

QUANTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held at the Memorial Hall on 14th April 2016

Present:

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

Also Present: 4 members of the public

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISH

The chairman read out his annual report on the council activities and achievements for the last 12 months. There followed a brief question and answer session with the members of the public. It was noted that there was a request to increase the number of streetlights in the village to address the pedestrian 'black spots' at night.

Note: The chairman's full report is available at www.quanton.info parish council section.

MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

Apologies for Absence:

County Councillor Janet Blake

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.

County Councillor Briefing:

BCC has a budget shortfall of £53m over the next four years. The recent government settlement for BCC was worse than anticipated, although around a further £9m of transitional funding has now been secured. Improvement to Children's Services has made some progress, although a guesstimate announced at a recent scrutiny meeting on the subject suggests a further eighteen months or so will be necessary. The question of unitary status has been raised recently by both Aylesbury MP David Lidington and Chris Williams, retiring CEO of BCC. At this moment in time, there is no indication of any proposal regarding this from the BCC leadership.

Advice from the TfB Local Area Team regarding pothole repairs is that only category 1 (make safe, 2-hour response) and category 2 (next working day) will be repaired this year due to a cut in budget. Residents are asked to continue to report defects online to TfB.

District Councillor Briefing:

Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan

All the responses from the first consultation are now available on the AVDC website, and the next consultation phase is likely not to be until July/August this year.

Trailflatt Farm

AVDC enforcement have yet to re-visit the site to ascertain how the owners intends to deal with the breach of the existing enforcement order.

Reported Matters Outstanding:

Devolution – Community Minibus

Planning for a service continues and a budget has been prepared to cover the cost of buying a bus and the associated services to support the scheme. A paid co-ordinator is also being proposed.

The scheme will be progressed at the next Local Area Forum meeting of the parishes, and analysis still needs to be done on the financial viability of the arrangements to be put in place, and the level of demand/need.

Village Defibrillator

Further to the what was agreed at the the last meeting, the clerk will investigate the likelihood of recovering the defibrillator previously available to the village, or any funding available to go towards a new unit.

The appeal for voluntary contributions towards a defibrillator located in the village, has resulted so far in one resident offering a donation of £100.

HS2 Petition:

It was agreed and confirmed that the council will not petition the House of Lords committee on HS2.

HS2 Ltd are holding an information event on Saturday 23rd April at Waddesdon Hall for residents to ask questions and explore the proposals in more detail.

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

Quainton Neighbourhood Development Plan:

The Independent Examiner circulated his report on 18th March, and subject to the some word changes and policy modifications, the Plan meets the basic conditions in order to move forward to referendum. The NDP advisory group are working through the modifications required.

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
15/04276/APP	Erection of 15 houses.	Land South West of 62 Station Road Quainton	Neutral pending further information – revised plans submitted

New Applications

16/00850/APP	Two storey front and rear extensions, two front dormers and front entrance porch	38 Church Street Quainton	No objection
16/01067/AOP	Demolition of existing outbuilding and erection of one single storey dwelling	52 Upper Street Quainton	29th April
16/01112/APP	Two storey side and rear extension and single storey rear extension	2 Winwood Drive Quainton	2nd May

Applications for Tree Works

Ref:	Details	Location
16/01222/ATC	Remove T3 Wellingtonia tree	The Old School House 56 Church Street Quainton
The council is to oppose these works		

Applications Approved

Ref:	Details	Location
16/00060/APP	Demolition and replacement of windows and doors	Quainton C of E Combined School

Applications Refused

Ref:	Details	Location
16/00336/AGN	Erection of building for storage of agricultural machinery and equipment	Acorn Nurseries Station Road Quainton

Land South West of 62 Station Road – 15 new dwellings

It was agreed to report back to AVDC Planning that the revised parking plan submitted by the applicant did not address the requirements recommended by the council.

Land South of the Strand – 31 new dwellings

The council has submitted a letter to AVDC Planning on 7th April in response to the agent's latest submission making a further case for approval. The council has re-iterated the negative impact the development will cause on the Conservation Area views and heritage assets.

52 Upper Street Quainton – new single storey dwelling

Two councillors have reviewed the application, and there is concern over the impact of additional parking required in what is already a car congested cul de sac.

Clerks report:

Queen's Birthday Beacon 21st April 2016

The lighting of the beacon will take place at 7.30pm on Mill Hill.

Windmill Restoration Project

The LAF grant of £2500 has yet to be released to the current contractor as the work is not completed. The Windmill Society have decided to tender out the outstanding work to a new contractor in order to complete this phase of the project with minimal delay.

Health & Safety Inspections

The clerk was in receipt of the councillor reports on inspections to the Upper Street Playground, Football Field, Allotments and Skatepark, and will follow up on any remedial work required. Awaiting report on The Green and pathways.

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:

- 2 Resident emails on Station Road leaflet
- Resident email on state of bridleway gates on Quainton Hill and Denham
- Resident donation for village defibrillator
- HS2 Petitioning kit guide from John Bercow MP

Finance:

Payments Authorised previously circulated	Receipts reported
£ 198.76 – B. Fludgate clerk's net salary (March)	£ 2.76 – Bank interest
£ 408.41 – B. Fludgate office expenses (Jan -March)	£ 1982.88 - Bucks CC devolution payment
£ 2246.20 – PWLB Memorial Hall loan payment	
£ 60.00 – Action4Youth, Youth Cafe training	
£ 114.05 – J Dyson & B Vining Youth Cafe expenses	
£ 55.00 – Action4Youth, Youth Cafe basic membership	
£ 435.60 – HMRC Q4 NICS & NI	
£ 39.15 – Eon Energy Streetlight supply (March)	
£ 1379.34 – Salix Finance streetlight loan payment	
£ 322.00 – QMH room bookings	
£ 25.00 – AVALC annual contribution	
£ 270.00 - Parrott & Coales (Saye & Sele lease legal fee)	
£ 75.00 – Winwood Trust half year allotment rent	

An internal transfer of £500 from the current account to the Youth Cafe project account to be recorded as the agreed council contribution for 2015/16.

Recreational Facilities:

- It was agreed to replace the lockable posts on track by tennis courts
- It was agreed to make a contribution to the Football Club towards the pavilion roof repair.
- Awaiting cost and more details on the option to replace the pavilion main entrance door with a second hand PVC unit
- The re-painting of the skatepark is still outstanding, and the safety inspection has discovered a new hole in one of the ramps that will need to be addressed.

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 .

Update on outstanding works (TfB)

- The work to clear the drain at the bottom of North End Road may have been completed, but is subject to confirmation.
- Jet patching of surface defects on road from The Strand has been completed
- Other TfB remedial work previously recorded remains work in progress or awaiting scheduling .

Business for next meeting:

To include the Annual Meeting of the Council.

Date of Next Meeting:

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on **Thursday 12th May 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 8:50pm.