

## **QUORNDON PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the meeting of Quorn Parish Council held on Tuesday 1 April 2008 at 7p.m  
in the Council Chamber at Quorn Village Hall.

### **PRESENT**

Cllr P Child (Chairman)	Cllr K Paterson
Cllr I Bexon	Cllr T Rodgers
Cllr J Bloodworth	Cllr T Stirling
Cllr D Cawdell	Cllr S Templeman
Cllr G Glover (for Minutes 68 – 77)	Cllr T Tyler
Cllr E Harrison	

County Cllr T Kershaw (for Minutes 74 – 75)

Borough Cllr R Shepherd (for Minutes 62 – 68)

PC M Green (for Minutes 66 – 67)

Mrs L Swinfield	–	Parish Clerk
Ms K Newman	–	Administrative Assistant

### **08/62 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Five members of the public were present. One commented on litter and broken glass on Cave's Field, the Cross and other areas, and the good job the village litter picker had done clearing it. He offered to put up signs regarding dog fouling and litter at Caves Field if the Council would supply these.

### **08/63 APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr G Glover (lateness), Borough Cllr D Slater (illness) and Mr D Burge (bereavement).

### **08/64 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

### **08/65 MINUTES**

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 4 March 2008 were received and approved as a correct record.

### **08/66 POLICING MATTERS**

PC Green reported that the crime figures had risen disappointingly during his period of leave; however, there had been some developments since and evidence was being gathered.

Action had been taken on the items from the previous month. Speeding on Leicester Road was not considered excessive – although there were isolated cases of vehicles travelling at 60mph, 85% of vehicles were travelling within 10% of the 40mph limit, which was considered acceptable.

### **AGREED**

That the Clerk write to the original complainant to bring him up to date with developments.

### **08/67 CLOSED CIRCUIT TELEVISION**

Mr Burge, an officer of Charnwood Borough Council, had sent apologies for his inability to attend and give a presentation on CCTV in Quorn.

Cllr Cawdell explained the progress made since the previous consideration of this topic. Further work was needed and a report would be made to Council in due course.

### **08/68 BOROUGH COUNCIL MATTERS**

Lavatory provision throughout Charnwood, including at the public lavatory on Station Road which formed part of the Parks for People bid, was being considered through the Borough Council's scrutiny and Cabinet processes. Papers on the subject were available on the Borough Council's website.

Progress on the issues concerning Proctor's Park were confidential at present but the Council would be kept informed.

### **08/69 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

A football match had been arranged to take place at the Quorn Football Club ground on 20 April and there were concerns about possible parking problems on Farley Way. The Chairman would contact the match organisers and the police about arrangements to avoid traffic and parking problems.

### **08/70 CLERK'S REPORT**

The Clerk had negotiated a new telephone contract that would give a saving of approximately 20% over the present contract for the four years that remain of the current contract.

#### **RESOLVED**

That the Clerk be authorised to set the new BT Business One Plan in place as soon as possible.

### **08/71 THE OLD SCHOOL**

1. The article concerning the Old School that was due to appear in *The Quorndon* magazine had been rewritten to take account of the outcomes of the Special Council meeting on 26 March;
2. A press release would be issued in the near future;
3. The Clerk would be responding to correspondence;
4. Preparations for the Public Works Loan Board loan had begun, so that as much as possible would be ready in advance of applying for a loan;
5. The County Council had raised queries regarding the letter that had accompanied the Business Case; these would be followed up;
6. A display to inform villagers about the Old School would be posted at the May Day celebrations.

### **08/72 PARKS FOR PEOPLE**

The next major consultation event would be the display at the May Day celebrations. This would be the final public consultation, as the planning application would have to be submitted in June.

### **08/73 COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- a) The minutes of the meeting of the Environment Committee held on 26 February 2008 were received. *The Quorndon* had offered to sponsor garden planting in the village. Cllr Bloodworth declared an interest in this item as a member of *The Quorndon's* editorial team.

### **AGREED**

- 1) To thank *The Quorndon* for its offer and to accept its sponsorship for the Banks garden planting;
- 2) The Environment Committee to formulate a general sponsorship scheme and decide on suitable plaques to mark sponsored beds;
- 3) An article soliciting further sponsorships to be placed in a future edition of *The Quorndon*.

The next meeting of the Environment Committee would be on 23 April at 6.30 pm in the Council Chamber.

- b) The Finance Committee proposed changes to the Financial Regulations to ensure that all orders would be placed through the Responsible Financial Officer.

### **RESOLVED**

- 1) That the Financial Regulations be amended in accordance with the draft submitted to the meeting, with 7 subsections in Section 10;
- 2) That the Clerk re-issue the amended Financial Regulations and a copy be posted in the PC office window and the Parish Council website.

### **08/74 PLANNING**

**The following applications had been considered by the Planning Group and had been referred to Council for comments:**

**P/08/0576/2**, Conversion of front room into garage and drop kerb, driveway and parking area, 45 Chaveney Road, LE12 8AB

The application had been withdrawn as the Borough Council's Planning Officers had concluded that the proposed works were permitted development and did not require a formal planning application. However, Councillors were very concerned as the proposed access to the property would be extremely dangerous, as the proposed entry/exit was situated on a blind bend on a well-used highway.

### **AGREED**

That the Clerk write to the Highways Authority (copy to County Cllr Kershaw) to raise the Council's highway safety concerns over this proposed development.

**P/08/0716/2** Erection of disabled access ramp to front entrance, Quorn Post Office, 15 Station Road, LE12 8BS

In order for the Post Office to be able to erect the proposed ramp, it would be necessary for the Parish Noticeboard to be moved. It was expected that the board would be moved anyway as part of the Parks for People redevelopment.

### **AGREED**

To support the application in principle and to write to the Post Office to ask them to liaise with the Council over co-ordinating the removal of the sign and construction of the ramp.

**The Council had already put forward objections to the original version of the following revised scheme:**

**P/08/0489/2** Erection of two 2.5 storey detached dwellings and garages (Revised scheme – application withdrawn – P/07/3504/2 refers), Land adjacent to 85 Warwick Avenue, LE12 8HE.

## **AGREED**

That as the revised scheme did not address the Council's objections to the scale and character of the proposed buildings, the Council's objections be reiterated to the planning authority.

### **Notification of the following applications had been e-mailed to the Planning Scrutiny Group with no requests for any to be considered at this meeting:**

**P/08/0696/2**, Conversion of existing attached garage into sunroom and erection of detached double garage, 29 Chaveney Walk, LE12 8FH;

**P/08/0656/2** Replace existing flat roof on garage with a pitched roof, 13 Poulteney Drive, LE12 8EY;

**P/08/0502/2** Change of use from livery stables to sale of fish, accessories and supplies (Aquatics Centre), Quorn Lodge, Loughborough Road, LE12 8UE;

**LCC 2008/C224/02** Severn Trent Water, Erection of a kiosk, Poulteney Drive Sewage Pumping Station (SPS), Quorn.

### **Decisions had been notified concerning the following applications:**

**P/07/0629/2** Removal of dead branches/limbs on 4 Oak trees and 1 Sycamore tree, Quorn Mills Park Bowls Club, 36 High Street LE12 8DT, **Grant Conditionally;**

**P/08/0371/2** Change of use from hairdressers (Class A1) to office (Class A2), 24 High Street, LE12 8DT, **Grant Conditionally;**

**P/08/0098/2** Extension to front and roof extension of garage to side of dwelling for first floor accommodation, Bridle House, Nursery Lane, LE12 8BH, **Grant Conditionally;**

**P/08/0396/2** Felling of a group of Beech trees, Quorn Grange Hotel (PH), 88 Wood Lane, LE12 8DB, **Grant Conditionally.**

## **08/75 COUNTY COUNCIL**

County Cllr Kershaw explained how his forthcoming chairmanship of the County Council would run alongside his constituency work.

The Old School purchase was being dealt with through the County Council's Cabinet processes. The Parks for People match funding could not be considered until May or June as the grant criteria were being altered. An answer would be forthcoming before September.

Councillors informed County Cllr Kershaw of the intention to pursue Conservation Area status for the Santa Maria Bridge area, and possibly listing for the Bridge itself.

## **08/76 CORRESPONDENCE**

- a) **Joint Soar Valley Parish Liaison Committee.** Consideration of the Committee's request for Quorn to host the Committee's meetings over the coming year had been deferred from the previous meeting. Minutes from the Committee's previous meeting had been made available to Members.

## **AGREED**

That since the Area Fora provided a mechanism for liaison between Parish Councils, the continued relevance of the Committee was, in the Council's view, uncertain and the Council therefore declined to host the meetings.

- b) **Stafford Orchard Football Pitch.** An enquiry had been received from a football team about the possibility of using Stafford Orchard as a 'home ground'.

**AGREED**

That the Clerk write to the enquirer to explain that Stafford Orchard was not suitable as a 'home ground' venue.

- c) **Charnwood Borough Council Reception.** Members were invited to a Civic Reception on Thursday 7 May. The Clerk would circulate details and Members were asked to respond directly to the Borough Council if they wished to attend.

**08/77 PAYMENTS, RESERVES LIST AND SUMMARY SHEET**

The Payments list, Reserves List and Summary Sheet were received. The LRC and NALC subscriptions would need to be accrued into the 2008/9 accounts. The Clerk would be preparing a specification for the grass mowing contract with a view to putting it out to tender for the next financial year.

**S137 Funding Request – National Association of Decorative and Fine Arts.** Cllr Paterson declared a personal interest in this item as a member of the group applying for funding.

**AGREED**

That the Clerk write to the applicants asking them to specify the amount of S137 funding that they were seeking, in accordance with Council's Financial Regulations, and advising them that S137 grants to community organisations were usually of the order of £100.

Meeting ended 9.15 pm

Chairman ..... Date .....