

MINUTES OF THE QUORN VILLAGE DESIGN STATEMENT (VDS) TEAM MEETING
Held at Quorn Church Rooms, 7.30pm Thursday December 7th 2006

1. Attendance & Apologies.

Present:

Cllr Terry Stirling - Chairman
Rick Hoyland - Vice Chairman
Rob Brown - Secretary
Ian Rushin - Treasurer

Hayley Perkins

Renia Rushin

Apologies:

Cllr Joan Bloodworth
David Brindley
Phil Child
Hazel Fish
Cllr John Hutchinson
Alan Johnson
Geoffrey Locke

Sue Newcombe
Kathryn Paterson
Kevan Porter
Cllr Richard Shepherd
Cllr David Slater
Don Wix

Hayley Perkins, a pupil from Rawlins Community College, was welcomed by the team as a new member who could put forward a younger view to our deliberations. Hayley said that she now lived in Quorn, found it a vibrant village and wished to contribute to its continuation as such.

2. Minutes of the last meeting.

These were accepted without alteration.

3. Matters arising not covered below.

None

4. Group Reports.

Terry said that he now believed that the submission of our Village Design Statement to the Charnwood Borough Council (CBC) was to be brought forward from the council year 2008/9 to 2007/8. Rob was to write to Mark Fennel at CBC to enquire about the precise timing of our submission and query what the status of our VDS would be under the newly proposed East Midlands Regional Assembly Plan. A recent article in "Village Voice", the journal of the Leicestershire Rural Community Council implied a reduced status for Village Design Statements. .

i) Settlement plan, buildings and spaces.

Rick said that one of his group, Kevan Porter, had had to pull out from being an active full time member of his team although he would still be available to support it. It was hoped that this indicated that Kevan would involve himself at the final design and production stage. Rick believed that despite this his group was still viable and would be able to complete its remit effectively. He said his

group have made great progress and now had the vast majority of their topics in first draft form.

ii) Landscape setting, highways and traffic.

Renia said that her group had also covered a lot of the items - some in full and others more in draft form. She handed out hard copy of her group's efforts to date, with a set of pictures illustrating many of the points, for eventual comments by other members of the team. It was felt that this was a really good effort. Rick said that he would also put his material in similar fashion for future comments.

iii) Village context.

Rob said that his group had discussed their topics making a first draft of about half the remit, with bullet point notes of the rest. They would also try to get hard copy of their efforts by the next main meeting.

Hayley, whose subjects at Rawlins covered geography and history, was to join this group.

5. Finance.

Ian told the meeting that as there had been no transactions since the last meeting the Quorn VDS Bank Account still stood at:-

Cash	95.99
Bank	<u>489.52</u>
Total	£585.51

6. Correspondence - not covered by other items.

None.

7. Publicity.

i) Quorn VDS Web Site - Ian wondered if the sub-groups' draft efforts should be placed on the QVDS web site for general comments. After discussion it was decided that we should not do this now. The matter would be reconsidered when we had got a good draft of the whole Statement. This would enable us to better evaluate the helpfulness of any comments.

Terry said that he had approached the Village News web site to clarify certain entries relating to the QVDS. At the moment queries concerning QVDS came up with answers that mixed our information with that of the original attempt at producing a VDS for the village, which was back at the turn of the century. Terry wanted the original entries either deleted or annotated to indicate their separateness from us, so that the enquirer would be under no doubt about what these entries meant. At the moment the issue was not resolved but we were eagerly awaiting a favourable outcome.

Rob asked Ian if the photos his group had taken on the Village Walkabout, some of which were used in the Exhibition we had mounted in June, could be included in the QVDS web site. Ian explained that only those in digital format could be accommodated. It transpired that the originals were on material that was now with Rick and Terry. They were to liaise with Ian to see what could be done to get representative photos put on our web site.

ii) Other publicity matters - Rob read Tim Rodger's e-mail emphasising that he wanted to be removed from both the contact list and any other e-mail address books

that I may have. In the light of this Rob asks all other Team Members to delete his information unless they require it for future direct personal contact.

8. Distribution List

Rob said that he would complete the updated list and send it out with these minutes.

9. Any Other Business.

None.

10. Date & venue of next meeting.

It was decided that this should be the second Thursday in February - i.e. 7.30pm Thursday 8th February 2007 at our usual venue in the Village Hall. The Chairman took the opportunity of wishing all present and all other members of the Quorn Village Design Statement Team, a very Merry Christmas, a Happy New Year and looked forwards to seeing them all in February.

R.J.N.BROWN

Secretary

Distribution to:- All attending or giving apologies at the meeting, those on the revised contact list (if different), all Quorn Parish Councillors (if not covered before), two District Councillors & one County Councillor representing Quorn. The Principal, Rawlins Community College.