



Minutes of the Meeting of Quorn Parish Council held on Tuesday 10th January 2012
at 7:00pm in the Council Chamber at Quorn Village Hall

PRESENT

Cllr Phil Child - Chair	Cllr David Cawdell	Cllr Elizabeth Harrison
Cllr Tim Tyler	Cllr David Rennie	
Cllr Gary Hughes	Cllr Ken Brown	
Cllr Peter Lenthall	Cllr Jim Orr	Christina Gibbs – Clerk

In attendance for part of the meeting was Borough Councillor Richard Shepherd

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The Chair welcomed those present to the first meeting of 2012 and in particular Mr Ken Brown who was to join the Council as a new member. The Clerk witnessed the new member complete and sign his Acceptance of Office form.

12/001 Public Participation

The Chair invited members of the public to speak.

Terry Stirling raised the following matters:

Poor quality replacement telephone kiosk on Station Road. The Chair said that BT had said that the kiosk was temporary installation to safeguard the electricity supply which was exposed when the cash machine was removed. The kiosk is to be removed once the electricity is capped off.

Poor condition of the old style telephone box on Elms Drive. The matter was noted by the Chair of the Environment Committee for the next agenda.	Clerk
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Repair of the Bus Shelter on Loughborough Road. The Clerk confirmed that the bus shelter had been repaired and that the removal of graffiti was in hand.	Clerk
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Road repairs on Station Road and the need to remark parking restrictions. The Chair said that he would raise the issues under County Council Matters later on the agenda.

Damaged sign-post outside of the Post Office. The Chair agreed to raise this under County Council Matters later on the agenda.

Garner Roberts of the Quorn Community Gardens Group attended the meeting to present the results of an assessment of an alternative allotment site at One Ash which was being offered in support of a planning application to develop the existing private allotment site on Loughborough Road.

The Group had already assessed 7 sites in the village in January 2011 using the Kepner Tregoe Decision Analysis. The alternative site was assessed using the same process and 9 of the original 11 assessors.

A report was tabled setting out full details of the process and the result of the further analysis.

The proposed site had not scored sufficient points to progress through to the second stage of the analysis but had been put through in the interests of fairness. After the second stage the site had scored 296 with the top site scoring 770. The report confirmed that the site had scored lowest of those that had progressed through to the second stage of the analysis.

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<p>The Chair thanked Mr Roberts for the presentation and invited members to ask questions.</p> <p>Cllr Lenthall asked what would be the next step.</p> <p>The Chair advised that the matter would be decided by the Planning Authority.</p>	
12/002 <u>Apologies</u>	Clerk
<p>Apologies had been received from Cllr Ivan Bexon. BCllr Shepherd gave apologies for BCllr Slater.</p>	
12/003 <u>Declarations of Interest</u>	
<p>The Chair reminded members to declare any personal or prejudicial interest in items on the agenda.</p>	
12/004 <u>Minutes of the last meeting – 6th December 2011</u>	
<p>The minutes were signed of as a true account of the meeting.</p>	
12/005 <u>Clerk Report</u>	
<p>11/369b – The Clerk had produced a report. She updated the meeting about item 11/396b advising that a Certificate of Lawful Use had been granted on the Quorn side of the bypass for a caravan park.</p>	
<p>The Chair questioned how the maximum of 55 travelling and 7 static caravans will be policed and what measure will to be taken to prevent further damage to the SSSI.</p>	
<p>BCllr Shepherd stressed the importance of reading the decision in full in conjunction with a plan that had been produced by the Enforcement Officer to accompany the Certificate of Lawful use.</p>	
<p>Cllr Cawdell questioned the way the application had been dealt with. BCllr Shepherd said that the application had been through due process and again stressed the need to read the decision in full.</p>	
12/006 <u>Policing Matters</u>	
<p>It was reported that a house on Chaveney Walk had been burgled with a number of items taken and the car belonging to the property.</p>	
<p>There had been an incident with eggs being thrown from a car at pedestrians. The Chair suggested that the incident be reported to the Police who would then investigate using the CCTV footage available at the Parish Council Office.</p>	
12/007 <u>Borough Council Matters</u>	
<p>a. Budget and Capital Plan consultation – BCllr Shepherd said that the Borough Council faced having to make £1.2m savings whilst maintaining services. The matter of the New Homes Bonus being retained by the Borough Council for the Fenny Copse development was raised. BCllr Shepherd said that other councils are retaining the bonus in the same way and there is no stipulation of how the bonus is spent.</p>	
<p>b. Neighbourhood Plans training – BCllr Shepherd said that Planning Officers are preparing a paper about training on Neighbourhood Plan.</p>	Clerk

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<p>c. Fenny Copse Street Naming – A list of possible names that had been prepared by the developer of the site had been circulated for member’s consideration. It was agreed not to use Warner because there was already a road of that name in Barrow upon Soar and the name of Flanders was suggested as an alternative. The incorrect spelling of Rawlins was also pointed out.</p>	Clerk
12/008 <u>Chairman’s Report</u>	
<p>a. Hand-drawn hearse – Cllr Cawdell reported that he is awaiting dimensions of the carriage to check if it will fit through the door of the Old School where it has been agreed it will be housed.</p>	
<p>b. Queens Diamond Jubilee – public meeting – to be arranged before the end of the month. Members agreed to submit names of suitable people to the Clerk.</p>	All
12/009 <u>LRP Rural Commissioning Plan</u>	
<p>Members considered whether the plan would bring any benefits to the community of Quorn. It seemed that the initiatives talked of in the document were already being covered by the Council. It was agreed to acknowledge the consultation but make no comments.</p>	Clerk
12/010 <u>Old School update</u>	
<p>Cllr Cawdell reported that, in terms of the maintenance of the building, there is a hole in the roof that needs repairing. Cllr Cawdell proposed that the Old School roof be made sound as soon as possible. The motion was seconded by Cllr Hughes and carried unanimously.</p>	Clerk
<p>The Chair suggested that a weekly inspection of the building be done as was the requirement of previous insurers. Cllr Cawdell agreed to undertake the inspection of the buildings and Cllr Brown agreed to accompany him.</p>	Cllrs Cawdell/ Brown
12/011 <u>County Council Matters</u>	
<p>There was no representative from the County Council present.</p>	
12/012 <u>Planning</u>	
<p>a. Planning Roadshows and Workshop – Cllrs Orr and Lenthall agreed to attend the Planning Workshop. The Clerk agreed to seek more information about the Roadshows and bring the item to the next meeting.</p>	Clerk Clerk
<p>b. Applications discussed at meeting</p>	
<p>P/11/2658/2 – Bungalow and Planning Scrutiny Group looked at it because it might affect the street scene. Group was happy that it would not and suggested submitting no comments.</p>	
<p>P/11/2486/2 – Conservatory is screened by garden and not overlooked by anyone. No comments were to be submitted.</p>	
<p>P/11/2690 – The Chair made a general point that this is yet another planning application to change what was originally designed to fall in with the VDS. The Chair proposed that the Council write to the Borough Council to point out the number of changes and question if the finished development complies with the original conditions.</p>	
<p>The Chair alerted members to the felling of a tree on the footpath which runs from Sanders Road across Tom Longs Meadow to Spinney Drive. The Clerk is investigating.</p>	Clerk

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12/013 <u>Finances</u>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Payments List and Summary Sheet sign off – Cllr Cawdell declared a pecuniary interest. Cllr Lenthall proposed that the list be signed off as in order. The motion was seconded by Cllr Tyler and all agreed. b. Statement of accounts – members accepted the statement. c. Neighbourhood Watch Newsletter – printing costs. Cllr Tyler proposed, Cllr Harrison seconded and it was agreed that that a sum of £75 a quarter be paid to the Neighbourhood Watch for the advertising space on their newsletter. 	Clerk
12/014 <u>Correspondence</u>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Rawlins Community College – consultation on the move to all-through education – Members noted the invitation to submit their views at one of the consultation events. 	
12/015 <u>Date of next meeting</u>	
Tuesday, February 7 th 2012, 7:00pm, Village Hall.	