

QUANTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council meeting held at the Memorial Hall on 9th February 2017

Present:

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

Members of the public – 3

1. Apologies for Absence

RESOLVED c/2017/04 to accept apologies from County Councillor Janet Blake, Councillor Michelle Thompson

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/2017/05 to approve the minutes of the meetings held on 12th January 2017

4. Open Forum

There were no formal representations from the public, but questions were raised from the floor in relation to the Greatmoor Incinerator air quality checks, and possible monitoring of heavy goods vehicles driving through the village.

5. Reported Matters Outstanding

1. Station Road Broadband

Still awaiting further response from Connected Counties (CC) in regards to access to the existing cable available for high speed broadband. CC are conducting a mid term review and it has been requested that Station Road be considered but may not qualify due to the relative low level of demand. It still leaves the issue of why the cabinet serving Station Road was bypassed when the fibre cable was laid to serve the rest of the village.

2. George & Dragon Advertising Sign on the Green

Cllrs Heiron and Evans will meet with the proprietors to amicably seek changes to the advertising board installed on The Green. It was generally agreed that it would have been preferable to have a smaller scale A board sign which could be easily moved for maintenance and grass cutting.

3. Village Emergency Plan

Cllr Lucas has produced a draft plan which when completed will be presented to Bucks CC and AVDC. The plan will seek to utilise people and skills from several community groups in the parish, and have an emergency contact list to communicate messages throughout the village. The plan will also seek to ensure identified vulnerable people will be looked after during an emergency.

6. District Councillor Briefing

Cllr Hewson provided an update on key activities at present:

- The recent government Housing Bill may delay the introduction of the Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan should there be changes to the methodology of assessing housing need.
- Council tax for 2017/18 has been set at 3.59% for band D properties.
- The commercial model and restructuring of AVDC continues with some key appointments announced.
- The District's 2 unitary model has been presented to the Department for Communities and Local Government for consideration by the Secretary of State.
- The performance review on Planning for quarter Jul – Sept 2016 has been published.
- Cllr Hewson offered to act as a point of contact on issues directed to AVDC to ascertain which department should deal when it is unclear or not known.

- The AVDC cabinet intend to conduct their monthly meeting in Quanton on 7th June. Members of the public are invited to attend.

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7. HS2 and East West Rail

No new developments to report.

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

8. Planning Matters

1. Applications Pending or Recent Determination

<i>Planning Ref</i>	<i>Details</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>PC Comments/Status</i>
16/04392/APP	Retention of Units 11, 12 for B1 use and Unit 13 for B2 use together with the proposed extension to Unit 13.	Ladymead Farm Denham	Opposed. Further comments to be submitted.
16/04348/APP	Demolition of single storey side extension. Erection of a 2 bedroom 2 storey side extension	52 Upper Street Quainton	<i>Approved 3 February</i>
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	Opposed. Awaiting planning officer's report.
16/03860/APP	Erection of one detached dwelling with access	Land at 36 Upper Street Quainton	Opposed. Extension of time for determination to 3 March pending new access plans.
16/03886/A17	Certificate of Appropriate Alternative Development – 4 dwellings	Melling Farm Station Road Quainton	No objection.
15/03583/AOP	Development of 31 dwellings and associated infrastructure	Land south of The Strand Quainton	Developer appeal to Sec of State to be heard 21 March
15/04276/APP	Erection of 13 houses	Land south west of 62 Station Road Quainton	No objection on revised plans submitted.
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	<i>Refused 3 February</i>

3. 16/04392/APP – Ladymead Farm Denham

The clerk will prepare a further response to AVDC in regards to the amended current application which will cover:

- The council will not object to the retention of the current units for B1 use in terms of visual impact but will seek agreement with the planning officer and the applicant in relation to prescribed hours of use and modifications to the units to further reduce noise and light pollution.
- The council is opposed to the change of Unit 13 from B1 use to B2. The noise factor is key to this determination given that the unit was permitted for B1 as defined in the Town & Country (Use Classes) Order 1987. The outcome of the awaited further report from Environmental Health on noise levels will be very important. The council consider B2 use is inappropriate in an area that has light industry but also part agricultural, equestrian and residential on site, plus residences nearby.
- The council is opposed to the proposed extension to Unit 13. The scale of the extension will be detrimental to the amenity and particularly its visual impact within an Area of Attractive Landscape. The proposed B2 use, noise implications, flood risk and highway access are also material considerations.

9. Clerks Report

1. New Website

The new website look "Quainton Parish Online" was launched on 6th February.

2. Village Defibrillator

The awareness and training event for residents to familiarise themselves with the equipment is fully booked with over 35 residents registered to attend on Saturday 1th February.

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3. Allotments

Half of one of the vacant plots has now been let which leaves a 'mini plot' available. The new stock fence on the boundary to the cattle field is planned to be erected by March.

10. Representations from the Public (correspondence)

- Notice of Bike Race on Sunday 2nd April 2017.

11. Finance

1. Payments pending previously circulated	2. Receipts reported
£ 266.30 – Clerk's net salary (Jan)	£ 4175.27 – HMRC VAT re-claim
£ 177.60 – HMRC PAYE (Jan)	£ 0.19 – Bank interest
£ 9.03 – Awareness event sundries	
£ 177.84 – Parish phone/broadband bill	
£ 45.48 – Eon Streetlight supply (Jan)	
Total £ 676.25	

RESOLVED c/2017/06 to approve the payments pending as recorded above.

3. Bank Reconciliation

The official bank statement for period 5th January to 3rd February 2017 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 unspent budget is £15,622 and end of year current bank balance forecast to be circa £7,200. The clerk had provided a further analysis showing the monies for the agreed 2017/18 budget of £31,846 were secure.

12. Recreational Facilities

Damage to the Upper Street playground soft surface may be repaired using a DIY kit, and will be treated as soon as weather conditions allow.

13. Roads Pavements & Street lights**1. Outstanding Issues**

- Street light column outside sports ground to be straightened.
- Street Light column inspection will now be undertaken by a private contractor. The clerk is awaiting confirmation of cost.
- Accessible stiles for footpath 22A (Lee Road – Snake Lane)

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

- Station Road crossroads white road markings planned to be undertaken in February.
- Red tarmac on the 30mph marking on Lee Road is still to be completed and awaiting capital funding.
- Kerb sets on The Strand remain loose.
- Some kerb stones on The Green remain loose and need attention.
- The pothole patching works on The Strand up to Blackgrove Road are planned to go ahead in February weather permitting.
- Other TfB remedial work previously recorded remains work in progress or awaiting scheduling.

14. Business for next meeting

None proposed.

Date of Next Meeting

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The next Parish Council meeting will be held on **Thursday 9th March 2017** in the conference room at the **Memorial Hall Station Road Quinton** at **8 pm**.

Being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 09.50 pm.

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