

Quorn Parish Council



Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on
Tuesday 8th January 2019 at 7.00pm
Council Chambers at Quorn Village Hall

Present:

Cllr Andrew Brown	Cllr Jane Hollingworth	Cllr Dennis Marchant
Cllr David Cawdell - Chair	Cllr Gary Hughes	Cllr Carolyn Thornborow
Cllr Elizabeth Harrison	Cllr Olwen Jones	Cllr Roger Price

Also in attendance: Borough Councillor Jane Hunt and Parish Clerk Christina Gibbs

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19/001	<u>Apologies</u> Apologies were received and accepted from County Cllr Hilary Fryer and Cllrs Ken Brown and Joanna Clarke. Borough Cllr Richard Shepherd had sent word that he would be late arriving.	
19/002	<u>Declarations of Interest</u> The Chair reminded members of the need to declare any personal or pecuniary interests in the items on the agenda at this point or as the meeting progressed. Cllr Marchant said that he would not be voting on item 8.3 as a member of the Quorn Local History Group or 12.5.2 as a member of the Ukulele Orchestra. Cllr Hollingworth said that she would not be voting on item 12.5.1, a grant application from Quorn In Bloom. There were no other declarations of interests or requests for dispensations.	
19/003	<u>Minutes of the meetings of 23rd November 2018 and 4th December 2018</u> The Chair invited members to review the minutes of the last meeting. With no corrections suggested it was proposed that the minutes be accepted as a true account of the meeting. RESOLVED: That the motion be carried.	
19/004	<u>Outstanding Resolutions</u> <i>18/044c</i> It was pointed out that the co-ordination of communications with the village had been picked up as a community action through the Neighbourhood Plan process and that it was to be discussed later on the agenda.	
19/005	<u>Policing Matters</u> Cllr Price reported that there was nothing of any significance to report from the website and that the receipt of the beat report should be welcomed. There were no matters arising from the report.	
19/006	<u>Public Participation</u> There were no members of the public present.	
19/007	<u>County Council Matters</u> CCllr Hilary Fryer was not in attendance. 19/007a Meeting with County Council Highway Officers	

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	Cllr Thornborow agreed to attend the meeting on behalf of Council and it was agreed that Cllr Clarke should also be invited to attend.	Clerk
19/008	<u>Resolutions</u>	
19/008a i)	That Council adopts the following format for recording the approval of the budget and setting of the precept for the next financial year and in future.	
19/008a ii)	That Council confirms its budget for 2019/2020 financial year showing estimated payments of £308,424 and estimated income of £57,209 resulting in a net cost to Quorn Parish Council of £251,215, and that a precept be made on Charnwood Borough Council in the sum of £251,215 for the financial year 2019/2020 to be paid in two equal instalments of £125,607.50 by 30th April 2019 and 30th September 2019.	
	RESOLVED: That the motion be carried.	
19/008b	That Council, having reviewed the schedule of Community Actions, approve the proposal for the initial work to commence.	
	RESOLVED: That the motion be carried.	
19/008c	That the Council agree to enter into an agreement with the Quorn Local History Group, On-line Museum and Heritage Warden Sue Templeman for the provision of heritage displays at the Old School.	
	Cllr A Brown explained that the agreement was necessary to support a lottery application to be submitted by the Local History Group.	
	He confirmed that, if the lottery money bid should fail, the agreement would not constitute a commitment for the use of the Meeting Room at the Old School for Heritage purposes.	
	Cllr Jones called for a representative of the History Group to meet with the Library Team. Cllr Marchant agreed to approach the group.	Cllr Marchant
	Cllr Price felt that the Council was being put under unnecessary pressure to sign the agreement and that the matter should have been considered by the Old School Project Committee first.	
	Cllr Jones called for her name be removed from the agreement and suggested that a general term be used for a representative of the Community Library.	
	RESOLVED: That the motion be carried with one abstention.	
19/009	<u>Committee Reports</u>	
	There were no committee reports for December due to the Christmas break.	
	Cllr Cawdell wished to update members on progress at the Old School and confirmed that it was in the final stages of restoration. He added that the Project Committee was to invite all members to visit the facility once complete.	
	Cllr Hughes, as chair of the Committee, pointed out the value of the building to the village. Thanks, were given to the Project Committee and Cllrs K Brown and Cawdell in particular for their efforts in bringing the project to a successful completion.	
19/010	<u>Borough Council Matters</u>	
	Borough Cllr J Hunt asked that the decision about stopping the supply of dog waste bags be reconsidered. Cllr Price called for evidence that the provision of the bags had brought about an improvement.	BCllr Hunt

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	<p>It was agreed that any evidence submitted by BCllr Hunt be referred to the Environment Committee.</p> <p>She went on to say that she and BCllr Shepherd were about to ask villagers to suggest trees to be made the subject of Tree Preservation Orders through an article in the next Quorndon because of the recent loss of a number of significant trees within the village.</p> <p>She closed by warning that both she and BCllr Shepherd were likely to be late for the next meeting because of a prior commitment.</p>	Clerk
19/011	<p><u>Planning</u></p> <p>19/011a Applications and decisions received during the month.</p> <p>Members received the proposed comments of the Planning Scrutiny Group.</p> <p>It was proposed that the comments be submitted to the Borough Council.</p> <p>RESOLVED: That the motion be carried</p> <p>Neighbourhood Plan</p> <p>Cllr Marchant reported that he had received positive comments from the Inspector responsible for reviewing the draft Neighbourhood Plan and that there were no major issues with the content to overcome.</p>	Clerk
19/012	<p><u>Finances</u></p> <p>19/012a Bank Reconciliation and Statements – It was proposed that the documents be approved.</p> <p>RESOLVED: That the motion be carried.</p> <p>19/012b Draft Payments List</p> <p>It was proposed that the list be approved.</p> <p>RESOLVED: That the motion be carried.</p> <p>19/012c Statement of Account – noted.</p> <p>19/012d LCC Budget Consultation – It was agreed that Cllr K Brown should respond as Chair of the Finance Committee.</p> <p>19/012e Grant Applications</p> <p>Quorn in Bloom – a grant of £249 was approved for public liability insurance and volunteer expenses and refreshments.</p> <p>Ukulele Orchestra – a grant of £300 was approved for printing and general running costs of the group.</p>	Cllr K Brown
19/013	<p><u>Correspondence</u></p> <p>Members received a letter from the Quorn Local History Group requesting space to display and store artefacts in the Old School. Cllr Marchant pointed out that there were also important documents of historic value stored at the Parish Office that would need to be accommodated within the new building.</p> <p>Cllr Cawdell explained that the Old School Project Committee was currently considering what storage could be made available in the future within the building and that it would respond to the enquiry once that work was complete.</p> <p>It was felt to that it would be helpful to know the quantity and nature of artefacts to be stored. Cllr Marchant agreed to approach the group to ascertain this.</p>	Cllr Marchant

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	The Chair proceeded with the next item on the agenda as there were no members of the public present that would be required to leave the meeting.	
19/014	<u>Confidential Items</u>	
	19/014a Staffing Review - to receive the report of Chris Rolley Associates.	
	Cllr Price suggested that the consultant report be redacted so that it could be released into the public domain.	
	The Clerk stated that the report's author intended it to be confidential and suggested that she should seek further guidance before its publication.	Clerk
	It was proposed that the HR Committee meet on Thursday, 31st January 2019 at 2.30pm in the Old School Meeting Room to prepare an implementation plan for the recommendations within the report.	
	It was reaffirmed that Cllr Price had been appointed to the HR Committee at an earlier meeting to lend his expertise	
	RESOLVED: That the motion be carried.	
	The Clerk took an action to prepare a calendar of meetings for the forthcoming year.	Clerk
19/015	<u>Date of next meetings</u>	
	Tuesday, 5 th February 2019	
	Meeting closed at 21.15	