

QUORNDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the emergency meeting of Quorn Parish Council held on Thursday September 2007 in the Council Chamber at Quorn Village Hall at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT

Cllr P Child (Chairman)
Cllr I Bexon
Cllr J Bloodworth
Cllr G Glover
Cllr K Paterson

Cllr T Rodgers
Cllr T Stirling
Cllr S Templeman
Cllr T Tyler

Borough Cllr D. Slater

Ms K Newman - Village Hall Administrator

Sgt Dave Ascough (for Minutes 143 to 146)

PC Chris Kendal (Community Safety Officer) (for Minutes 143 to 146)

07/143 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr E Harrison (family reasons) and Cllr D Cawdell (holiday), from Borough Councillor R Shepherd and from Parish Clerk L Swinfield (illness).

07/144 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Twenty-one members of the public were present.

The meeting having been convened to discuss and resolve a way forward to deal with the increasing level of antisocial behaviour (including vandalism) in the village, the Chairman invited members of the public to address the meeting with their concerns.

13 members of the public addressed the meeting.

The problems raised were vandalism, intimidation, alcohol and underage drinkers in Stafford Orchard and the car park; speeding, especially around the Station Road/School Lane/Leicester Road loop; noise in the Orchard and at the Cross at weekends; and problems at the Cross late at night, with pedestrians spilling into the road and taxis making pick-ups parking haphazardly.

07/145 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

07/146 DISCUSSION AND RESOLUTIONS

The concerns of the public, and similar concerns of Councillors, were discussed at length by the Councillors and the Police. It was

AGREED

That the Parish Council would:

- Install metal posts at School Lane entrance of Stafford Orchard as agreed at the Council meeting held on 4 September 2007;
- Investigate installation of Neighbourhood Watch closed circuit television;
- Arrange installation of CCTV notices as agreed at the Council meeting held on 4 September 2007;

- Look into removing the double bench from Stafford Orchard;
- Look into reconfiguring the wall at School Lane entrance of Stafford Orchard to discourage loiterers;
- Complete the wall at Nursery Lane in the same manner;
- Set up volunteer force to clear brook and remove debris from the Stafford Orchard park;
- Contact the publican at the White Horse, and if appropriate, contact Everards brewery, to review progress on encouraging good neighbour relations, and to discuss the possibility of remodelling the pub's beer garden to encourage its use and to discourage pavement drinking;
- Continue with a diary of noise at the Cross;
- Contact Charnwood Borough Council to ask if Street Wardens could undertake occasional enforcement actions outwith daytime hours;
- Approach the Taxi Licensing Officer at Charnwood Borough Council to remind taxis about not parking on pavement etc. when picking up at the Cross;
- Enquire of the Borough Council whether it would be possible to have the bus bay at the Cross designated for use as a taxi rank in the evenings;

And that the Police would:

- Arrange for mobile sign & hand-held laser-gun checks of speeds around Station Road / School Lane / Leicester Road circuit;
- Meet with representatives of Parish Council, Borough Council, Rawlins College and other stakeholders such as shopkeepers, to undertake an Environmental Visual Audit of Stafford Orchard to see if it would be possible to design out crime.

07/147 PLANNING

P/07/2201/02 Construction of football changing rooms at Rawlins College

RESOLVED

To consider this item as urgent business because the deadline for comments was the following day.

Objections had been received from neighbouring residents on the grounds that the proposed development was too close to the houses in Mansfield Avenue. However, as the building was single-storey and there were no windows overlooking the houses, it was

RESOLVED (unanimously)

That the Council would not be making any comment on the application.

Meeting ended 9.22 pm

Chair Date