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**QUENIBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Recreation Committee Meeting held at 7.30pm in the Council Meeting Room  
on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2023

**PRESENT:** Cllr S Aynsley (in the Chair) Cllr S Wright  
Cllr D Grimley

**NOT PRESENT:** Cllr D Bowles Cllr R Curtis  
Cllr R Green

**IN ATTENDANCE** Mrs R Barlow-Skinner (Clerk)  
Mrs T Willson (Deputy-Clerk)

**8103 Apologies given and accepted**  
Cllr Bowles, Cllr Curtis, Cllr Green.

**8104 Declaration of Councillor's Interest both Personal and Prejudicial Requests for Dispensation**  
None.

**8105 Matters arising from Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes held on 30th August 2023 (not covered as an agenda item)**

**Min 8036**

- The Groundsman has been unable to tighten the steering wheel in the train on the children's play area.

**RESOLVED:** That Cllr Wright will try to tighten the steering wheel and if he is unable to do this the Clerk will contact the manufacturer.

- The decommissioned light at King George entrance has not been removed. The Clerk has chased Highways again but has still not received any response.

**RESOLVED:** That the Clerk ask Cllr Poland to chase LCC on Councils behalf.

- Repairs to the Cableway traveller is still outstanding.

**RESOLVED:** That the Deputy Clerk contact the contractor for a proposed start date.

**Min 8040** – The metal security bars need painting with Hammerite and fitting on the new window.

**RESOLVED:** That the Clerk contact the Handyman to carry out the work.

**8106 Update on WI tree and plaque on King George V Playing Field**

The Clerk reported the Women's Institute have been informed they can place their plaque onto the bench. Roma have been instructed to order and plant the Flagpole Cherry tree and will let the Clerk know when it has been done.

**8107 Football Facilities**

The Clerk reported that:

- A request has been received from East Goscote United to swap the changing rooms over to give the Home team access to the kitchen.

**RESOLVED:** That the request is agreed and the Clerk to instruct the Handyman to put a keycode lock onto the home changing room.

- The Plumber is unable to start the replacement pipework in the changing rooms for the next three weeks.

- The line markings need to be re-painted every two weeks, regardless of whether a match is played to avoid the lines disappearing and new markings having to be done from scratch at a higher cost.

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- Applications are now open for PitchPower to get FA Grant funding for pitch improvement works, this was made previously in 2021 but although awarded, could not be used as Queniborough FC folded. Cllr Wright asked the Clerk to check the cost implications and discuss with both East Goscote teams as they would need to commit long term to the work.

**RESOLVED:** That the Clerk contact both teams to discuss before Council can make a decision.

**8108 Update on Tree Survey**

The Clerk has updated the Cemetery tree plan and has started work on King George V. No start date has yet been received for the Tree Survey.

**RESOLVED:** That the Clerk obtain a start date from the contractor.

**8109 Correspondence**

A resident has complained about the siting of the new Parish Notice Board on the Millstones, raising issues of privacy and aesthetics. The Committee were surprised by the comments as the siting of the new board was facing the balancing pond in the opposite direction of residents.

**RESOLVED:** That the Clerk write to the resident to address their concerns.

A resident has asked Council to consider requesting dogs be kept on leads on King George V Playing Field. The Committee discussed the concerns and agreed to monitor the situation before taking further action.

**RESOLVED:** That the Clerk write to the resident to address their concerns. That the Clerk also write an article for the Queniborough Gazette reminding dog owners of their responsibilities.

**8110 History Boards**

The Committee discussed putting history boards in the village and agreed more information on cost and maintenance is needed before a decision is made.

**RESOLVED:** That the Clerk put a request on the Leicestershire and Rutland weekly round Robin to ask other Parish Councils for advice and cost of installing history boards.

**8111 Donation of a Christmas Tree for the village**

Coles Nursery are kindly donating a 7ft Spruce Christmas tree to the village, it needs to be collected as it is a netted tree. The Committee agreed the tree could be placed near the Crossroads Store so that residents can see it when entering the village. The Handyman will collect and install the tree. The Clerk has spoken to Highways and a General Permit is required as the tree will be placed on Highways land.

The Committee discussed the most efficient way of lighting the tree, solar lights were not considered to be the best option due to the amount of sunlight in the winter months.

**RESOLVED:** That the Deputy Clerk obtain prices for different options of battery lighting with a timer for the next Council meeting. That the Clerk complete the General Permit application for Highways.

**8112 King George V and Rearsby Road Event Guidance Policy Review**

No amendments have been made to the current policy.

**RESOLVED:** That the Committee agreed no changes are needed, the Clerk to update the minute reference and publish on the website.

**8113 Tennis Court Rules and Regulation Policy review**

The Clerk has confirmed with Queniborough School that they no longer use the court on a Thursday afternoon and this has been removed from the policy. Cllr Wright asked if the fee should be reviewed, it was agreed that this should be considered at the Budget Meeting.

**RESOLVED:** That the review of this policy should be deferred until after the Budget Meeting.

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**8114 Work Programme for the playing fields (attached)**

Various options for installing matting in front of the new Goal end on King George V were considered;

1. EcoSmart Grass mats (15m x 5m) £2,452.00
2. Hybrid Grass (20m x 6m) £5,834.00
3. Perfect Pitch Artificial Grass (20m x 6m) £14,637.00

**RESOLVED:** That the Clerk contact the Planning Liaison Officer at Charnwood Borough Council for advice on the proposal for discussion by full Council at the Budget Meeting.

Update on the free tree and hedge scheme – Cllr Poland has confirmed there is no specific deadline, but the tree packs will be given out on a first come first served basis. The Committee agreed that 50 trees were too many. Cllr Grimley has information of a County Council scheme for replacement trees up to a maximum of 15.

**RESOLVED:** That the Clerk to contact Cllr Poland to ascertain if there is provision to order only 10 trees. That Cllr Grimley forward the information on the County Council scheme to the Clerk.

Tree/Flood Warden – The Clerk has spoken with a resident who is interested in taking on the roles.

**RESOLVED:** That the Clerk send the resident more information on the specific roles.

Request to complete the CBC template for the Prospectus – It was agreed at the last Council meeting that Cllrs would send their completed forms to the Parish Office for the Clerk to collate and submit. No completed forms have yet been received.

**RESOLVED:** That the Clerk send a reminder to all Councillors.

Following a report from a resident that some trees belonging to Highways on Melton Road may have been cut down by a resident on Wetherby Close, Cllr Wright asked the Clerk to contact Highways to establish if people who cut down trees on their own land must obtain permission. Cllr Grimley stated permission is only needed if there is a Tree Protection Order on the tree.

**RESOLVED:** That the Clerk ask Highways to investigate the large number of trees recently cut down near the Melton Road coppice.

Cllr Wright proposed creating a sheet with the Parish Council logo, resembling a parking ticket, to be placed on car windscreens with a polite notice not to park on green areas, the Committee agreed that this was a good idea.

**RESOLVED:** That the Clerk create a template for the next Council meeting for agreement.

Cllr Aynsley proposed an article in the Gazette informing residents of the replacement cost of the vandalised outdoor Gym equipment.

**RESOLVED:** That the Clerk include this in the next edition of the Gazette.

The Clerk reported that the lamppost poppies were delivered today.

**RESOLVED:** That the Clerk and her husband will put them up around the village this weekend. Cllr Wright offered to help put up the poppies on Sunday.

**8115 To Consider Planning Applications and Planning Matters**

P/23/1825/2 Variation of Condition 8 (Approved Plans) of Planning Application ref: P/20/0394/2. Variation to incorporate up to date levels and site design changes. Land to the rear 15-17 Mere Lane Queniborough Leicestershire LE7 3DE

**RESOLVED:** That Council have no objections.

P/23/1789/2 Erection of single storey side/rear extension. 10 Barkby Road, Queniborough, Leicestershire, LE7 3FD

**RESOLVED** That Council have no objection but would like neighbours' views to be taken into consideration.

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P/23/1917/2 Erection of two storey rear extension and single storey outbuilding/covered area (garden room/kitchen). 5 Manor Farm Mews, Main Street, Queniborough, Leicestershire, LE7 3EA  
**RESOLVED:** That Council have no objection but would like neighbours' views to be taken into consideration.

P/23/1948/2 Erection of single storey side and rear extension, conversion of garage into habitable space and associated alterations. 27 The Ringway, Queniborough, Leicestershire, LE7 3DN  
**RESOLVED:** That Council had no objections to this application but would like off street parking be taken into consideration along with neighbours views.

P/22/0354/2 Residential development for erection of 251 dwellings with associated access works, landscaping, open space and infrastructure. Land at Barkby Road/Queniborough Road, Syston, Leicestershire, LE7  
**RESOLVED:** That Council stand by the same comments as the previous application.

**For Information**

APP/X2410/W/23/3325902 ([P/21/2639/2](#)) Land North of Barkby Road, Syston, Leicestershire. Outline application for up to 195 dwellings with all matters reserved except access. Public Inquiry will take place commencing at 10:00 on 14 November 2023 at Charnwood Borough Council Offices Ground Floor and is scheduled to last for two days. Received email from Barkby and Barkby Thorpe PC to ask if anyone from QPC will be in attendance.

**RESOLVED:** That the Clerk forward the information to the resident's group to see if anyone is interested in attending.

P/23/1383/2 Outline Planning Application for proposed residential development of up to 56 no. dwellings including provision of public open space and associated infrastructure (All matters reserved except for access). Land off Melton Road Rearsby Leicestershire LE7 4YR. This application was withdrawn on 23rd October 2023.

**8116 Items for discussion at the next meeting**  
None.

The meeting finished at 9.00pm

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