

QUORNDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Quorn Parish Council held on Tuesday 9th January 2007 in the Council Chamber at Quorn Village Hall at 7 pm.

PRESENT

Cllr J Hutchinson (Chair)	Cllr P Child
Cllr I Bexon	Cllr T Stirling
Cllr P Webster	Cllr T Tyler
Cllr Mrs S Templeman	Cllr Mrs E Harrison
Cllr Mrs J Backus	

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

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

07/1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Mrs J Bloodworth (ill), Cllr Mr J Maltby (working) and PC Darren Chalk.

07/2 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public present at the meeting.

07/3 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 5TH DECEMBER 2006

06/169: (l) Land at Beacon View Farm – ‘the Inspector hoped to make a decision during December or January.’ (d) Cllr Mrs Backus clarified that the beds were new ones and not part of the new frontage. (g) The Street Management Officer was Nicky Keeling (not Kelling). 06/175 Proposed revision to Standing Orders: Cllr Bexon said the Standing Orders already stated that proposed business had to be in the form of a resolution received 5 days before publication of the agenda.

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

07/4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Mrs S Templeman	-	Personal regarding Cave's Field
Cllr T Stirling	-	Personal and prejudicial regarding item 7 (iv) of the agenda
Cllr I Bexon		Personal regarding item 9 (i) of the agenda as resident of Dower House Gardens and personal regarding item 8 Village Hall Committee meeting regarding NQSC

07/5 POLICING MATTERS

PC Darren Chalk was unable to attend the meeting and had sent apologies.

In the absence of any representative of the police being in attendance at this meeting and any future meetings it was agreed that any matters raised should be referred to the police as soon as possible after the meeting by e mail.

07/6 NICOLA KEELING, STREET MANAGER, CHARNWOOD BOROUGH COUNCIL

The chair welcomed Nicola Keeling to the meeting. Nicola, Street Manager for South Charnwood, gave a short presentation and circulated information on Environmental Enforcement. Contact information was supplied. The main areas dealt with by the Street Wardens and Enforcement Team covered dog fouling, litter, abandoned cars, graffiti, waste, fly tipping, unauthorised distribution of literature etc. Nicola said they were anxious to work with schools to deter problems. Tables were also provided to show offences and penalty information. Street Wardens worked from 6.30 am to 8 pm. Members present felt it would be beneficial for the Street Wardens to come to Quorn en masse perhaps for a day and Nicola felt this could be arranged around May time. Contact to be made with her before then to work out a specific operation.

Thanks were given to Nicola for her attendance and input to the meeting.

07/7 MATTERS ARISING

(i) Public meeting re the old school. The date of the meeting was arranged for Tuesday 23rd January 2007 at 7.30 pm. An acceptance to attend and speak at the meeting had been received from Dr Feltham (member of the County Council). C Cllr Tony Kershaw was also to be invited to the meeting. Cllr Stirling had circulated a paper giving some thoughts on the issue and was open to any suggestions. Discussion took place. It was felt important that the County Council was informed that an amicable solution was being sought and the meeting should reflect this. The Parish Council would like the County Council to reconsider the disposal. Best price was not necessarily best value.

Cllr Child volunteered to speak on behalf of the Parish Council. Cllr Child also agreed to redesign the draft poster and this can then be copied and distributed. The meeting will be advertised in the Village Notes in the Echo and general media, and a press release to be prepared. A meeting was arranged for 16.1.07 for Cllr Stirling, Cllr Bexon, Cllr Child and Cllr Mrs Templeman to meet and sit down and collate information. The agenda and format of the public meeting was approved.

(ii) Parish Office. Mrs Paterson advised that planning permission had been granted subject to the shop window display being maintained at all times. It was agreed that the lease be signed and the keys should now be obtained and a group consisting of Cllr Mrs Templeman, Cllr Hutchinson, Cllr Bexon and Mrs Paterson will look at the office and see what decorating and furniture is required.

(iii) Quarry noise and disturbance. Mrs Paterson advised that she had written to the Quarry and the Environmental Health Department. A reply had

been received from the Environmental Health but as yet no response from the Quarry.

(iv) Confidential item. Standing Orders were suspended for this item and Cllr Stirling and B Cllr Slater left the room whilst it was discussed.

Standing Orders were resumed and Cllr Stirling and B Cllr Slater rejoined the meeting.

(v) Mrs S Hurst – S137 application for servicing of pressure relieving equipment. It was proposed, seconded and unanimously agreed to grant £100 for the servicing of the equipment for the financial year 2007/8. The Parish Council could not commit for further years but would ensure that future Parish Council members had the information to hand. Mrs Hurst to be advised that she would need to apply each year.

(vi) The Banks 2. Mrs Paterson said that the vicar David Bowler had written to say how grateful everyone from the church was with the improvements. All were delighted with the outcome and the area appeared to be more respected by users. He wished thanks to be passed on to all concerned.

(vii) Quorndon Terrace. Cllr Stirling asked that a letter to be sent to the County Council requesting a date when the pavement would be restored.

(viii) The Slabs. Cllr Stirling advised that a further meeting was to be held to discuss a response to the county council. The catwalk/raised footpath to Barrow upon Soar was also under discussion by the Barrow upon Soar Parish Council regarding the provision of a cycle track on this very busy section of road.

(ix) Grant for lighting/chairs – Village Hall committee minutes. Cllr Stirling advised that there was no news yet on the grant.

07/8 COMMITTEE REPORTS

(i) Finance Committee meeting held on 28th November. Minutes of the meeting were enclosed with the agenda. Cllr Bexon advised that there were no further adjustments since the last Parish Council Meeting and he therefore proposed that the budget for 2007/8 and the precept of £126,000 be accepted. This was seconded and agreed and signed.

The future of the swimming pool was discussed and it was decided as no formal communication regarding a plan of action had been received that no provision for supporting the swimming pool financially could be made. Jackie Edwards had advised that their position remained precarious. The Parish Council felt that if it appeared that the swimming pool could close then the Parish Council could make a contribution but could only help if it was part of a scheme to stop the pool closing as the Parish council could not just subsidise a deficit.

(ii) Village Hall Committee meeting held on 4th December. The minutes were enclosed with the agenda. Cllr Child reported that the Village hall Committee had agreed to hand over the container to those that used it (NQSC and Phoenix Entertainers) 50% each and the future maintenance would be their responsibility. There was to be no connection of power to the container. It

was suggested that a condition of usage be attached that it should be kept in tidy condition and properly maintained and appropriate disposal arrangements be made at the end of its life.

Regarding the provision of a 'phone at the Village Hall for safety reasons – it was felt that this was the hirers' responsibility not the Parish Council's.

07/9 COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS

(i) New and amended Traffic Regulation Order – various roads in Quorn. Mrs Paterson read out information received with regard to markings at the following locations: Dower House Gardens, Barrow Road, Loughborough Road, Leicester Road and Meeting Street.

(ii) Branchline information. Mrs Paterson advised of latest information received.

(iii) White Street markings: C Cllr Kershaw advised that the markings at the junction were only indication markings and there was no immediate possibility of obtaining a proper no waiting/parker order.

Thanks were given to C Cllr Kershaw for his attendance at the meeting.

07/10 BOROUGH COUNCIL MATTERS

(i) Local Development Framework. Mrs Paterson advised that Planning Documentation had been received regarding S 106 with a closing date of 15th February for consultation. Cllr Webster was given the documentation to read through and offered to draft a response.

(ii) Councillor Allowances. Charnwood Borough Council was requesting information. Mrs Paterson was asked to complete the questionnaire as it is at the present time and the information then to be passed to the new Parish council following the elections in May. It was felt that the Finance Meeting would consider annually whether allowances should be paid and to whom.

B Cllr Slater advised that the 2007/8 budget was published and out for consultation. The proposal was for a rate increase of 2.5%. He also said that the County Council proposed increase was 4.2%.

B Cllr Slater was thanked for his attendance at the meeting.

07/11 PLANNING MATTERS

(i) Planning applications: earlier applications had been e mailed.

2006/3636 Leicestershire County Council: demolition of caretaker bungalow and installation of two mobile classrooms: This was a retrospective application. Response to be sent. As a matter of principle that the Parish Council were very concerned at this application which although submitted by LCC, the demolition has already taken place. It was felt that it made a nonsense of the consultation procedure.

06/3659 44 Barrow Road: 2 storey extension rear of number 44.

06/3741 21 Barrow Road: 2 storey side and single storey extension.

06/3598 Wesleyan Chapel: Amendment of internal layout.

18 Cradock Drive: Revised dormer windows scheme.

06/3470 Pillings Lock, Flesh Hovel Lane: Mooring and fishing jetties.

06/3573 Devol, High Street: Notification of change of business of shop.
06/ 3484 28 Warwick Avenue: Erection of dormer bungalow.

(ii) **06/2289** Retention of PVCu windows – Soar House. Refusal by Planning Committee.

07/12 CORRESPONDENCE

(i) Mr B Pheasant – results of traffic survey. Mrs Paterson advised that Mr Pheasant had supplied results of 2 surveys he had undertaken. Mrs Paterson was asked to write to thank Mr Pheasant for the information and to say that the Parish Council would like to take up his offer to carry out other surveys when situations arose.

(ii) Acknowledgement of service of a local soldier serving in Afghanistan. Mr Cawdell had advised that a local soldier – Hugo Farmer – had received a special award. Mrs Paterson was asked to write to him saying how proud the Parish Council were of him receiving the decoration. Cllr Hutchinson said he was aware that the British Legion would also be contacting Mr Farmer. Mrs Paterson was also asked to thank Mr Cawdell for bringing this to the attention of the Parish Council and advise of the action being taken.

(iii) HMS Quorn. Latest newsletter has been received.

(iv) L&RAPLC – Local Councils/County Council conference 29th January 2007. Mrs Paterson advised that 2 packs had been received regarding the conference. It was felt a suggested topic should be 'Managing County's Historic Assets'. Cllr Hutchinson said he would attend, depending on his diary commitments.

(v) East Midlands Airport – Master Plan summary document received. Cllr Bexon will look through the document.

(vi) Barrow Signpost. A guide to community groups etc. in Barrow upon Soar has been received.

(vii) Fence in vicinity of Bowls Club: Mrs Paterson advised that an e mail had been received from Richard Guise asking when the fence painting would be completed and the area tidied up. Mrs Paterson was asked to write to the Bowls Club requesting that the work be finished.

(viii) Quorn Wakes. Mr Cox has written requesting a week in September as last year, Monday to Monday. He has also requested a brief lunchtime opening of 35 minutes on the Thursday and Friday. It was agreed to approve the dates but not the opening at lunch times on the Thursday and Friday as the school, the Parish Council and the Police were opposed to it.

07/13 PAYMENTS LIST AND SUMMARY SHEET

This was enclosed with the agenda and all payments were approved.

The meeting ceased at 21.40.

Chair Date