Committee.

06/8 COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS

(a) Love Lane lighting: Cllr Stirling reported that the tarmacing work on Love Lane has not yet been finished. Lamps P2 and P5 were not working to full capacity – they were not out but very dim. There were dark areas particularly on the two bends near the swimming pool and Cllr Stirling suggested the canopy of trees could be removed to improve the situation. However some trees were on private land. Another solution could be to ask the County Council to remove all vegetation on the Rawlins site. Cllr Hutchinson will raise the subject with people at the Mountsorrel Depot, and Cllr Stirling said

he would be willing to attend a site meeting with anyone from the Depot to look at issues.

(b) Rawlins playing field – Containers and saplings: Cllr Stirling advised there was a lot of rubbish at the site where an overfull bin had fallen over and the entrance area from the footpath was very untidy. The gates were left open during the recent school holiday. Mrs Paterson had written as requested at the last Parish Council meeting, but to date no response had been received.

(c) Branchline information: Information received by the Clerk. Cllr Mrs Backus will look through the papers.

(d) Loughborough Town Centre – transport proposals: Consultations are being held to obtain views – to be in by Friday 27th January. Councillors were asked to give comments to Mrs Paterson by the 21st January 2006 – she will then complete the questionnaire and respond on behalf of the Parish Council.

06/9 BOROUGH COUNCIL MATTERS

(i) Public Consultation: A good practice guide to access for people with disabilities: Mrs Paterson has received the draft consultation document. Cllr Child will take the document to the next Village Hall Committee meeting for discussion.

(ii) Proctor's caravan site: B Cllr Shepherd had been in contact with Karen Sullivan and regular meetings were now being held (the last one on 4th January 2006). Mr Richard Proctor will remove 18 of 20 old caravans on the north site. The site will then be inspected and evidence gathered for any court action. This was mainly a work in progress report. The matter was moving forward as soon as possible and being taken very seriously.

06/10 PLANNING MATTERS

(a) 2005/3795/2 London Rock Leisure – application to relocate mineral processing plant onto land adjacent to marina development, Pillings Lock. This is a temporary application and Mrs Paterson reported that all issues had been taken into account and all seemed in order.

- (ii) 05/1946 Erection of bungalow with first floor living accommodation and attached garage at rear of dwelling and erection of double garage to front of 62 Woodhouse Road (reserved matters). No comment
- (iii) 05/3709 Erection of conservatory to rear of dwelling at 66 Loughborough Road. No comment
- (iv) 05/3790 Erection of two storey extension to side of dwelling at 88 Woodhouse Road. No comment

(v) 05/3674 18 Alexander Road: 3 dormer window extension. Three letters had been received from Turner Close residents objecting – Mrs Paterson read out one (all three were similar). It was agreed that a letter be sent to the planning department pointing out that the Parish Council had received objections and ask them to seriously consider the comments made.

(b) Other applications already e-mailed included: **05/3351** 53 Farnham Street, **05/3234** 34 Mansfield Street, **05/3370** Demolition of workshop and erection of dwelling with access from Castledine Avenue, land at the rear of 79 Barrow Road. **05/3747** Site for erection of house/vehicular access 15 Chaveney Road – renewal of old planning application.

05/3688 102 Station Road: the proximity of the adjacent building was very concerning. The Borough Council had given permission for this, although they may have been able to object on the grounds of “land around”.

(c) Planning permission has been refused for:
Formation of access – 3 Soar Road
Development of Beacon View Farm as a business and technology centre

(iv) Wakeley’s development: Mrs Paterson advised that Michael Perry, architect for the development, had been in touch requesting ideas for a piece of public art. A suggestion was made for a Quern stone, to reflect the history of the site and the name of the village, and Mrs Paterson will contact Mr Perry with this idea.

06/11 CORRESPONDENCE

(i) PRIDE Alarms. Application received for grant assistance. It was proposed and agreed to make a grant of £100.

(ii) Biodiversity Action Plan – annual report 2004/5: Information received – Cllr Stirling will look through the report.

(iii) Mr A Dunsmore – potential accident blackspot. Correspondence received from Mr Dunsmore regarding concerns of parking on Warwick Avenue. He felt this was a potential blackspot and had reported the matter to the police who in turn had advised it was being monitored. The Clerk was asked to reply to Mr Dunsmore stating the Parish Council were aware of the issues and had tried (ie zig zags) to improve matters and encouraged the police to take any action necessary. A sub committee had been appointed to consider highway matters and non-councillors would be welcome to join. This item has been noted for the agenda for the School Travel Plan.

Cllr Child informed the meeting that he hoped to bring statistics on accidents within the Quorn area to the next Parish Council meeting.

(iv) Mr M Turlington – name suggestion for new roads. Mr Turlington asked that the name Turlington be a contender for a future street name in Quorn (the family are long-standing Quorn residents). Mrs Paterson was asked to add the name to her list of potential street names.

(v) Quorn Wakes: Request received from Mr David Cox for use of the Stafford Orchard for the annual Quorn Wakes. Discussion was held and it was proposed and agreed that permission be given to one week – arriving on site on 4th September 2006 and leaving on Monday 11th September 2006. The Clerk to request that there should be no opening at lunch times on week days (4 pm opening on those days), that the rides be aimed at a younger age group as last year, and that they be off site on 11th September 2006.

06/12 ITEMS RAISED BY COUNCILLORS

(a) Chairmanship of Christmas lights subcommittee. Cllr Mrs S Templeman advised that she would be resigning as Chair this year because of other commitments. Cllr Mrs Templeman's input was invaluable and she agreed to think things through and report back to the next meeting to advise whether she would be resigning as chair of the subcommittee as a whole or just regarding the 'switching on' event.

(b) Cave's Field – 24 hr closure of gate. Cllr Mrs Templeman reported and wished it to be minuted that the Mr Brian Pheasant closed the gate on Christmas Day for a full 24 hours, as required. Thanks to be passed on to Mr Pheasant for attending to this.

(c) Village place names. Cllr Stirling asked if consideration could be given in the future to formalising the names given to various parts of the village (ie Stafford Orchard is sometimes referred to as Stafford Park). Some thought to be given to this and discussed at a later date.

(d) Stafford Orchard. Cllr Stirling asked if there was an appropriate committee to look at the Stafford Orchard as a whole. The boundary hedges needed attention; the grass needed further cutting; hopefully the litter problem has been solved; and the goalposts may soon become illegal because of the cup hooks. Village Voice had stated that grants could be available for the goals. The ground was also very uneven. These matters to be discussed at one of the Environmental Committee group meetings.

06/13 PAYMENTS LIST AND SUMMARY SHEET

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

06/14 GENERAL VILLAGE MATTERS

(i) Litter bins: Cllr Hutchinson requested that if concrete litter bins were taken out any time could they be re-sited on the footpath between Sadlers Road and Cradock Drive. This was agreed.

(ii) Waste bin by swings on Stafford Orchard: A report had been received that this had not been emptied for 6 months.

(iii) 34 Loughborough Road – the hole in this vicinity was presently being attended to.

(iv) Site of old petrol station in Loughborough Road: Cllr Child reported that this was in a bad state. Mrs Paterson was asked to send a letter to the owner asking for the area to be tidied up if it is not being developed shortly.

(v) The Mills – Cllr Mrs Backus reported a large piece of graffiti on the wall.

(vi) Rawlins – There were no problems reported but there appeared to be a large number of pupils around at lunch times. It was felt this was probably last year's year 10 pupils who were now allowed out this year at lunch times.

(vii) Environmental Committee Meeting: A meeting to be arranged – the date and agenda information to be passed to Mrs Paterson.

(viii) The Cross. It was reported that the slabs at the Cross have sunk in places.

The meeting ceased at 22.00 hours.

Chairman

Date