

QUORNDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Quorn Parish Council held on Tuesday 6th January 2009
at 7pm in the Council Chamber at Quorn Village Hall.

PRESENT

Cllr P Child (Chairman)
Cllr I Bexon
Cllr J Bloodworth
Cllr G Glover
Cllr E Harrison
Cllr D Cawdell

Cllr K Paterson
Cllr T Rodgers
Cllr T Stirling
Cllr S Templeman
Cllr T Tyler

Borough Cllr D Slater (for minutes 09/07 – 09/14)
County Cllr T Kershaw (for minutes 09/03 – 09/13)

Mrs Lindsay Swinfield Clerk
Mrs Melanie Burdett Asst. Clerk

Six members of the public in attendance

Note: All Minutes are subject to correction before formal approval at the following meeting. Please check the Minutes of the subsequent meeting to see if corrections were made to these Minutes before ratification.

09/01 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mrs J Cook of Barrow Road, Quorn gave a short presentation in respect of Planning Application P/08/2857/2 (demolition of No 8. Loughborough Road, creation of new vehicular access, erection of 112 no. retirement flats – application withdrawn). Mrs Cook proposed that the site be used as a local wildlife site, the allotment site is rich in biodiversity and is home to a large variety of wildlife. The benefits of designating the allotment site as a local wildlife site would essentially fulfil three purposes – the long-term conservation of the site's biodiversity, the long-term protection of the allotment plots for community use, and the protection of the land from future planning applications.

Mr Charles Martin of Sanders Road, Quorn requested that consideration be made ref the allotment site to include the orchard at the rear of the Rectory.

Mr Ian Marron of Chaveney Walk, Quorn attended in respect of Planning Application P/08/3100/2, 55 Chaveney Road, demolition of dwelling and erection of 13 dwellings with access. Mr Marron expressed concern that the re-submitted planning application was virtually the same as the original; that access for construction traffic via Craddock Drive was totally inadequate; accessibility in general is a problem (refer to CBC Development Framework).

The Chairman introduced and welcomed the new Assistant Clerk Mrs Melanie Burdett

09/02 ORDER OF BUSINESS

No change

09/03 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr R. Shepherd (Highways Forum).

09/04 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Chairman reminded Members to declare any interests either now or at the time that an item was discussed. He himself had a prejudicial interest in Agenda item 13 (Allotment provision assessment), as an owner of one of the Loughborough Road allotments, and would be vacating the chair during discussion of this item.

09/05 MINUTES

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 2nd December 2008 were **APPROVED** as a correct record, subject to the following amendments:

(Present) Cllr Glover was not present at the meeting;

(08/212) paragraph 9 should read 'Cllr Paterson said that the designation of the proposed dwellings as 'retirement flats' was meaningless in planning terms';

(08/212) paragraph 10 should read 'Cllr Stirling said that the definition of brownfield sites was of concern in relation to this application. The allotments, like gardens, should not be considered a brownfield site.'

and were signed by the Chairman.

09/06 POLICING MATTERS

Cllr Rodgers reported that he had found £5.00 in cash and produced a poster advertising this – posters to be put in the PC office window and on the notice board.

09/07 BOROUGH COUNCIL MATTERS

a. Farmers Market

The Chairman read out a response from Charnwood Borough Council to the Clerks enquiries on the process for setting up a Farmers Market in the village. **All agreed** that Cllr Slater takes this forward on behalf of QPC, and reports back to the Clerk (Clerk to forward the response email to Cllr Slater).

b. Notification of Corporate Plan Consultation

Councillors to send comments to the Clerk, who will collate and add to the February PC agenda.

c. Village Design Statement (VDS)

Cllr Stirling reported on his findings reference the future of the VDS within the Local Development Framework (LDF); Charnwood Borough Council will be issuing a statement, however, the VDS may, at some stage, have to be adapted to fit in with the LDF. Cllr Stirling to monitor this and report back.

d. Advertising on roundabouts

Cllr Tyler declared a personal interest in this item, and did not take part in the discussion.

Cllr Rodgers requested an update on advertising on roundabouts. Cllr Slater could only report that CBC is waiting for another planning application to be put forward. Council requested that Cllr Slater take this forward for the Parish Council, and cc. the Clerk. This item to be added to the March PC agenda.

09/08 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman reported that despite his endeavours, no members of the public had come forward to help run the May Day event. Cllrs Glover and Bloodworth will look at possible sources of assistance etc.

09/09 CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk had nothing specific to report.

09/10 THE OLD SCHOOL

- Negotiations with the County Council concerning the library were still underway and plans had been sent reference square footage for library occupancy and associated rental costs
- Trustees were meeting each month
- Local fundraising meeting had been held
- Lottery funding sources being investigated

Cllr Bexon asked when it would be appropriate for QPC representatives to meet with the Trustees re transferring the Old School to the Trustees. Cllr Glover said that following the next Trustees meeting, they would have a better idea of timescales.

09/11 PARKS FOR PEOPLE (P4P - STAFFORD ORCHARD)

Cllr Bexon reported that an informal meeting was to take place with the tenant of the lockup to discuss a sub-lease; Cllrs Bexon, Paterson and the Clerk would attend with full Council's approval – **all agreed**.

09/12 COMMITTEE REPORTS

HR Sub Committee vacancy - Cllr Rodgers volunteered his services to sit on the HR sub committee – **all agreed**.

The Minutes of the Village Hall Committee meeting held on December 12th 08; the Finance Committee meeting held on November 25th 08 and the HR sub committee meeting held on December 8th 08 were **NOTED**. Cllr Bexon extended congratulations on the successful conclusion of the refurbishment of the Village Hall entrance and gents toilets.

09/13 COUNTY COUNCIL

Further to a communication from LCC reference improvements and maintenance of public rights of way, and subsequent emails, Cllr Rodgers requested that the Clerk obtain clarification of the type of gates to be used, **all agreed**. Cllr Rodgers will liaise with the Footpaths Officer, Mr Ken Brown, and produce a report. Cllr Cawdell offered to email contact details for Mr Brown.

Further to minute 08/219, Cllr Bexon reported that a response had not been received (to install bollards to prevent parking on the pavement near the cash machine on Station Road). Cllr Kershaw to take this forward.

09/14 PLANNING

P/Lafarge Aggregates Ltd, application to vary conditions to allow an extension to operating hours of coated roadstone plant. Cllr Glover declared a personal interest in this item and did not take part in any discussion or decision making.

Cllr Bexon proposed that, following liaison with several members of the community, the extension to operating hours be permitted, but Lafarge would have to re-apply for permission every 5 years, (if the project was properly monitored), Cllr Tyler seconded the proposal.

Cllr Templeman requested an amendment to the above proposal, seconded by Cllr Paterson; that the Council objects to the proposal to extend operating hours, that the extension remains at present, authorised levels, reviewed in 5 years time.

RESOLVED (7 in favour, 2 against)

P/08/3100/2 55 Chaveney Road, demolition of dwelling and erection of 13 dwellings with access. Cllr Stirling reported that this planning application had not been addressed by the Planning group due to unforeseen circumstances; however the Planning group would discuss this application on the 7th January 2009 and refer comments to the Clerk. **All agreed**.

Cllr Stirling raised the subject of access issues at Pillings Lock Marina. Due to the growth of the restaurant as a public facility, CPRE are actively looking into the legal aspects of this usage and the restaurant facility is currently under review with an enforcement notice.

P/08/2857/2 (demolition of No 8. Loughborough Road, allotment site refer minute 08/206 and 09/01.) – application withdrawn. The Chairman declared a prejudicial interest in this item as an allotment proprietor and requested that Cllr Templeman take the chair; Cllr Child left the chamber and was not present during the discussion and decision-making on this item.

Cllr Stirling reported that during preparation for submission of the above planning application, it became obvious that allotment provision had been raised in the village; over 20 people had expressed an interest in holding an allotment in Quorn. Cllr Stirling proposed that a letter be sent to the list of prospective allotment holders, via Mrs Cynthia Gilliver (secretary of the Flesh Hovel Lane allotment committee); this would ensure that confidentiality remained, whilst giving people on the list the opportunity to contact the Parish Council if they so wished. **All agreed**.

Cllr Glover further proposed that, as requested by Mrs Cook in the public session, a wildlife area be included within the allotment site, seconded by Cllr Cawdell. Cllr Bexon proposed an amendment to the above proposal, seconded by Cllr Paterson.

RESOLVED (unanimous)

That the current allotment site be used as public allotments, with a wildlife area (compatible with the allotments) to be provided.

Cllr Child returned to the meeting and the chair.

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/08/2114/2 Erection of a bungalow with garage and a garden store fronting Saunders Road, a detached double garage and log store adj. No.26D and conversion of pool house to a 3-bedroom self-contained annexe, 26D High Street, LE12 8DT;

P/08/3158/2 Erection of a two-storey to side, single storey extensions to rear of end-terrace dwelling and detached store/shed to rear, formulation of loft accommodation and erection of boundary wall to rear and side of garden (Revised scheme – P/07/3316/2 refers), 40 Barrow Road, LE12 8DJ;

P/08/3117/2 Internal alterations of a car port to side and single-storey extension to rear of dwelling (Listed Building Consent), The White House, 101 Meeting Street, LE12 8AQ;

P/08/3148/2 Erection of single and two-storey extensions to dwelling, 16 Buddon Lane, LE12 8AA;

P/08/3139/2 Erection of a three-storey extension to provide an annexe, 4 Woodhouse Road, LE12 8ED;

P/08/3103/2 Display of a free-standing notice board, Adj to car park to Medical Centre off Station Road, LE12 8BP;

91/2240/02 (Refer to Application Number: 1991/2240/02) Application to vary conditions attached to planning permission no. 91/2240/02 – Proposed reconfiguration of primary crusher screening mound, Mountsorrel Quarry.

Decisions had been notified concerning the following applications:

P/08/2711/2 Installation of air conditioning condenser unit to rear elevation, 16 Station Road, LE12 8BS, **Grant Conditionally**;

P/08/2359/2 Retention of display signage to 3 windows and of 2 external illuminated fascia signs, 20 Station Road, LE12 8BS, **Split Decision Advert**;

P/08/2603/2 Erection of two-storey and first floor extension over garage to side and single-storey extension to rear of dwelling, 5 Gamble Way, LE12 8UT, **Grant Conditionally**;

P/08/2196/2 Erection of greenhouse in rear garden, 33 Meeting Street, LE12 8EU, **Grant Conditionally**;

P/08/2820/2 Single-storey extension to rear of dwelling, 50 Poulteney Drive, LE12 8EY, **Grant Conditionally**;

P08/2885/2 Change of use of open space to residential curtilage, Land adj 17 Swinfield Road and Rawlins Playing Field, LE12 8RJ, **Grant Unconditional**;

P08/2942/2 Erection of two-storey extension to side, single-storey to rear and porch to the front of dwelling, 2A Elms Drive, LE12 8AF, **Grant Conditionally**.

09/15 CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Rawlins Parish Council representative required for the Community Sports & Physical Activity group – Cllr Bexon to continue in this role. **All agreed**.
- b. Youth Club in the village – letter received, response letter to be sent, outlining draft proposals for the Old School, and details of the Youth Club in Rawlins Community College.
- c. LCC Partnership funding for rural bus shelters – Noted.
- d. Churchyard notice boards, notification and request for financial assistance – response letter to be issued giving Section 137 grant details.

09/16 PAYMENTS, RESERVES LIST AND SUMMARY SHEET

Cllr Bexon explained that from December 08, the payments list presented would be for the previous month, this was to ensure that all payments were shown.

RESOLVED

That the payments list, totalling £16895.06, be approved. The payments list was signed by the Chairman.

Kelcey Walks book - Cllr Paterson requested that the Clerk write to Bill Johnson and Paul Matthews thanking them for their contribution to the sale of the Kelcey Walks book.

Village Hall income and expenditure – Cllrs Stirling and Cawdell requested a breakdown of figures to enable more accurate budgeting.

- a. CCTV, permission for a second camera. Cllr Cawdell requested that the residual sum of money in the CCTV budget be used to purchase and install a second camera within the centre of the village.

Cllr Templeman asked if the system had been set up to enable authorised members to view the CCTV pictures – Cllr Cawdell stated that he needed to draw up a document that authorised members would sign. To be added to the February PC agenda.

Cllr Cawdell proposed that he produce a proposal with quotations re the installation of a second camera in the centre of the village, seconded by Cllr Templeman.

RESOLVED (unanimous)

That Cllr Cawdell produce a firm proposal with quotations (within budget) for the installation of a second CCTV camera for the centre of the village.

- b. Annual Precept form 2009/10 – the form was signed by the Chairman and Clerk.
- c. New Bank of Scotland account – Cllr Bexon proposed that the Council opens a new deposit and a high interest account with the Bank of Scotland (the PWLB loan will be paid into this account); seconded by Cllr Templeman.

RESOLVED (unanimous)

That the Parish Council opens a Bank of Scotland deposit account and a high interest account.

09/17 CONFIDENTIAL ITEM

Cllr Glover proposed that the Council move into confidential – exclusion of the public and press, seconded by Cllr Harrison.

RESOLVED (unanimous)

That the Parish Council moves into confidential to discuss staffing matters.

Cllr Templeman proposed that the meeting move back into committee, seconded by Cllr Glover – **all agreed**.

Meeting ended @ 10.30 pm

Chairman Date