

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

1. Attendances and Apologies.

Present:

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

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| Cllr Joan Bloodworth | Sue Newcombe |
| Cllr Phil Child | Kevan Porter |
| Gary Crisp | Ian Rushin |
| Cllr John Hutchinson | Renia Rushin |
| Geoffrey Locke | |

Apologies:

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| Cllr Ivan Bexon | Kathryn Paterson |
| Janet Bown | Cllr David Slater |
| Hazel Fish | Don Wix |

2. Minutes of the last meeting.

Correction – In the list of those present “Ian Wix” should read “Don Wix”.
With this alteration the minutes were approved.

3. Matters arising.

i) Geoff said that St Barts were very enthusiastic about the idea of VDS. They proposed that children should draw their favourite building in Quorn. The meeting agreed that the best products could be given space in subsequent displays and even be considered for inclusion in the final VDS document if appropriate. However they should note the time limits imposed by the May Day Event (see below). Geoff to liaise with Julia and then the school. He to report progress to the next meeting.

John said that he had twice met with the Principal of Rawlins. The first time the Principal appeared keen on the idea of VDS and the involvement of some of his pupils. John gave him our full paperwork. On the second visit it appeared that the matter had not progressed any further and additionally the paperwork had been mislaid. John was less than impressed. It was suggested that the Principal be put on the mailing list for our minutes and agenda as this would be a way of regularly reminding him and the school of what we were doing.

John would be seeing Brindley again and would keep the committee informed.

ii) Gary Crisp gave a brief talk setting out how developers treated the typical VDS. He said that all firms are now legally obliged to take them seriously as part of the constraints imposed by the local planning documentation. They gave direction in terms of how a development would fit into a village and even enhance its environment. The VDS even helped the

developer as it enabled their architects and planners to design and present a scheme which would fit into the requirements of the locality and its community. It was good public relations for a developer to do this and come up with a scheme that was sympathetic to the local community. It was also sound business sense for them to do this initially so that few, if any, revisions need to be made as these cost time, money and generated local opposition. The meeting thanked Julia for arranging Gary's attendance.

4. Constitution.

All present had received their copy of the proposed constitution thanks to Rick. As there were no additions or amendments Rob proposed its acceptance and this was seconded by Terry. As all were in favour it was approved and Terry signed a copy for the files.

5. Publicity.

i) Quorn VDS Web Site - Tim apologised that it was not yet up and running but promised to remedy this quickly. He proposed, and the meeting accepted, that we should have a page of our own within the Quorndon Web Site. This would be a quicker and cheaper way of getting going. It would enable us to publicise our activities as we go along, allow the public to write their comments on these and hence become involved. Ian offered his help to Tim which was accepted.

ii) Other forms of publicity - as time was pressing Terry had prepared an item for the next issue of the Quorndon, However Julia would be responsible for future material (including this meeting).

6. Future Activity.

i) Charnwood 2021 – The Quorn Parish Council had been very worried about the poor publicity for the recent Charnwood Council's display in the Village Hall. Because of this another meeting had been arranged for 7.30pm on Monday 27th March 2006 for which the Parish Council would arrange publicity. Rick suggested that if people wanted details of Charnwood's proposals they could download them from the Charnwood District Council website. We agreed that this forthcoming meeting was a good opportunity for us to publicise ourselves to the village and to this end Rick, Kevan & Tim agreed to mount an appropriate display. This would be in the form of a stand at the back of the hall setting out our brief and separate from any planning or development display.

ii) Quorn Mayday Event (Saturday 6th May) - This event was due to take place in Stafford Orchard and their committee had offered us a stand to promote the VDS and we had accepted. Phil said that a "gazebo" type covering would be a good idea given the British weather. By this time it was expected that we would have an improved display including an "idiots guide" to VDS to back up our photos. Julia said that she would arrange button badges to promote our "message" and identifying VDS badges for all committee members while Gary said he could supply the display boards. A group made up of Julia, Sue, Renia and Geoff said they would arrange the details although it was expected that all possible members of the committee would be present sometime between the 2.00 – 6.00pm time that the event was open. Julia to report on progress at the next meeting.

iii) It was suggested that Saturday 20th May be pencilled in as the day for the Quorn VDS Walkabout. This would be the day that groups of us, and other interested people, would pursue our selected topic(s), taking pictures, making notes, etc. The date and more details to be confirmed at the next meeting.

iv) The Exhibition, to show what we had achieved to date, was originally set for the 3rd June. However as the meeting discussed this it became apparent that it was too soon after the proposed "walkabout". A date to coincide with the Quorn Open Gardens, 24th/25th June, was proposed. This was agreed in general by all and Terry said he would see their organisers with a view to it being incorporated in their event. More details to be worked out at the next meeting.

7. Finance.

i) Ian Rushin volunteered to be the Treasurer and was accepted by the meeting.

ii) Terry suggested that our local PO should be our bank. Ian was to liaise with Sue about the details and report back to the next meeting.

iii) Terry reported that Quorn PC had agreed to us receiving a grant of £500.00 for start-up expenses of our Team. The cash would be sent to Rob who would liaise with Ian about its final destination. Terry reminded everyone that bills/receipts, for items we purchased in furtherance of agreed actions, should be kept against the time when we could put in a proper claim for reimbursement.

8 AOB.

There was no further business.

9. Date of next meeting.

It was agreed that the next meeting was to be held at the Quorn Village Hall Rooms at 7.30pm on Thursday 6th April 2006.

R.J.N.BROWN
Secretary

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