

QUORNDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Quorn Parish Council held on Tuesday 5th April 2006 in the Council Chamber at Quorn Village Hall at 7 pm.

PRESENT

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

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

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

2 members of the public

06/42 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Mrs Backus, CSO Kendall and Cllr K Croysdale.

06/43 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr D Cox was welcomed to the meeting, and spoke regarding the Quorn Wakes Fair 2006. He asked if the Parish Council would reconsider its decision for the Wakes to arrive on the Monday and then be off site by the following Monday. Mr Cox said Quorn Wakes was the only fair in the area and 2 or 3 years ago were allowed extra time, but have now been requested to go back to 1 weekend. He felt that problems some 2 years ago were not the fault of the Wakes, but he appreciated drinks were being obtained and consumed at the Wakes. Discussion was held on problems encountered in previous years including drink issues and also regarding school children and disruption at lunch times. Mr Cox commented that the children would still go to the park and shops even if the Quorn Wakes were not open.

Mrs Paterson advised that a communication had been received from a residential address in Station Road saying that they had not encountered any problems in Station Road from the Wakes and had no objection to lunch time opening. They felt incidents had been attributed to the Wakes. They wished the tradition to continue.

It was agreed that discussion should be held later in the meeting under General Village Matters. Mr Cox was asked what hours he would prefer. Mr Cox preferred the Wakes to be open on the Thursday (7th September 2006), Friday, Saturday and Sunday and the following Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday as well (with opening at lunch times). Mr Cox said they would do their best to minimise any problems as far as they could if the time on site

could be extended. Mr Cox was thanked for attending the meeting and for his comments, and advised the matter would be discussed again later in the meeting and he would be advised of the outcome.

06/44 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 7TH MARCH 2006

Item 06/34(e) Cllr Hutchinson said that the hedge was being cut back by Leicestershire County Council, which should aid the clearing of litter etc. by Charnwood Borough Council. Item 06/34(g) Cllr Bexon said that the trees and tree bases had been ordered. 06/38(a) Cllr Mrs Harrison advised she did not leave the meeting, and 06/39(iv) Cllr Bexon advised that it was agreed to release £500 (not up to £500).

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

06/45 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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| Cllr Mrs S Templeman | - | Personal regarding Cave's Field. |
| Cllr P Child | - | Personal regarding Cave's Field |
| Cllr I Bexon | - | Personal regarding being resident near to Stafford Orchard where the Wakes are held |
| Cllr Mrs J Bloodworth | - | Personal and prejudicial regarding being relative of the electrical contractor for the Christmas lights. |

06/46 POLICING MATTERS

(a) Changes to BCU and LPU boundaries. A letter had been received and copies circulated with the agenda with a report on the Leicestershire Constabulary Re-alignment Consultation 'A Sixty Second Brief'. LPU Commander C Yallop had advised that the changes would make them coterminous with local authority boundaries.

(b) Pamphlets had been received on the Local Authority Local Policy Plan 2006/7 and Your Police for information.

(c) Early notification and an invitation to attend the Police Consultative Meeting in June had been received. Cllr Mrs Templeman will attend on behalf of the Parish Council.

06/47 MATTERS ARISING

(a) New 'bus shelter – Leicester Road/Wood Lane. Mrs Paterson advised that the shelter was now finished and ready for installation. Mr Southam had written to the Parish Council on behalf of the many residents in the Wood Lane area to thank the Parish Council for the funding and provision of a 'bus shelter and in particular to mention specifically the valued input from Mrs Paterson which was very much appreciated – this was echoed by members at the meeting. Mr Southam, who was in attendance at the meeting, was thanked for his attendance and for the appreciative comments.

(b) Possible closure of Post Office card accounts. It was reported that there was no news yet on what was going to happen, but recent newspaper reports had indicated that something similar was being looked at. In any event, it was suggested and agreed that a letter be sent by the Clerk on behalf of the Parish Council to the Member of Parliament stating the concerns.

(c) Retention of tree house – Armston Road. A copy of the planning report had been enclosed with the agenda. The planning permission had been granted with conditions (ie no other windows or other openings, and trees to be planted).

(d) Electrical connection for Xmas lighting. Mrs Paterson enquired regarding e-mail voting re costings, following a previous meeting. She had been unable to proceed as there were insufficient responses. Discussion took place regarding the lighting for the Banks and for Station Road and the War Memorial.

1. The Banks: Clarification was required as to where the electric supply would be coming from (ie Church Lane or High Street). This was originally included in the Banks 1 Project but had to be taken out. It was felt this should again be included with the Banks 2 Project. Exact requirements were needed with regard to loading information etc. Cllr Mrs Bloodworth will check with Adrian Bloodworth on loadings etc. and Cllr Child will look at electronic maps regarding supplies at the Banks, which should identify where the supply could be taken from, and report back to the next meeting.

2. Station Road and War Memorial: Cllr Bexon advised that this had been overlooked. He suggested the funding could come out of the Public Lighting budget or Contingencies. It should be soon known what was left in the accounts and the amount could then be assigned for electrical works or Contingency. Cllr Bexon will report back to the next Parish Council Meeting. To move matters forward, it was proposed, seconded and unanimously agreed that the Clerk, Mrs Paterson, be authorised to go ahead with arranging for the electrical connections for Christmas lighting in Station Road and the War Memorial – cost not to exceed £5000.

(e) Charnwood 2021. A draft response from the Parish Council to Charnwood Borough Council had been circulated to meeting members prior to the meeting. Thanks were expressed to Cllr Mrs Templeman and Cllr Child for the document they had produced. It was proposed, seconded and unanimously agreed that the document be adopted.

(f) Quorn Rawlins swimming pool. Information had been included with the agenda giving community statistics etc. Mrs Paterson was asked to write back to the Pool Management Committee expressing the Parish Council's support to the pool staying open to the public and committing moral and, if possible, financial support. Attempts were now being made by the Borough Council to get all interested parties together. Borough Cllr Slater will make enquiries and report back on what progress was being made.

(g) Parks for People lottery bid. Cllr Bexon gave an update. He advised that things were nearly at the pre-application stage. The ideas discussed included Stafford Orchard, acquiring old school and possible acquisition of small area of church land (presently leased by the Parish Council), and integration of the Townlands area by the brook. Also possibility of a Linear

Nature Walk east of the School Lane bridge to the Diana bed, and acquisition and refurbishment of the land by the public conveniences (not the car park). Options included concentrating on the park itself and making it more useful to more generations and for all age groups, refurbishment of the toilets, and the old school. The ownership of some land still needed to be identified as public access across the land could be needed in the future. Cllr Bexon hoped that by the next Parish Council meeting the pre-application would be in, and then the Heritage Lottery would make contact and advise whether they think we have a project. Cllr Bexon advised the very earliest dates for stage 1 would be March 2007, with the project in full by the end of December 2007 at the least, and may still not end up with anything.

Thanks were given to Cllr Bexon and Cllr Child. The Parish Council were indebted to all in the group for their hard work. Cllr Bexon thanked members of the group for their help.

(h) Banks 2 Project – update. Cllr Bexon advised that news regarding the deconsecration of the land was still awaited. A decision would then need to be made with regard to the contract. Thanks to Bellinger Design, another source of funds had been identified and an extra £8500 had been forthcoming. Things were now back on track and viable as a project if the present contract could be kept to (ie kept within the tender period).

Lawyers were dealing with the deconsecration and everything depended on them.

Cllr Bexon proposed, and it was agreed, that the Clerk be requested to write to the church stating the financial situation faced by the Parish Council in the circumstances and asked if they could see a way forward to make a financial contribution towards the costs.

(i) Land Registry. Mrs Paterson reported that she had made checks and Cave's Field and The Banks were registered, and the solicitor had deeds to the Village Hall and deeds to Stafford Orchard were in a previous solicitor's office. Therefore the Village Hall and Stafford Orchard could be registered. The solicitor has other documents but none for the War Memorial. This would have to be done by statutory declaration. Thanks were extended to Mrs Paterson for her work. Cllr Mrs Templeman requested that a copy of the Stafford Orchard deeds be obtained if possible, or at least a note of boundaries and any historical matters noted.

(j) Annual Civic Service, Barrow upon Soar. Cllr Hutchinson advised that he and Mrs Hutchinson had attended this service on 2nd April.

06/48 COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Village Hall Committee Meeting held on 13th March 2006 – the minutes had been enclosed with the Parish Council agenda. Cllr Child advised the committee had agreed to go ahead with the new lights in the hall and central heating in the flat. With regard to the redevelopment – details of new grant funding was expected to be announced in June. With regard to this and the Heritage Lottery project, it was commented that the Parish Council would not be able to fund 2 major lottery bids at the same time so timing would be crucial.

The date of the next Village Hall Committee Meeting was agreed to be 8th May (not 10th April 2007).

2. Cave's Field – notes of a meeting held on 16th March – enclosed with the agenda. Cllr Mrs Templeman reported that, as insufficient Councillors had been present, it had not been possible to hold a full meeting and therefore notes of the meeting were taken, rather than minutes.

(a) Entrance sign. The meeting requested the Parish Council's permission to purchase the entrance sign – approximately £1600. Cllr Mrs Templeman proposed that the Parish Council ask Mrs Paterson to go ahead and order the entrance sign for Cave's Field. This was seconded and all were in favour.

(b) Bear litter bin. Cllr Mrs Templeman reported that within a week of it being installed the bin had been vandalised. Mr Brian Pheasant, of the cricket club, had kindly retrieved the fittings and re-concreted the bin in more securely. It was agreed that a letter of thanks from the Parish Council be sent to Mr Pheasant for doing this work. It was also agreed that a letter to be sent to the Police regarding concerns at Cave's Field with youths etc. and ask for their support.

3. Environmental Committee meeting held on 29th March. Mrs Paterson ran through the draft minutes of the meeting.

(a) Wall lamps by Bradley's had been ordered.

(b) Arrangements were in hand for the hanging baskets.

(c) Site meeting being arranged to look at moving the Parish Council noticeboard. It had been agreed not to replace the existing planters.

(d) A site meeting to be arranged at the new pedestrian crossing in Farley Way to look at what improvements to the look could be made. Cllr Mrs Templeman said that she had received a number of positive responses saying that the crossing had been long-awaited and that it was most welcome.

(e) Exit to car park. Mrs Paterson will chase what is happening.

4. Quarry Liaison Meeting. Cllr Bexon reported back from the recent meeting. He advised that no decision had yet been made by the County Council regarding the creating of a waste transfer on the quarry site and the consultation deadline had been extended. The main issue would be a substantial increase of traffic in Granite Way. Other issues discussed included the lorry park at the quarry – arrangements were in hand to move this which should reduce noise in Wood Lane. Electronic delay blasting would either reduce the number of times blasting would be done each week as blasting would not need to be done each day, or the level of blasting each day could be reduced.

06/49 COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS

(a) Consultation on proposals to develop day services for disabled people. Information received. Mrs Paterson read out extracts from the document.

- (b) Structure Plan – explanatory memorandum and written statement received. Mrs Paterson advised that a copy could be purchased from the County Council for £30.00 or a written statement was available for £15.00. The document could also be viewed on the County Council website.
- (c) Advance notice of footpath closure Meynell Road – Catherine Close (for approximately 3 days). Mrs Paterson advised that this would be from 19th April 2006.
- (d) Draft Rights of Way Improvement Plan. Mrs Paterson reported on the plan and advised that the consultation process was open until the end of May.
- (e) Communication received from Mrs M Gamble together with a copy of the new timetable for 'buses travelling via villages, which the county subsidises, and pointing out that the Glenfield Hospital service has been reduced. County Councillor Kershaw noted the information and agreed to make enquiries and report back.
- (f) Local Transport Plan document 2006/11: County Councillor Kershaw advised that the final draft went through Council recently and asked if the Parish Council would like a copy. The Parish Council did wish to have a copy – and Cllr Child will look through the document.
- (g) Farley Way/Loughborough Road crossing: County Councillor Kershaw advised that the crossing would be officially opened on 5th April. He would pass on comments made previously in the meeting regarding the crossing.

06/50 BOROUGH COUNCIL MATTERS

- (a) Planning application regarding entrance to Gambles. Borough Cllr Slater advised that it has been recommended for refusal as the wall in Spinney Drive is an integral part of the conservation area and the dividing wall was not considered suitable.
- (b) Station Road car park: Charnwood Borough Council was in negotiation regarding extending the lease.
- (c) Borough Councillor Shepherd gave an update from a recent meeting. and advised that there was a budget for £50000 for Environmental Improvements. Officers could approve up to £10000 and bids for further amounts could be made from the capital programme. As things were at the moment, the Parish Council could put in an early pre-application bid until fuller actual details were known.

Thanks were given to both Borough Councillors for their attendance and support.

06/51 PLANNING MATTERS

- (a) Parish Council Planning Workshops – 4th and 5th May. An invitation received for up to 2 representatives. Cllr Mrs Templeman will attend the 5th May workshop.
- (b) Woodhouse & Woodhouse Eaves Village Design Statements – public consultation. Documents were received and noted.

(c) Planning Applications received:

06/0688 Erection of single and 2 storey extension to side of dwelling at 45 Barrow Road.

06/0768 47 Barrow Road – 2 storey extension side of dwelling.

06/0808 22 Paddock Close – single storey extension side and rear and replacing pitched roof.

06/0764 107 Meeting Street – 2 storey extension to side and installation of roof lights.

No comments made

(d) Planning decisions:

Granted: 06/0436 Stoop Lane

06/0389 37 Paddock Club

05/3608 attention to trees 28 Northage Close

06/0285 attention to trees 102 Mansfield Lodge

06/0145 extension at 17 Wood Lane

06/52 CORRESPONDENCE

(a) Local Works – the Sustainable Communities Bill. Invitation to public meeting in Groby on 6th April. Mrs Paterson has details.

(b) M1 Widening – public exhibitions and consultations information received.

(c) Children's Centre Stakeholder Development Day. Information received.

06/53 PAYMENTS LIST AND SUMMARY SHEET

These were included with the agenda.

Cllr Bexon explained that the grass cutting was for the previous year, and clarified the cash flow chart. The payments list and summary sheet were formally agreed and approved.

06/54 GENERAL VILLAGE MATTERS

(1) *Handyman's new timesheet: Cllr Child reported that the handyman had found this to be working well and extremely useful. To be reviewed in a few months' time.*

(2) May Day: Cllr Child advised that Mrs K Collie and family were leaving the village and would not be able to assist in preparations for future May Day celebrations. It was agreed that this be mentioned at the Annual Parish Meeting and in the Quorndon to ask for assistance.

(3) Cllr Bexon advised that he had been contacted by a resident regarding the condition of a house in Mansfield Street that was being sporadically worked on and was in a very untidy condition.

(4) Quorn Wakes 2006. (Cllr Bexon did not take part in this discussion). Discussion was held and it was proposed and seconded, after reconsideration, to offer arrival on the Monday (4th September 2006) with opening on Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday and the next Monday, and to leave the site on the Tuesday (12th September 2006). They could open when they wanted to but not at lunch times. Providing all was in order the Parish

Council may be able to consider staying open longer next year. More support from the police to be requested and to ask Bradley's to be more strict regarding alcohol etc. Also Rawlins to be requested to advise pupils not go on site at lunch times. This was agreed (1 councillor voted against).The Clerk was asked to advise Mr Cox of the decision.

The meeting closed at 21.40 hours

Chair Date