

**MEETING OF QUORN VILLAGE DESIGN STATEMENT (VDS) TEAM
Held at Quorn Village Hall, 7.30pm Thursday February 9th 2006**

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1. Attendances and Apologies.

Present:

Cllr Terry Stirling – Chairman
Rick Hoyland – Vice Chairman
Rob Brown – Secretary
Julia Martin – Assistant Secretary (Media/Publicity)

Cllr Joan Bloodworth	Kevan Porter
Hazel Fish	Ian Rushin
Judy Furniss	Renia Rushin
Sue Newcombe	Ian Wix

Apologies:

Cllr Ivan Bexon	Cllr Richard Shepherd
Cllr Phil Child	Liz Shrive
Geoffrey Locke	Cllr David Slater
Kathryn Paterson	Tony Weller

Peter Buck wrote to ask that his name be removed from the team as he could not devote sufficient time due to his other commitments.

Keith McEwan, who at the last meeting was elected Treasurer of the VDS Team, also wrote with reluctance to say that due to pressure of work he could not devote the time necessary to fulfil his role. As such he wished to stand down from the Team. He did say that as a contribution to our work he would approach various developer friends with a view to raising money for the VDS project.

2. Gemma Hill (Principal Planning Officer @ Charnwood Borough Council) then gave a talk entitled "The relationship between a VDS and the Local Development Framework". This was to enable us all to see how our final VDS document would fit in with the whole hierarchy of other planning documents. Despite not having her electronic equipment working and occasionally being distracted by questions from the floor, Gemma explained how the VDS would contribute local views to the eventual development process. It would identify what the community considered to be important elements defining the essence of Quorn and how these could be retained and even enhanced by future development. She emphasised that the VDS was not intended to define the placing or extent of this future development.

Terry officially thanked Gemma for the talk, her time and trouble in coming to speak to us. He reminded the meeting that currently Charnwood District Council was undertaking a campaign of consulting the public about its plans for development in the Borough to 2021. As part of this there was an exhibition in The Quorn Village Hall on Friday 24th February 2006 between

5.00 – 7.00pm at which plans could be viewed and opinions expressed on the placing and extent of development involving the locality. He hoped that all would avail themselves of this opportunity.

3. Minutes of the last meeting were accepted by this meeting.

Matters arising:

i) Village Web Site – Julia agreed to contact Tim Rodgers and liaise with him to get this up and running – basically Tim to handle the design while Julia supplied the contents. Initially it was intended to explain what VDS is and then keep the web site up-to-date with developments from our team.

ii). Terry said that John Hutchinson had seen the Principal of Rawlins (David Brindley) who had been receptive to the VDS. However as John was not present no further information was forthcoming.

iii) Terry to ask Geoffrey Locke to see the Head of St. Bartholomew's Primary School with a view to promoting the idea of VDS amongst the pupils. Hazel said that she was quite willing to be involved with this. Julia suggested, to general approval, that they could possibly identify what they thought "best" about Quorn or more personally draw/paint "Their best place" in Quorn.

iv) As Keith McEwan had resigned from his post of Treasurer it was agreed that Terry ask Geoffrey Locke to take his place.

v) It was noted that Gary Crisp, who lived in the village, was the Area Director of Wilson Homes. The meeting asked Julia to approach him with a view to getting him to speak to a future meeting on how a developer views VDSs.

4. A constitution for the Quorn VDS Team.

Hazel had advised us that this was necessary. Because of this Terry had copied Newtown Linford's VDS for us to read. It was agreed that we should send any comments or alterations to Rick Hoyland by 14th February 2006 so that he could type these up and present them at the next meeting.

5. Groups

This matter deferred to the next meeting.

6. Finance

i) Bank Account was to be set up by the officers after an approach had been made to Geoffrey Locke about taking up the Treasurer's post.

ii) Kevan Porter proposed and Rob Brown seconded that the Quorn Parish Council be approached for a £500 grant towards working expenses. This was agreed by the whole meeting. Rob to write appropriate letter to the Parish Clerk.

iii) Hazel said that possible future funds for financing the VDS could possibly be obtained from Charnwood Borough Council. It was also thought worthwhile to approach the Shell "Better Britain" campaign and Lafarge. The meeting agreed that we should take up Keith McEwan's

offer to approach various developers on our behalf. Also that we should pursue any other possible avenues of receiving grants. Details to be considered at the next meeting.

7. Any Other Business.

i) All asked to note corrections to the original team directory:

Rick Hoyland's telephone number is 416490

Sue Newcombe's e-mail address is suenuk@yahoo.co.uk

Pru Lapworth & Donna Young live at 38, Chaveney Road

Rob Brown's e-mail address is tudorrobp@tiscali.co.uk

ii) A page had been reserved for VDS matters in the Spring issue of the Quorndon. Terry was to make the notes with Julia to work them into a publishable format. The meeting agreed that the entry in the Quorndon should be a regular event and a means of letting the whole village know what we were doing. Terry was asked to talk to the Quorndon team about this.

8. Dates & venues of future meetings.

It was agreed that the next meeting was to be held at the Quorn Village Hall Rooms at 7.30pm on Thursday 9th March 2006.

R.J.N.BROWN
Secretary

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