

QUANTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held at the Memorial Hall on 10th March 2016

Present:

Councillors: Arthur Evans (Chairman) , John Knox, Nick Butler, Claire Lucas , Michelle Thompson, Malcolm Wearn, District Councillor Kevin Hewson, Brian Fludgate (clerk).

Also Present: Representative from JFC Developments (planning application Land South West of 62 Station Road)

Apologies for Absence:

County Councillor Janet Blake, Nick Heirons (Vice Chairman)

Disclosures of Interests:

There were no declarations of interest in relation to the agenda items.

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Having been circulated prior to the meeting, the minutes of the previous meeting were duly signed by the Chairman.

Open Forum

No public representations were received.

District Councillor Briefing:

Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan

There may be slippage in the VALP timelines first published which may mean the draft proposals following the first public consultation may not be published until late May'16 which may push the next consultation phase into July'16.

Reported Matters Outstanding:

Devolution – Community Minibus

Two councillors attended the meeting to discuss the possibility of a community minibus to replace the Aylesbury Dial A Ride service due to close.

The discussions centered around the operational and practical challenges in operating a scheme for rural and widespread communities, and if enough skilled volunteers could be recruited. It was agreed that Community Impact Bucks will draw up a business plan for a joint Bucks CC/AVDC scheme which would include purchasing a vehicle and operating a trial service for 6 months. It is likely the funding for the scheme will come from the BCC Local Area Forum grant allocation. A follow up meeting to take place on 21st March to progress the initiative.

It was agreed that the council would give tentative support to the 6 month scheme, and decide whether to participate further at a later date.

Village Defibrillator

Further to the action from the last meeting, there had been communication with the representative from the Community First Responder (CFR) unit at the South Central Ambulance Service.

It was agreed to:

- Seek voluntary contributions towards a defibrillator located in the village
- Seek to recover the defibrillator previously available to the village
- Clarify what procedures take place when the defibrillator is not immediately to hand in an emergency (installed more than 300 metres away).
- Consider at a later stage what contribution could be made to the CFR volunteers

HS2 Petition:

HS2 Select Committee Report

The council wished to record its dismay and disappointment in regards to the single paragraph of comment on the Quanton petition which stated that the Select Committee were not convinced that there should be any change to the HS2 Ltd proposed road alignment, which will close Station Road during the construction of the line nearby.

There is an opportunity to petition separately to the House of Lords committee, but at present there was no appetite from council members to do so.

Note: A map of the HS2 route past Quanton, and the full HS2 Petition is available to view online at www.quenton.info

Quainton Neighbourhood Development Plan:

The final response to the 6 week stage consultation resulted in 184 comments with no more than 6 adverse comments towards the Plan.

The Plan is now undergoing independent examination.

Note: Information on the QNDP and the Conservation Area Review are available online at www.quainton.info

Planning Matters:

Previous Applications

Ref:	Details	Location	Date for comments or PC position
16/00060/APP	Demolition and replacement of windows and doors	Quainton C of E Combined School	No objection
16/00252/ACL	Re-surface existing driveway and extend existing dropped kerb to 2 car widths	13 Pigott Orchard Quainton	Refer to details at AVDC website
16/00336/AGN	Erection of building for storage of agricultural machinery and equipment	Acorn Nurseries Station Road Quainton	Application withdrawn. New planning application to be submitted

New Applications

15/04276/APP	Erection of 15 houses.	Land South West of 62 Station Road Quainton	29/03/16
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Applications for Tree Works

Ref:	Details	Location
16/00754/ATP	Fell T1 Holm Oak and replace with new tree.	The Laurels 59 Lower Street. Quainton

Applications Approved

Ref:	Details	Location
None		

15/04276/APP - Land South West of 62 Station Road

The council had several queries with the application particularly on parking provision, which currently does not conform to local planning requirements. However the council were encouraged that the developer had taken into account a linear line of housing with no back development. The council will seek local comments especially from residents in Station Road before formulating its final comments to AVDC.

16/00754/ATP - Fell T1 Holm Oak 59 Lower Street

The council is to question the on site documents associated with the application as they appear to include a self assessment as to the state of the tree. As this is a historic tree subject to a Tree Preservation Order, a thorough investigation should be conducted by the AVDC tree officer as to the efficacy of the evidence of decay.

Clerks report:

Queen's Birthday Beacon 21st April 2016

The Firework Committee continue to plan the event which will be on Mill Hill. The clerk has advised the committee that there is no council budget allocated to this event.

Windmill Restoration Project

The LAF grant of £2500 has yet to be released to the contractor as the work is not completed. The estimated completion is mid to end of March.

Resident Complaint to the Information Commissioner's Office

The ICO had sent their decision notice to the council on 23rd February.

The clerk has written to the ICO to point out inaccuracies in the decision report, and other mitigating information which had been excluded, and is awaiting their response before publishing the decision notice.

Rural Exception Scheme

A unit is soon to become available at Seechfield. Details of suitable candidates from the council's register of interest for affordable housing has been submitted to AVDC for consideration.

Representations from the Public (correspondence):

All current written correspondence had been circulated in advance of the meeting. The following representations were made since the last meeting:

- Resident email regarding the Brill tramway path and cost of maintenance – has been forwarded to Transport for Bucks to respond.
- Resident email on AVDC groundworks on open space in Mallets End – AVDC have responded to the resident to explain the method of pruning done by their contractor.
- 2 resident emails regarding 'bird scarer' loud bangs at Shipton Lea – residents have agreed action to be taken with the landowner concerned.
- Letter from HS2 Ltd regarding deposit of amended Bill and Plans – documents will be received and held by the clerk.

Finance:

Payments Authorised previously circulated	Receipts reported
£ 237.63 – B. Fludgate clerk's net salary (Feb)	£ 6901.84 – HMRC vat reclaim
£ 3000.00 – Premier Industries windmill components	£ 2500.00 - Bucks CC LAF grant (windmill)
£ 20.00 – Action4Youth, Youth Cafe training	£ 425.00 – Maven insurance claim (Skatepark)
£ 3.82 – Thames Water allotment supply	
£ 36.63 – Eon Energy Streetlight supply (Feb)	
£ 62.00 – N Butler re-imburse Sports Club aggregate	

Recreational Facilities:

The Sports committee met on 29th February:

1. Overhanging trees – owned by Trail Flatt Farm along sports field track – to be monitored
2. Car access and security. The council to consider replacing the lockable posts to prevent unwanted vehicles going onto Saye and Sele land. Tennis club will replace the combination lock and change the combination.
3. Dog mess/dogs loose in the fields. Another notice to be put in Quainton News reminding people that they must clear up after their dogs. Sign to be put in place requesting people to clear up after their dogs near the tennis courts.
4. State of roof of pavilion - part of the roof that needs work could be refurbished for around £700. Football Club can afford to put 50% towards this cost and the council to be asked to fund the rest.
5. Ramp for disabled access to the new facilities to be donated by the Tennis Club to the Football Club.
6. An additional first aid kit is required for the new pavilion extension.
7. The front entrance doors to the Football Club are in need of replacing. Quote has been received for double doors and frame in UPVC for £1600 including removal of the old doors.
8. Potholes in track to tennis courts – the council agreed to fund £62 towards cost of aggregate to fill holes.
9. The tennis club will be putting a case for grant funding for a major overhaul of the tennis court surfaces – cost £70-80K.

Roads, Pavements and Street lights:

LED Lights

Still awaiting a date from contractor CU Phosco to install the new lights for The Green, repair of lights at Pigott Orchard and North End Road, and the change of light opposite 77 Station Road .

Additional Streetlight

The cost to install a new light on Upper Street will be approximately £1200 (depending on labour charges). However if traffic management is required and provided by UK Power Networks, there will be an additional charge of £3500.

Update on outstanding works (TfB)

- Drain flooding at the bottom of North End Road to be highlighted again.
- Jet patching of surface defects is scheduled for 21 – 23rd March on road from The Strand to Berryfields crossroads.
- Next TfB village walkabout to focus on state of Station Road South and Edgcott Road, even though both locations for road repair are outside the remit of the team responsible for Quainton.
- To investigate what may be done to make Berryfields crossroads more safe due to recent accidents.
- Other TfB remedial work previously recorded remains work in progress or awaiting scheduling .

Other

Thames Water are scheduled to re-visit junction of Church Street and New Road (15 - 17th March) to complete a permanent reinstatement of the road surface.

Business for next meeting:

To include the Annual Parish Meeting.

Date of Next Meeting:

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on **Thursday 14th April 2016** in the committee room at the **Memorial Hall Station Road Quainton** at **7.30 pm**.

Being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9:55pm.