

QUANTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council meeting held at the Memorial Hall on 12th January 2017

Present:

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

Members of the public – 0

1. Apologies for Absence

RESOLVED c/2017/01 to accept apologies from County Councillor Janet Blake.

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/2017/02 to approve the minutes of the meetings held on 10th November 2016.

4. Open Forum

There were no representations from the public.

5. Reported Matters Outstanding

1. Station Road Broadband

Awaiting further response from Connected Counties (CC) in regards to access to the existing cable available for high speed broadband. Due to additional funding made available by BT, CC are reviewing the list of new areas for connection, and Station Road will be considered. The council have also requested what costs would be involved to subsidise the connection of the fibre cable to the cabinet that serves Station Road.

2. Broadband - Resident Survey Results

112 households on Station Road received a survey leaflet

23 responders - 20.5% response

75% of responders (with 62 email accounts) have registered their interest for high speed broadband with BT Openreach.

100% of responders would consider another broadband supplier offer.

3. Winter Preparedness – Emergency Plan

Cllr Lucas is working on a plan based on the Waddesdon PC model which will include an emergency reception area (Memorial Hall), loan of generators and volunteers with appropriate vehicles to be on hand. It is also planned for residential areas to have a local street contact with knowledge of the resident population who may be at risk in an emergency.

Further liaison will also be made with AVDC and BCC emergency planners so there is consistency of approach.

6. Modernising Local Government – Options

Bucks CC have submitted their case to the Secretary of State, Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG) to abolish all district councils and replace them with a single unitary authority.

The districts councils have also drawn up their own new structure which would disband all county and district authorities and replace with 2 new unitary councils, one in the south (to cover the three existing southern councils, and one in the north where AVDC operates today. The plans are to be submitted to DCLG in January.

BCC and AVDC have run consultation events with the parishes, but it will be for the Secretary of State to rule on the final structure with a view to implement by May 2019.

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It was the majority view of the council members that the two unitary option was the most attractive, and it was agreed to write to the Secretary of State to express its support.

7. District Councillor Briefing

- Cllr Hewson provided an update on current planning and enforcement cases.
- AVDC Community Chest had awarded £10,000 to Quainton Tennis Club towards the court surface replacement project.
- There may be an opportunity for the council to apply to the AVDC ecology officer for support and grant monies for the re-instatement of species disturbed by changes to fields and hedgerows.

8. HS2 Developments

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

9. Planning Matters

1. Applications Pending or Recent Determination

Planning Ref	Details	Location	PC Comments/Status
16/04392/APP	Proposed joinery extension and covered link to plant	Ladymead Farm Denham	Opposed due to previous and current enforcement issues.
16/04348/APP	Demolition of single storey side extension. Erection of a 2 bedroom 2 storey side extension	52 Upper Street Quainton	Application re-submitted with new plans. No objection with conditions on parking spaces
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.
16/04044/APP	Extension to front porch	3 Cautley Close Quainton	Approved 23 December
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.
16/03531/ALB	Single storey rear extension and new pitched flat roof to existing extension	45 The Green Quainton	Refused 19 December
15/03583/AOP	Development of 31 dwellings and associated infrastructure	Land south of The Strand Quainton	Developer to appeal to Sec of State in regards to non-determination by AVDC
15/04276/APP	Erection of 13 houses	Land south west of 62 Station Road Quainton	Opposed. Revised plans submitted for comment
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	Opposed. Awaiting planning officer's report.

2. Tree Works – the following will take place unless a Tree Preservation Order is made.

Ref:	Details	Location
16/03724/ATC	Fell Willow	15 Upper Street Quainton
16/04388/ATC	Fell 2 Hornbeams	45 The Green Quainton
16/03353/ATC	Fell Western Red Cedar	15A Church Street Quainton

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3. 15/04276/APP – Land South West of 62 Station Road

The latest revised plans submitted by the developer show increased parking provision and the removal of purpose built garages. The parking associated with the 3 bed homes include some spaces being tandem, and although this is not desirable, it was agreed not to further object to the application.

10. Clerks Report

1. New Website

Work in progress to populate the new web template continues, and is planned to be completed by end of January.

2. Village Defibrillator

Awareness event for residents to familiarise themselves with the equipment has been arranged in conjunction with South Central Ambulance Service for Saturday morning 11th February. 11 residents have registered to attend to date.

11. Representations from the Public (correspondence)

- Thank you card from residents in regards to recognition gift (minutes 8th December 2016 section 15.3 refers).

12. Finance

1. Payments pending previously circulated	2. Receipts reported
£ 208.60 – Clerk's net salary (Dec)	£ 81.00 – Adjustment to OLB98 payment (see report).
£ 415.44 – Office expenses Q3	
£ 138.80 – HMRC PAYE (Dec)	£ 0.18 – Bank interest
£ 54.00 – QMH room bookings	
£ 30.00 – Signature Flowers (resident gift)	
£ 45.48 – Eon Streetlight supply (Dec)	
Total £ 892.32	

RESOLVED c/2017/03 to approve the payments pending as recorded above.

3. Bank Reconciliation

The official bank statements for period 4th November 2016 to 5th January 2017 were 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 £12,123 and end of year current bank balance forecast to be circa £7,500.
- Revised final CU Phosco invoice showed £81 reduction on payment OLB98.
- Clerk will submit VAT re-claim for period Jan – Dec'16 of £4175.27.
- Precept request of £24,490 submitted to AVDC.

13. Recreational Facilities

Damage to the Upper Street playground soft surface to be investigated and raised with the contractor as to treatment/repair cost.

14. Roads Pavements & Street lights

1. Outstanding Issues

- Street light column outside sports ground to be straightened.
- Street Light column inspection cost still being investigated with BCC. If no response the clerk will source a private contractor to do the work.
- Accessible stiles for footpath 22A (Lee Road – Snake Lane)
- The electric/telephone poles at the top of Snake Lane and Lee Road have cut retaining cables.

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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.
- Kerb sets on The Strand have become loose.
- Some kerb stones on The Green are loose and need attention.
- The Strand up to Blackgrove Road to be closed for targeted patching works Jan to March 2017.
- Other TfB remedial work previously recorded remains work in progress or awaiting scheduling.

15. Business for next meeting

None proposed.

16. Date of Next Meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on **Thursday 9th February 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 09.18 pm.

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