

**QUANTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Council meeting held at the Memorial Hall on 8th December 2016**

**Present:**

Councillors: Arthur Evans (chairman), Nick Heirons (vice chairman), Michelle Thompson, Malcolm Wearn, Nick Butler, John Knox, Claire Lucas, Brian Fludgate (clerk).

Members of the public – 2

**1. Apologies for Absence:**

**RESOLVED c/2016/34** to accept apologies from County Councillor Janet Blake and District Councillor Kevin Hewson

**2. Declarations 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 minutes of the previous meeting were duly signed by the chairman as a true and accurate record.

**RESOLVED c/2016/35** to approve the minutes of the meetings held on 10th November 2016.

**4. Open Forum:**

There were no formal representations from the public.

**5. Reported Matters Outstanding:**

***1. Station Road Broadband***

Awaiting further response from Connected Counties in regards to access to the existing cable available for high speed broadband.

It was agreed that should no response be forthcoming, the matter to be flagged to Cllr Blake to intervene with Connected Counties, which is a joint venture between Bucks and Herts county councils to increase fibre broadband coverage in the two counties.

A resident is also conducting their own survey to assess the level of interest/take up of a service (to end on 14th December).

***2. CCTV in Station Road***

Following the item in 7.1 of the 10th November minutes, Bucks CC had now confirmed a licence had been granted to the contractor on behalf of developer JA Pye to conduct a traffic survey.

**6. District and County Councillor Briefings:**

Cllr Hewson provided an update circulated prior to the meeting on the current unitary options being discussed by the district council with parishes.

**7. HS2 Developments:**

1. Cllr Evans attended a House of Lords petition session with a local landowner, and witnessed a reluctance on the part of the select committee and HS2 representatives to make any substantial concessions.

2. The council awaits further detail on how HS2 will manage the state of the roads once construction commences in regards to issues like mud on roads, rubbish avoidance and clearance, and light/noise pollution from late night traffic.

Note: A map of the HS2 route past Quanton, and the full parish council HS2 Petition is available to view online at [www.quenton.info](http://www.quenton.info)

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## 8. Planning Matters:

### 1. Applications Pending or Recent Determination

<b>Planning Ref</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>PC Comments/Status</b>
16/03650/APP 16/04098/AGN	Change of use of land for siting of a mobile home. Creation of 88m long access track to link to new agricultural buildings	Orchard Farm Blackgrove Road Quainton	<b>Comment by 29 December</b>
16/04044/APP	Extension to front porch	3 Cautley Close Quainton	<b>No objection</b>
16/03860/APP	Erection of one detached dwelling with access	Land at 36 Upper Street Quainton	<b>Opposed - awaiting AVDC decision</b>
16/03886/A17	Certificate of Appropriate Alternative Development – 4 dwellings	Melling Farm Station Road Quainton	<b>No objection - awaiting AVDC decision</b>
16/03531/ALB	Single storey rear extension and new pitched flat roof to existing extension	45 The Green Quainton	<b>No objection - awaiting AVDC decision</b>
16/03042/APP	Demolition of single storey side extension. Erection of 2 bedrooms and 2 storey side extension	52 Upper Street Quainton	<b>Opposed – withdrawn awaiting revised plans</b>
15/03583/AOP	Development of 31 dwellings and associated infrastructure	Land south of The Strand Quainton	<b>Opposed - awaiting AVDC decision</b>
16/00065/NON DET	Development of 31 dwellings and associated infrastructure	Land south of The Strand Quainton	<b>Developer appeal to Sec of State in regards to non-determination by AVDC</b>
16/02367/APP 16/02369/APP	Erection of agricultural building Retention of existing mobile home for use as a temporary agricultural worker's dwelling	Trail Flatt Farm Quainton	<b>Opposed – awaiting AVDC decision</b>
15/04276/APP	Land south west of 62 Station Road Quainton	Erection of 15 houses	<b>Opposed – awaiting AVDC decision. Revised plans (13 houses) to be submitted by developer</b>

### 2. Tree Works

<b>Planning Ref:</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Location</b>
16/03724/ATC	Fell Willow	15 Upper Street Quainton
16/04388/ATC	Fell 2 Hornbeams	45 The Green Quainton

### 3. 16/03860/APP – Land 36 Upper Street Quainton

The Quainton Village Society requested further representations be made to AVDC in regards to the Burial Acceptance Stone located on the verge outside the proposed entrance, as investigations have indicated it may be of Saxon origin and must to be protected and remain in its current position. Parking provision and the lack of a dual access are also material objections.

### 4. 16/03650/APP – Orchard Farm Blackgrove Road Quainton

The council intend to object to the application due to several concerns:

Work continues at the site despite a previous refusal notice, and groundworks affecting the surface are being carried out in advance of any known permissions granted.

No detailed business case is evident to support the need for an agricultural worker's dwelling, and the planned buildings are in danger of being sited in a way which may adversely affect the views in an Area of Attractive Landscape.

### 5. 16/04388/ATC – 45 The Green Quainton

To ascertain the reason for the felling of the trees.

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## **10. Clerks Report:**

### **1. New Website**

Work has started to populate new web template, and plan to complete by end of December. The progress and style of the new website may be viewed at [www.quainton.mobi/](http://www.quainton.mobi/)

### **2. The Green Christmas Tree**

Total of £200 donated to Fireworks Committee to cover tree cost and bonfire night donation (originally approved as £300).

### **3. Village Defibrillator**

The unit is now installed at the school grounds although the external cabinet is awaiting a power source to be installed. It is planned to run training sessions in conjunction with South Central Ambulance Service in the New Year for residents to familiarise themselves with the equipment. The clerk will advertise the date and venue.

### **4. Health & Safety Inspections**

Forms have been circulated to council members to conduct the inspections of recreational areas by January next year.

## **11. Representations from the Public (correspondence):**

- Letter from Andrew Percy MP regarding Winter Preparedness. Cllr Lucas will review the last emergency plan produced for Quainton.
- Neighbourhood Plan pre-submission letter from Waddesdon PC. The council is to write in support of their plan.

## **12. Finance:**

<b>• Payments pending previously circulated</b>	<b>2. Receipts reported</b>
£ 248.95 – Clerk's net salary (Nov)	£ 250.00 – BCC LAF Sports Grant
£ 250.00 – Grant to Quainton FC	£ 1.28 – Bank interest
£ 166.00 – HMRC PAYE (Nov)	
£ 103.00 – SLCC/ALCC membership	
£ 24.95 – Padlock for sports ground	
£ 216.00 – G&D PO expenses	
£ 77.33 – Allotments insurance	
£ 44.01 – Eon Streetlight supply (Nov)	
<b>Total £ 1130.24</b>	

**RESOLVED c/2016/36** to approve the payments as recorded above.

### **3. Bank Reconciliation**

The official bank statement for period 5th October to 4th November was presented for review and approval.

### **4. Monthly Financial Report 2016/17**

- All expenditure recorded to date is within the current budget limits.
- The current surplus against the original budget set remains at £956
- Includes an adjustment to the payment to the Fireworks Committee (see Clerk's report).

### **5. Precept 2017/18**

Precept 2016/17	Precept 2017/18	Annual increase	Rate charge per household		% increase
			2016/17	2017/18	
£23,960	£24,490	£530	£40.66	£41.48	2%

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The overall 2% increase will enable the council to maintain existing services and cover new and unexpected expenditure.

#### **6. Budget 2017/18**

The forecast net bank balance at end of the 2016/17 year remains at circa £7,500 and with the proposed precept will provide a new budget of £31,846. This will also include a contingency/reserve to be built up as a Project Account.

**RESOLVED c/2016/37** to approve the budget and precept as recorded above.

#### **14. Recreational Facilities:**

##### **1. Skate Park Repairs**

Contractor Maverick have agreed the cost of the maintenance agreement of 2 site visits per year @ £800 each visit will be fixed for 3 years.

##### **2. WW1 Beacons of Light**

The Fireworks Committee have expressed an interest in organizing a beacon to mark 100 years since the Great War to be lit on 11 November 2018.

#### **15. Roads Pavements & Street lights:**

##### **1. Outstanding Issues**

- CU Phosco have put an additional band around the top of the lamp at No. 2 The Green and have advised this is the best solution to the brightness issue for the matter to be closed.
- Street light column outside sports ground to be straightened.
- Cllr Heirons to lead on the 'Restoring the Record' project to map all rights of way to ensure any unrecorded paths and tracks are not lost and are shown on the Definitive Map.
- Another attempt will be made with Bucks CC to install more accessible stiles or kissing gates on Footpath 22A (Lee Road to Snake Lane).

##### **2. Update on outstanding works with Transport for Bucks (TfB)**

- Station Road crossroads white road markings need to be made a priority for re-painting.
- Red tarmac on the 30mph marking on Lee Road is still to be completed and awaiting capital funding.
- Other TfB remedial work previously recorded remains work in progress or awaiting scheduling.

##### **3. Resident Recognition**

It was agreed to present a gift to two residents in recognition of their work in keeping roads and lanes around Quainton clear of litter and debris.

#### **16. Business for next meeting:**

Discussion on unitary structures proposed by BCC and Districts

#### **17. Date of Next Meeting:**

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on **Thursday 12th January 2017** in the conference room at the **Memorial Hall Station Road Quainton** at 8 pm.

Being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 09.28 pm.

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