

QUANTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council meeting held at the Memorial Hall on 11th August 2016

Present:

Councillors: Arthur Evans (chairman), Nick Heirons (vice chairman), Nick Butler, John Knox, Malcolm Wearn, Claire Lucas, Michelle Thompson, County Councillor Janet Blake, District Councillor Kevin Hewson, Brian Fludgate (clerk).

Six members of the public were present, and two representatives from BOA Joinery Ltd.

1. Apologies for Absence:

None

2. Disclosures of Interests:

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

3. Meeting Minutes:

Having been circulated prior to the meeting, the following minutes of previous meetings were duly signed by the chairman as true and accurate records.

- 14th July 2016
- 26th July 2016

RESOLVED c/2016/08 to approve the minutes of the meetings held on 14th and 26th July 2016.

4. Open Forum:

The representatives from BOA Joinery explained an application will be made to AVDC in regards to building new commercial units on site. This will include an extension to cover existing external plant and a new unit to expand production and fabrication work. A training facility is also planned and the company intend to employ an extra 13 staff.

There followed questions from both councillors and the public. The discussions focussed mainly on the steps BOA will make to ensure there is no noise disturbance to nearby residential units, and it was impressed on BOA that a pro active approach to noise mitigation would be expected.

Currently the project is at pre application stage with a full application to follow.

5. Reported Matters Outstanding:

Community Minibus

The chairman reported that a Quanton resident had volunteered to be secretary to the management team to oversee the operation of the bus. A local public survey was being conducted by them to further ascertain the likely demand for the service.

6. County Councillor Briefing:

Details were provided of a new Prevention Matters programme advice line (0300 666 0159) to offer support to adults 18 and over and link them to social activities, volunteers and community services to help them stay independent.. It was requested the initiative be advertised in the parish.

7. District Councillor Briefing:

1. The Vale Lottery is generating up to £60K per annum for good causes and the commercial model is now being sold to other authorities.

2. An update was given on the consultation to the draft Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan particularly over AVDC's position on taking unmet demand from other authorities.

3. Background information was also provided on current planning and enforcement issues issues (see Planning Matters).

4. The councillor had also followed up on the felling of the Wellingtonia and advised AVDC had requested the insurer to further report on whether other causes of the subsidence at the Old School House had been investigated.

8. HS2 Developments:

No matters to report.

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

9. Planning Matters:

1. New Applications

Planning Ref.	Details	Location	Comments to AVDC
16/02520/APP	Erection of 1 machinery store, 1 livestock store 1 poly tunnel for agricultural purposes	Orchard Farm Blackgrove Road Quainton	by 18th August
16/02626/APP	Demolition of hay barn and trailer. Creation of manège and erection of stable building and barn/feed store. Change part of garden use from residential to agricultural.	Land adjacent to 6 Cautley Close Quainton	by 22nd August
16/02728/APP	First floor storey side extension	21 Cautley Close Quainton	by 22nd August
16/02763/APP	Erection of agricultural storage barn	Acorn Nurseries Station Road Quainton	by 26th August

2. Tree Works

Planning Ref:	Details	Location
16/02801/ATC	Fell Prunus Amanagowa	18 Church Street Quainton
16/02766/ATC	Fell 1 Western Red Cedar	Land adjoining to 15A Church Street Quainton

3. 15/03583/AOP – Land South of The Strand Quainton

Minor amended plans have been submitted to AVDC increasing the site area from 1.37 hectares to 1.56 hectares.

4. 15/04276/APP – Land South West of 62 Station Road Quainton

Minor amended plans have been submitted in relation to the vision splay access points. The parking provision remains at odds with the QNDP policy. The council is to make further representations on this matter to AVDC and also support a resident's objection in relation to the site being unsuitable due to seasonal flooding.

5. Quainton Neighbourhood Development Plan (QNDP)

AVDC are to provide the council with the legal opinion from a developer's counsel which questions the validity of the QNDP process. No further details are known.

6. Draft Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan

The council is to hold a drop in session at the Memorial Hall Saturday am 20th August to invite residents to comment on the Plan by 5th September 2016. A leaflet will also be delivered around the parish to further advertise the event.

10. Clerks Report:

1. CiLCA (Certificate in Local Council Administration)

The clerk is on course to submit all documentation for assessment by the 31st August 2016 deadline.

2. Defibrillator

Awaiting Quainton School to advise what funding they may have for a new unit. The clerk will pursue further after the end of the school holidays.

3. Resident Complaint to ICO and Appeal to the General Regulatory Chamber

The clerk had circulated a further council response to the appellant's submission to the tribunal. It was originally suggested the council consent to the amendment to the Decision Notice put forward by the ICO which would end the appeal. The clerk has submitted a council own amended statement for approval to submit to the tribunal which would again terminate the appeal by consent of all parties.

RESOLVED c/2016/09 to submit the council amendment to the Decision Notice to the General Regulatory Chamber tribunal.
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4. Allotment Fencing

Initials of Chairman:

Date:

As previously advised at the last meeting, the fencing that borders the cattle field needs to be replaced due to its poor condition.

Quotation from contractor Reg Porter was circulated on 30th July namely:

Cost to replace western side (plots 14A to 19B – 80 metres) - £1160

Cost to replace remaining 50 metres - £560

The clerk had attempted to obtain 3 other quotes from stock fencing contractors, but to date had no response from any of the companies approached. The overall cost may be reduced if a straight line fence may be erected on the western side of the allotments.

RESOLVED c/2016/10 to accept the Reg Porter quotation and proceed to the installation of new fencing.

5. Allotment Water Supply

Comparisons with usage July 2015 v July 2016 shows no increase in volume due to hosepipe use. The clerk will continue to monitor usage to the end of the 2016 season. A new meter is being installed by Thames Water on 15th August.

6. Spare Allotment

The clerk proposed the acceptance of an application for a plot from a resident in Hogshaw. Whilst there is already precedents for renting plots to persons not resident in the village, Hogshaw parish council has no allotment capability so this proposal also supports a neighbouring parish council to fulfil its statutory responsibility.

RESOLVED c/2016/11 to accept an application for an allotment plot from a resident of Hogshaw parish.

7. Transparency Code Grant

BALC have advised the council may retain the grant of £472.

11. Representations from the Public (correspondence):

No new correspondence recorded.

12. Finance:

1. Payments pending previously circulated	2. Receipts reported
£ 251.91 – Clerk's net salary (July)	£ 0.87 – Bank interest
£ 46.41 – Allotment water supply	
£ 39.15 – Eon Energy Streetlight supply (July)	
£ 105 – NDP colour copies	
£ 176.69 – Parish phone & broadband bill	
Total £ 619.16	

RESOLVED c/2016/12 to approve the payments as recorded above.

3. Bank Reconciliation

The bank reconciliation statement for period 5th July to 5th August 2016 was presented for review and approval.

RESOLVED c/2016/13 to approve and sign the bank reconciliation statement as correct.

4. Monthly Financial Report 2016/17

- All expenditure recorded to date is within the current budget limits.
- The current surplus remains at £956
- The negative balance on the allotments budget (£125.38) will be offset by the rental income due in November.

Initials of Chairman:

Date:

13. Recreational Facilities:

A councillor had previously circulated a report on current activities.

Outstanding issues:

- As previously advised, the lockable posts on track by tennis courts have been delivered awaiting installation. However it transpired that the tennis club understood they were to provide and have also procured 2 posts.
- Advice from the football club regarding cost to replace pavilion main entrance door with PVC unit. The outstanding amount is £475 + vat. It was proposed the council donates £200 toward the cost.
- A recent viewing of the skate park has identified two small areas of damage on two of the ramps which will need addressing.

RESOLVED c/2016/14 to approve a donation to the football club of £200 towards the cost of the pavilion replacement doors.

14. Roads, Pavements and Street lights:

1. LED Lights

- The light outside 2 The Green has been swapped with the middle light to try and resolve the 'brightness' issue. Further ways to reduce the strength of the lights will be investigated with the lighting contractor.
- It may be necessary to have structural surveys done on all street light columns in order not to invalidate the council's insurance. The clerk will obtain a cost estimate for the inspection work.

2. Update on outstanding works

- Awaiting start date from TfB for pothole and pavement repairs outside the school.
- Red tarmac on the 30mph marking on Lee Road is still to be completed.
- The white road markings outside the Upper Street playground need repainting
- Other TfB remedial work previously recorded remains work in progress or awaiting scheduling .

15. Business for next meeting:

None proposed.

16. Date of Next Meeting:

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on **Thursday 8th September 2016** in the committee room at the **Memorial Hall Station Road Quainton** at **8 pm**.

Being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9:45pm.

Initials of Chairman:

Date: