

**MINUTES OF QUARNDON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD ON 23 JULY 2018 IN THE VILLAGE HALL, QUARNDON**

**PRESENT:** Councillors: Dr M Pitt (Chair), J Cunningham, Dr P Hodson, D Knight, J Richardson, A Small, C Turner, S Walton, Parish Clerk, Councillor C Short (DCC)

**18/172 PUBLIC SPEAKING**

Councillor Short reported that the meeting with the Joiners Arms went very well and was very positive. Details under correspondence for information.

The Kedleston Road planning appeal was discussed and the next steps. See minute number 18/183.

**18/173 APOLOGIES**

Councillor C Rossel, Councillor J Orton (AVBC)

**18/174 VARIATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS**

None

**18/175 DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS**

Councillor Small declared an interest in planning application AVA/2018/0579.

**18/176 APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

It was resolved that the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 25.6.18 were approved and signed by the Chair.

**18/177 TO DETERMINE WHICH ITEMS IF ANY FROM PART 1 OF THE AGENDA SHOULD BE TAKEN WITH THE PUBLIC EXCLUDED**

None

**18/178 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Councillor Pitt reported that the Church had thanked the Parish Council for the donation to the repair of the Church clock.

**18/179 PLANNING**

Application

There were no objections to the following applications:-

- TRE/2018/053 5 Sulleys Field Fell 3 trees - 2 no. Cherry, 1 no. Maple
- TRE/2018/0298 Street Record Memorial Road Allestree Pollard Ash to 3m
- TRE/2018/029929 29 Church Road Crown lift and dead wood 5 trees
- AVA/2018/0579 The Curzon CE (Aided) Primary School Church Road Installation of Multi Use Games Surface

The following proposed development is in both the Green Belt and Quarndon Conservation Area, however it will enhance the existing property and results in a minimal increase in the overall footprint of the residence. We therefore have no objections.

- AVA/2018/0593 Park Nook Grange The Common Demolition of existing UPVC conservatory and entrance porch to front and replacement with new oak framed orangey and entrance porch. and surrounding fence

Approved

- AVA/2018/0379 168 Burley Lane Demolition of utility and replacement of two storey extension
- TRE/2018/0270 The Edge Quarndon Lodge 210 Burley Lane T1 Leylandii - Fell to Ground Level - The tree has out grown its position. T2 - Cherry - Fell to Ground Level - Causing excessive shading on lawn and to the house. T3 Beech - Fell to Ground Level - Causing excessive shading on lawn and to the house. T4 - Apple - Fell to Ground Level - The tree is not providing good fruit.

**18/180 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE - DROP IN SESSIONS:**

Councillor Walton reported that one drop in session had taken place and a further one takes place on Saturday. Policies may need to be re-visited following the Kedleston Road planning appeal.

**18/181 GROUNDS MAINTENANCE**

None

### **18/182 TRAFFIC GROUP UPDATE**

Statistics from the speed watches had been circulated which showed the high level of speeding through the Parish with a top speed of 55 mph reported. It was agreed it would be helpful to add the times of all sessions to the spreadsheet. It was agreed to ask DCC for advice on what can be done with the data. It was agreed to thank Isobel for her help with organising the speedwatches.

### **18/183 KEDLESTON ROAD PLANNING APPEAL HEARING**

The Court of Appeal had found in favour of the Planning Inspectorate and allowed the granting of planning permission for 400 houses on the heritage land adjacent to Kedleston Road. The next step by the Parish Council would be to comment on any detailed planning application that may come forward.

### **18/184 WEBSITE LIBRARY PROPOSAL £50**

Statistics for the website were given. It was resolved to accept the proposal to improve the photo gallery at a cost of £50.

### **18/185 NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH**

The Parish Council agreed to support the return of the monthly Police surgeries. ASB reported is down on last year.

### **18/186 TELEPHONE KIOSK/BOOK EXCHANGE**

Nothing to report.

### **18/187 FOOTPATHS**

It was reported that the finger post (below 103 Church Road) at the start of footpath 12 is very loose and supported by some bricks.

### **18/188 CLERK'S REPORT**

- Play equipment checked 6.7.18. Play equipment report recommendations have been completed.

### **18/189 CORRESPONDENCE FOR ACTION**

- None

### **18/190 ACCOUNTS**

**RESOLVE:** That the Accounts listed below be accepted for payment

	<b>Payee</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>£</b>
Bank Payment	Mrs L Storey	Salary/Expenses	251.12
Bank Payment	HMRC	PAYE	47.40
Bank Payment	M Booth	Grounds maintenance	752.00
Bank Payment	L Storey	Wreath	17.00
Bank Payment	EON	Electricity	10.97
Bank Payment	RBL	Poppies	60.00
	<b>Total</b>		<b>1138.49</b>

Monthly accounts circulated

#### Receipts

Bank interest	£ 1.01
AVBC Precept	£7237.00
HMRC VAT rebate	£1633.92
Groundwork NP grant	£1790.00

### **18/191 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

- DALC Circular 9/2018
- Mobile Library Focus Group and Library Drop In Sessions
- Police and Crime Commissioner Dhindsa - Listening to You consultation - Have your Voice Heard!
- SNT on bicycles
- Derbyshire County Council Bus Strategy
- 8217957 Overhanging Vegetation Quarndon FP6 The ownership of the woods and the land on which part of the path runs is not registered with the Land Registry. I have spoken to the person I believe to be the owner of the woods. I advised him that, if the hedge obstructs the public footpath in future, then the County Council will serve Notices addressed to "The Owner of the Hedge" requiring it to be cut back. Failure to do so is then likely to result in the County Council paying a contractor to remove the sections of hedge (to prevent the on-going maintenance costs

being borne by the public purse every year). If the owner of the woods also owns the hedge then I expect him to have it cut back. If he does not own the hedge then it will not be his concern.

- Councillor J Orton update on tree work concerns. I have been in contact with the member of staff David Cunningham responsible for trees at the Council and discussed the three trees on Memorial Road due to be pollarded. He has confirmed that two Ash trees due to be pollarded have no TPO and in fact probably are not worthy of it especially as one of them has perished fungi undermining it. However the other tree due to be pollarded is at the bottom of the road with a TPO. He has spoken to the Kedleston Estate tree manager who understands Planning has to be applied for in order to pollard the tree. However the Council will also employ the services of an external tree specialist in fact the one who is consulted about the Major Oak to give his opinion on the treatment of the tree. With all this in mind I feel the Council has got an understanding of the situation and dealing with it appropriately. However if anyone is ever found any where in Amber Valley to be cutting down trees with a TPO and doesn't have permission you can contact the Council and get the duty officer who should deal with the situation.
- DCC ref parking concerns around the school. In respect of the issues you have raised with regard to The Curzon Church of England Primary School on Church Road, this is a more difficult matter to address. The issues to which you refer below are ones which are common place outside almost every school in the County, particularly children at schools of primary school age. Whilst such matters can be of concern, they have to be placed in the correct context in that it is an issue for an hour a day, Monday to Friday, term time only.

135 pupils are enrolled at Curzon School of which I would envisage that a number of them reside within the village and therefore are within reasonable walking distance to remove the necessity on the use of the motor vehicle for the school run. I have taken a look at the school website and it would appear to have a number of newsletters, for which when I performed a search I could not see any reference in them to parents parking outside of the school and their responsibilities, nor could I see anything that jumped out in respect of any information under the various headings on the website either.

In respect of your comment pertaining to a van mounting the kerb to avoid having to wait for an appropriate moment to continue its journey along the road, is very difficult to attribute responsibility to the County Council for, it is the van drivers responsibility to drive appropriately for the conditions they are faced with and show a degree of patience and understanding for what is an issue overall for a short period of time. Perhaps in these circumstances the Police could deal with such offenders accordingly as these type of situations is and still remains a moving traffic offence and therefore the responsibility of the Police to address.

The road outside the school has the immediate frontage covered by School Keep Clear Markings, which when I attended previously with the 'Quarndon Traffic Group' was well respected at school dispersal time.

The County Council is committed to reducing the large numbers of collisions and casualties which occur on Derbyshire roads. The limited funds that are available are predominantly directed to those locations where there is a history of reported injury collisions and where a highway improvement scheme, whether it be traffic calming or not, can effectively reduce the number of collisions. The use of recorded injury collisions as the basis of prioritisation for schemes is entirely appropriate and is the "methodology" used by all Highway Authorities. The use of identifiable, known "hard" facts and figures provides a robust basis and justification for the expenditure of the funds that are available. I am conscious of the "waiting for a collision to happen" argument but I am sure you will agree that it would be improper; and if you will excuse the plagiarism, it would be a dereliction of the Council's "Duty of Care" for the Authority to commit funds to a location where very few injury collisions have occurred, whilst there remained very many other sites with known collision histories. Further to this, much of the County Council's funding from Central Government is based on the Authority's past performance on collision reduction; the success of previous schemes and the predicted collision savings on proposed schemes.

The signs at our disposal are only the ones that conform with the Traffic Signs and General Directions Regulations 2016, I cannot install such signs and posters that you refer to outside those which are permitted within the above legislation within the extents of the public highway I am afraid.

I have sent this email to a colleague who works in our Road Safety Team at Derbyshire County Council in view of what measures the school can undertake from an educational perspective with DCC to provide information and education on aspects of the School Travel Plan process, for which one of its key aims is to remove/reduce the over reliance on the motor vehicle for journeys to and from school. I am sure my colleague will be able to provide you with a more informed email in this respect.

- Quarndon Village Hall update. Just thought I'd let you know that I have had confirmation from Community Heartbeat that the defib at the Church Hall is registered as "active". Please see link below. It is reassuring, as some time ago there was concern that it was not correctly registered and serviced! <https://www.nddb.uk/defibrillator/2668>
- DCC further information regarding the County Council's approach to "good practice"  
We promote the national Modeshift STARS scheme to school as part of our statutory duty to promote sustainable travel to school. You will see this link details a number of initiatives in which schools can engage, with the aim of trying to reduce the number of vehicles around schools by encouraging those who can to walk, cycle or scoot and for those who drive their children to school to park away from the immediate vicinity of the premises well beyond the extent of any yellow zig zag lines.  
However schools are under no obligation to take part in the Modeshift STARS scheme and we have no jurisdiction to insist that they do.

Nevertheless schools which are currently involved in the programme report a decrease in traffic congestion around their site but this requires constant promotion and vigilance – not least because every 12 months a new cohort of parents join the school.

To this end, how the journey to school is made has to be part and parcel of the school ethos – an example of which is shown [here](#) detailing the range of activities that this particular school undertakes.

Needless to say Curzon School does not participate in the Modeshift STARS scheme, however I am more than happy to meet with them to discuss how they could be involved should they wish to contact to me.

- Further to the meeting with the Joiners Arms/DCC/Councillors the avenues that were discussed in terms of utilising nearby fields and other facilities i.e. The Cricket Club for the purposes of their staff parking, to free up further space within their car park and remove the need for vehicles at peak/busy times to be parking on Church Road will be explored. Cones have been placed on the footway to deter the practice of parking around the bend, which initially appears to be effective and working well, hopefully this will continue to be the case as in interim measure until a more permanent solution can be found. From DCC's perspective the two options available to address the parking on the road would be:
  - Double Yellow or Single Yellow Lines
  - Double White Line System

In respect of a.) this as you are aware carries a waiting list period of time and is subject to formal consultation within the local area, it would depending on its format prevent vehicles from parking on the road and footway as it applies to the full highway extents. Enforcement of the restrictions in an evening carries a potential issue that would require additional hours for enforcement by a Civil Parking Enforcement Officer, and as it would be the only waiting restrictions within the surrounding area, targeted enforcement would be restricted. In addition blue badge holders attending the establishment could park for up to 3 hours on the restrictions and it would then be for the Police to determine whether the parking actions of the blue badge holder constituted a danger or obstruction.

Item b.) this is the simpler process to undertake as it can be arranged in a far shorter timescale, however it would require a road closure to undertake the works. In addition the parking or overtaking on a double white line system carries enforcement action through the Police as its still classed as a moving traffic offence, the offending vehicle in these circumstances would receive a fine and an action through 3 penalty points on the driver's licence.

One further option I recall from the meeting was whether the Joiners could place some signs on the boundary wall of the establishment, around A4 landscape size warning people about parking on the road and the issues it creates. We don't have an issue with this as long as the signs are not placed within the highway boundary and don't reach a size that would require planning consent from AVBC.

#### **18/192 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

- 24 September 2018 7.30 pm Quarndon Lower Village Hall

#### **18/193 POINTS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS**

Speedwatch actions

NP/Kedleston Road Planning permission

Newsletter

Curzon School Modeshift STARS scheme