

QUANTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council meeting held at the Memorial Hall on 9th June 2016

Present:

Councillors: Arthur Evans (chairman), Nick Heirons (vice chairman), John Knox, Nick Butler, Malcolm Wearn, District Councillor Kevin Hewson, Brian Fludgate (clerk).

One member of the public was present.

Apologies for Absence:

County Councillor Janet Blake, Councillors Claire Lucas, Michelle Thompson.

Disclosures of Interests:

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

Open Forum:

No representations in person were made by the public.

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

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

Reported Matters Outstanding:

Devolution – Community Minibus

Funding has been made available to purchase the Winslow dial-a-ride minibus although a business case has still to be finalised.

The next meeting of the parishes will discuss the formation of a group to oversee operations with a paid manager to co-ordinate travel. It is still unclear as to the level of demand for the service and the chairman's request as to who would use the service to and from Quanton suggested residents may have already made their own arrangements.

District Councillor Briefing:

Trail Flatt Farm

AVDC Enforcement are to visit the site Friday 10th June in regards to inspecting the building work taking place.

Removal of Wellingtonia Tree – The old School House Church Street

The application will be reported and dealt with at the AVDC monthly planning committee meeting. There may be legal grounds for AVDC to refuse the removal, but a final decision is awaited. The parish council have sent a formal objection to AVDC and are urging a follow up to the recommendations in the AVDC structural engineer's report that other probable causes of subsidence at the property should be investigated.

Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan (VALP)

The latest draft VALP has been produced following the public consultation held Oct – Dec last year. The next consultation period will run from July – Sept this year. The overall growth in housing will be 33,000 over a 20 year period which includes 12,000 of unmet demand from other councils. Quanton is now classed as a medium sized village (as opposed to large in the first draft), and the allocation of new houses per village will be on a percentage basis which means Quanton will be allocated just under 100 houses as its share (previously the allocation was 120 with possibly more).

AVDC Re-structuring

The project to increase the commercial arm of the council continues with a restructuring of departments to produce financial efficiencies.

HS2 Petition:

Four members of the the House of Lords Select Committee visited areas in north Buckinghamshire on 25th May.

Unlike with the Commons, the visit was one day and very low key with no public meetings or parish representation.

Although the parish council did not petition the House of Lords direct, it has submitted the key issues affecting Quanton to the HS2 Action Alliance to raise on its behalf, and in support of HS2AA's right to petition.

The parish council has also been consulted by HS2 Ltd on the re-siting of the railway sidings at Calvert. There remains concerns as to what level of co-ordination is taking place between HS2 and East West Rail.

Robert McAlpine may be the main contractor operating around Quainton at construction stage. It is still unclear as to how construction traffic will be managed to avoid congestion and inconvenience on local roads, and the responses by HS2 to date have been at best vague.

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:

AVDC have accepted the independent examiner's report and have reached a decision to proceed to referendum.

The referendum date has been confirmed as Thursday 14th July 2016, and voting will take place at the Memorial Hall.

Note: Information on the QNDP (which includes a referendum version of the Plan) and the Conservation Area Review are available online at www.quainton.info

Planning Matters:

New Applications

16/01820/APP	First floor storey side extension	21 Cautley Close Quainton	17th June No objection but comments to include the siting of the air con unit, and suitable parking
16/01625/APP	Demolition of existing office/guest wing and replacement with two storey extensions	Lower Denham Farm	No objection

Applications for Tree Works

Ref:	Details	Location
16/01222/ATC	Remove T3 Wellingtonia tree	The Old School House 56 Church Street Quainton

Applications Approved

Ref:	Details	Location
16/01112/APP	Two storey side and rear extension and single storey rear extension	2 Winwood Drive Quainton

Applications Refused

Ref:	Details	Location
None		

Applications Withdrawn

Ref:	Details	Location
16/01067/AOP	Erection of one single storey dwelling	52 Upper Street Quainton Note: new application pending for a 2 storey attached house

Clerks Report:

Village Defibrillator

The village defibrillator that was recovered is 'mothballed' and would still be available to a village based first responder if one can be found.

The unit is now not as up to date but usable. The options are to recruit a village responder or donate the unit to the local NHS responder who covers Quainton.

In regards to a new unit sited in the village, South Central Ambulance Service will provide support material and awareness training so we may have as many people comfortable with using the equipment, but it is as important for people to be trained in CPR.

Quainton School are keen to install and help fund a unit and are looking at pricing available to them.

Windmill Restoration Project

Unfortunately the QWS have yet to find a suitable replacement contractor, and it is likely the work will not be completed before September this year.

Resident Complaint to the Information Commissioners Office

The resident is to use their right to appeal the amended decision notice from the ICO which will be heard by tribunal at the government General Regulatory Chamber. The parish council have confirmed it wishes to be party to the appeal, and provide a response to the ICO submission to the tribunal.

Note: The full decision notice is available to view at:

<https://ico.org.uk/media/action-weve-taken/decision-notice/2016/1623640/fs50579096.pdf>

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 on oil tanker pavement damage in Cautley Close.
- Quainton Village Society have requested permission to plant an ornamental tree in a suitable location in the village.
- Notice of cycle race through Quainton on 7th August.

Finance:

Payments Authorised previously circulated	Receipts reported
£ 203.47 – Clerk's net salary (May)	£ 1727.85 – Memorial Hall loan payment
£ 180.60 – Playsafety Ltd RoSPA safety inspections	£ 3000.00 – Payment OLB61 cancelled
£ 12.29 – Upper St playground gate repairs	£ 0.01 – Bank credit/adjustment
£ 39.15 – Eon Energy Streetlight supply (May)	

2016/17 Budget

As agreed the MUGA budget of £4000 has been removed from the budget to address the forecast £3044 deficit reported last month. This means the accounts show a current surplus of £956.

The payment to Premier for the metal fabrication work (£2500 + vat) on the windmill has been cancelled and put back into the main accounts, but ring-fenced as a project account until the replacement contractor is appointed.

The clerks salary will increase from £9.21 to £9.30 an hour following a national pay award wef April this year.

Eon are increasing their streetlight supply prices (12.40p per kWh to 14.40 per kWh) wef July which will increase the cost by approximately £70 over a full year.

Recreational Facilities:

- A free tennis fun afternoon took place organised by Quainton Sports Club Committee. The tennis section now has over 100 members with 5 new families joining following the event. The Sports Club are running the Human Football Tournament at the Beer and Music Festival on 9th July. Any teams wishing to enter to look for the notice in Quainton News.
- The sports field grass has been cut thanks to a local farmer.
- The cost to replace the lockable posts on track by the tennis courts will be borne by the council at a cost £35 per post plus materials and labour.
- The football club to advise the cost to replace the pavilion main entrance door with a PVC unit.
- Gate at Upper Street playground has been repaired. The RoSPA inspection also highlighted a number of repairs/adjustments required to the play equipment.
- Investigations into funding the tennis court surface refurbishment are continuing, and the cost is likely to be around £30K with 75% possibly funded by a grant from the LTA.

- A submission is needed by 27th June to BCC in regards to possible £500 available for hall sports equipment.
- The clerk to obtain a quote to safely remove the old asbestos sheets at the sports ground.

Roads, Pavements and Street lights:

LED Lights

Two dates were missed in regards to the install of the new lights on The Green and Station Road. The LED lights in Pigotts Orchard and N End Road remain faulty.

Update on outstanding works – Transport for Bucks (TfB)

- TfB to be approached again in regards to the pothole and pavement repairs outside the school.
- Red tarmac on the 30mph marking on Lee Road is still to be completed.
- Other TfB remedial work previously recorded remains work in progress or awaiting scheduling .

Road Closures

It was noted Pitchcott Hill will be closed for various roadworks up to early July. A list of known road closures will be circulated to council members for information.

Business for next meeting:

A councillor had attended one of the first meetings with the parishes in regards to BCC's proposed unitary authority structure, and will be discussed further at the next meeting in regards to the next steps. It was agreed it will important to understand AVDC's position on this matter.

Date of Next Meeting:

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on **Thursday 14th July 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 9:48pm.