

QUANTON PARISH COUNCIL

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

Present:

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

Members of the public – 2

1. Apologies for Absence

RESOLVED c/2017/07 to accept apologies from Councillors Nick Heirons, Malcolm Wearn

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/2017/08 to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 9th February 2017

4. Open Forum

There were no formal representations from the public, but questions were raised from the floor on several issues.

5. Reported Matters Outstanding

1. Station Road Broadband

No further response from Connected Counties, however this may be an indication that CC intend not to support the allocation of additional funding to connect Station Road.

2. George & Dragon Advertising Sign on the Green

The previous action for the council to try resolve this matter with the George & Dragon proprietors has been pre-empted by a resident(s) complaint to the local planning authority (AVDC) alleging the sign is unauthorised and in an unsuitable location. The council will need to await the outcome of a ruling on planning consent by AVDC, and what action the landowner Schools Land Charity may agree with the George and Dragon.

3. Village Emergency Plan

Cllr Lucas has produced the latest draft of the plan which is nearly complete. Further 'good neighbour' contacts need to be identified so all resident locations are covered.

Bucks Railway Centre may be approached as another possible emergency reception centre.

6. County and District Councillor Briefings

Cllr Blake update:

- Bucks CC portion of the 2017/18 council tax will see an increase of 2.99% plus 2% provision for adult social care.
- The paid for home to school transport charge will rise this year by 5%.
- It is still intended to re-commence the village 'walk arounds' with the Transport for Bucks local area team, and Cllr Blake requested an updated list of priorities in regards to roads/pavement repairs.
- Cllr Blake was advised of concerns raised in regards to the current bad state of the Blackgrove Road section up to the A41 at Waddesdon.

Cllr Hewson update:

- The decision by the Secretary of State on which unitary structure is to be adopted may be made at the end of March, but could be deferred.
- The AVDC cabinet meeting in Quanton is now scheduled for 28th June 2017.

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- The planning officers have visited the Orchard Farm site with the rural consultant to examine the business being conducted or proposed, and their report is awaited (see Planning Matters).

7. HS2 and East West Rail

- HS2 received Royal Assent on 27th February 2017. HS2 Ltd are planning a community information event in Quainton on Saturday 25th March primarily to explain the local compensation schemes available.
- Network Rail have advised they plan to commence a land referencing exercise for the East West rail project.

8. Planning Matters

1. Applications Pending or Recent Determination

<i>Planning Ref</i>	<i>Details</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>PC Comments/Status</i>
17/00647/APP	Single storey side and front extension	6 Winwood Drive Quainton	Comments pending
16/04392/APP	Retention of Units 11, 12, &13. Change to B2 Unit 13 and joinery extension.	Ladymead Farm Denham	Retention agreed but change of use and extension opposed.
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	New access and parking plans submitted.
16/03886/A17	Certificate of Appropriate Alternative Development – 4 dwellings	Melling Farm Station Road Quainton	No objection. Awaiting decision.
15/03583/AOP	Development of 31 dwellings and associated infrastructure	Land south of The Strand Quainton	Planning enquiry scheduled to be heard in July (see note below)
15/04276/APP	Erection of 13 houses	Land south west of 62 Station Road Quainton	Revised plans submitted – No objection
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 2017</i>

2. Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan

The latest and possibly final version of the HELAA V.4 (Housing and Economic Development Land Availability Assessment) has been published for Quainton with potentially suitable sites providing 45 new dwellings over the next 15 years. This excludes small sites of 5 or less dwellings.

3. 15/03583/APP – Land South of The Strand

The appellant has submitted a revised Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment and vision splay plan which will be analysed with a view to submitting further evidence to the planning inspector. It was agreed to review what other actions the council may take in support of the objection in advance of the planning inspector's visit to Quainton.

4. 17/00647/APP – 6 Winwood Drive

On the basis that the existing car parking arrangements will not be compromised, and the proposed works do not include further bedrooms, the council has no objection.

5. 16/03860/APP – Land at 36 Upper Street

Applicant Vale of Aylesbury Housing Trust have submitted revised plans. While the parking provision has improved, there are still concerns in relation to the single access for both properties, and the protection of the historic burial stone/boundary marker outside the site. It was agreed the council will liaise direct with VAHT as to how a dual access arrangement may be engineered that satisfies all parties concerned.,

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9. Clerks Report

1. Village Defibrillator

The replacement unit should be available from the contractor by end of March/early April.

2. Streetlight Column Inspection

The contractor Sparkx Electrical has completed the inspection and produced a test report. While there is no immediate action to be taken, the contractor has recommended, 2 columns be replaced over the next 24 months, 2 are leaning and 1 needs a new bracket.

3. Allotments

Another resident has chosen to relinquish their plot. This means there will be two plots not rented.

4. Quality Council Status

Following the CiLCA clerk accreditation and the revamp of the parish website, the clerk recommended the council resolve to register for the Local Council Award Scheme with the goal of achieving Quality Council status.

RESOLVED c/2017/09 to register an interest to be considered for the Local Council Award Scheme.

5. Website Security

A check with the website administrator has confirmed regular security updates are conducted which are sufficient for a site with very low personal data content. Should the site suffer a severe hacking attack, the council has the option to fund a move of the hosting to a bespoke security site.

10. Representations from the Public (correspondence)

No correspondence was required to be circulated.

11. Finance

1. Payments pending previously circulated	2. Receipts reported
£ 278.00 – Clerk's net salary (Feb)	£ 0.17 – Bank interest
£ 185.20 – HMRC PAYE (Feb)	
£ 48.00 – George & Dragon post office support expenses	
£ 414.91 – AVDC dog waste services	
£ 250.00 – Grant to Quainton Sports Club – tennis equipment	
£ 20.00 – Bucks Playing Fields Assoc. subscription	
£ 41.08 – Eon Streetlight supply (Feb)	
Total £ 1237.19	

RESOLVED c/2017/10 to approve the payments pending as recorded above.

3. Bank Reconciliation

The official bank statement for period 3rd February to 3rd March 2017 was presented for review and duly approved.

4. Monthly Financial Report - March 2017

- All expenditure recorded to date is within the current budget limits.
- Unspent budget is £14,405 and the forecast net bank surplus to carry over after March expenditure to the new financial year is estimated at £7,400. This remains sufficient to maintain the 2017/18 budget set.
- Eon are increasing their deemed contract rates for streetlight supply from 14.40p per kWh to 15.75p per kWh as of 1st April. This is £40 more than budgeted for the full year.
- BCC LAF grant £250 has been received (to cover tennis club equipment) and will be recorded in the April Financial report.
- Thames Water have transferred the water supply to a subsidiary Castle Water. The first invoice (98 days use) is under query as the water has been shut off over the winter.

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12. Recreational Facilities

Quinton FC have asked the council for their view on the provision of a social room for post-match use by the players. It was agreed the council will need to receive a more scoped out proposal, and the project should have both the football club and sports committee endorsement before re-submitting for consideration.

13. Roads Pavements & Street lights

1. General Matters

(a) Cllr Knox reported back from the last BCC Local Area Forum Meeting:

- Increased number of potholes filled due to resources moved from the south of the county.
- Following plans for an Aylesbury – Waddesdon cycle route, there had been a request from Quinton residents for their own cycle route which the council were unaware of.
- A proposal has been put forward to fund a second Sentinel speed camera.
- The Bernwode community bus is now in operation.

(b) A local landowner had contacted the council to request a section of drainage ditch adjacent to their land be cleared and the grass verge re-instated which borders the highway on Blackgrove Road. After consultation with Transport for Bucks the landowner will be advised they may carry out the drainage clearance.

(c) The council expressed its gratitude to the Bridge Lands Charity who have funded and arranged for additional stone scalplings on the surface of the church layby in New Road.

2. Thames Water Replacement Mains Work

A meeting has been arranged in Quinton with TW and their contractor on 15th March to review mains replacement works planned at Lower Street, The Strand, Church Street and Station Road and how the disruption to residents may be mitigated.

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

- Station Road crossroads white road markings to be completed.
- Red tarmac on the 30mph marking on Lee Road is still to be completed and awaiting capital funding.
- Cautley Close road surface is to be scheduled for repair.
- Cllr Knox provided a brief on the BCC Freight Strategy initial workshop.
- Other TfB remedial work previously recorded remains work in progress or awaiting scheduling.

14. Business for next meeting

- The Anstiss Bequest trustees to present their plans for the land at Bones Close Church Street.
- The Annual Meeting of the Parish will precede council business.

Date of Next Meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on **Thursday 13th April 2017** in the conference room at the **Memorial Hall Station Road Quinton** at **7.30 pm**. To include the Annual Meeting of the Parish.

Being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 10.05 pm.

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