

## QUANTON PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the ordinary Council meeting held at the Memorial Hall on 13th July 2017

#### **Present:**

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

Members of the public – 3

#### **1. Apologies for Absence**

**RESOLVED c/2017/28** to accept apologies from County Councillor Janet Blake, District Councillor Kevin Hewson.

#### **2. Declarations of Interests**

There was no declaration of interests.

#### **3. Approval of 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/2017/29** to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 8th June 2017

#### **4. Open Forum**

There were no formal representations from the public, but the chairman allowed questions from the floor.

#### **5. Reported Matters Outstanding**

##### ***1. Station Road – Lack of High Speed Broadband***

Representations have been made direct to Tracey Aldworth at AVDC regarding their role in the Connected Counties programme, and to enlist their support. A list of residents has been submitted to BT regarding their Community Fibre Partnership to provide a cost estimate of works to upgrade the Station Road cabinet.

##### ***2. George & Dragon advertising sign on The Green***

AVDC's latest advice was the SLC and/or G & D would be invited to submit a retrospective application for planning consent. The clerk also verbally advised the G & D to apply for the retention of a modified sign with conditions if they wanted parish council support. Without this action on their part, the enforcement case will remain open.

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

Cllr Blake had responded via email to the parish council request to assist in resolving outstanding TfB works (see 13.2 of minutes).

Cllr Hewson had provided an email update on current planning enforcement cases.

#### **7. Planning Matters**

##### ***1. Applications Pending or Recent Determination***

<b>Planning Ref</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>PC Comments/Status</b>
17/01264/APP	Erection of 2 detached dwellings with access, parking, and amenity space	52 Lower Street Quainton	<b>Opposed. Awaiting decision</b>
17/01265/APP	Change of use from A2	Swan & Castle	
17/01370/APP	2 storey extension to side and single storey to rear	18 Upper Street Quainton	<b>Refused 13 June. New application reference 17/02330/APP</b>

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			Pending PC comments
17/02397/APP	Single storey side extension	42 Upper Street Quainton	Pending PC comments
17/01834/APP	Single storey rear extension	Saye & Sele Hall 18 Lower Street Quainton	Pending PC comments
17/00737/AOP	Erection of up to 80 dwellings and associated access	151 and Land to rear of 151 Station Road Quainton	Opposed. Awaiting decision.
17/00034/REF	Single storey rear extension. New pitched flat roof to existing single storey rear extension	45 The Green Quainton	Appeal pending
16/04392/APP	Retention of Units 11, 12, &13. Change to B2 Unit 13 and joinery extension.	Ladymead Farm Denham	Application withdrawn
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	Refused 19 April
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 to commence 18 July
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	Refused 3 February

## 2. Land south of The Strand

It was estimated that between 25 -30 residents would be able to attend the first day of the planning appeal enquiry on 18th July.

## 3. North End Nurseries

The clerk had provided a briefing paper to councillors to assist in forming a collective view once a planning application is put forward.

## 8. Clerks Report

### 1. Commons Byelaws – The Green and the Recreation Ground

AVDC have stated their agreement in respect of the existing structures on both commons that they have consent under the byelaws. A confirmation letter from the Corporate Director is expected.

### 2. Local Council Planning Liaison Group Meeting

The clerk provided a report on the meeting which covered organisational changes in the AVDC planning department, and updates on VALP, HS2, and Neighbourhood Planning.

AVDC also advised their intention to introduce Planning Liaison Officers to be the main interface to the parishes on queries and communication on planning matters.

The matter of enforcement and AVDC's ability to keep parishes informed and up to date on cases was an area of great concern to all attendees.

## 9. Finance

1. Payments pending previously circulated	2. Receipts reported
£ 800.00 – Skatepark half year inspection and repairs	£ 0.18 – Bank interest (reserve account)
£ 274.58 – Clerk's net salary (June)	
£ 183.20 – HMRC PAYE (June)	
£ 48.13 – Eon streetlight supply (June)	

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£ 1407.60 – Allotment stock fencing	
£ 415.90 – Q1 office expenses	
£ 20.00 – AVALC annual donation	
£ 60.00– NALC Local Council Award Scheme	
£ 54.00 – QMH room bookings	
£ 400.00 – Upper St Playground annual rent	

**RESOLVED c/2017/30** to approve the payments pending as recorded above.

### **3. Bank Reconciliation**

The official bank statement for period 5th June to 5th July 2017 was presented for review and duly signed as correct.

### **4. Annual Return for year ended 31st March 2017**

The Annual Return documents had been submitted to the external auditor. The notice for the public right to inspect the accounts had been posted, the inspection period being 3 July to 11 August. The key 2016/17 financial information is also posted on the parish website.

### **10. Representations from the Public (correspondence)**

1. Request from a resident to install a crossing outside the school on Lower Street. This matter had been considered in the past, and not supported due to practical and financial constraints.
2. Request from a resident to support new pick up points on the proposed East West rail link to include Quainton. The chairman had advised the resident the parish council in principle could not support the request. Cllr Knox had provided a brief to councillors which re-iterated the disadvantages would outweighed the benefits of a commuter station within the parish.
3. Request for information from a local resident who is a chiropractor and considers the Swan & Castle an ideal location for a healthcare practice. The clerk had provided the resident with details of the current owners and agent, and some background information regarding the planning application history on the site.
4. Enquiry from a resident as to whether beehives may be allowed on the allotments. The clerk will provide national allotment guidance that highlights some of the concerns and requirements that would need to be addressed.

### **11. Recreational Facilities**

1. The football club had raised an informal request to repair or replace the tractor shed on the Lee Road recreation field. The council will look to the sports advisory committee to present a full case and costings for consideration.
2. The last Local Area Forum meeting was attended by Cllr Knox who reported:
  - Reference to new cycle ways proposed including routes in Quainton.
  - The decision to purchase a second Sentinel speed unit was deferred to next year.
  - Funding secured under the Village Activity Project to run two events in Quainton during August being Zorb football and a bouncy castle.

### **12. Roads Pavements and Streetlights**

#### **1. Thames Water Replacement Mains Work**

The planned works continue. Attention needs to be made on the tarmac patches to ensure they do not sink in places. Also, some kerb sets may need to be re-instated, and repair some damage to an area of footpath.

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

- Station Road crossroads white road markings are now nearly non-existent and remain a priority for re-painting.
- Red tarmac on the 30mph marking on Lee Road has been re-instated.
- Broken drain cover on Lee Road near Grange Farm development still awaiting replacement.
- Blocked pipe outside 8 Townsend and Klee Close flooding. Meeting to be arranged in August with the BCC local area technician in advance of the planned works in October to discuss how best to rectify the problem.

**3. Miscellaneous**

- Willow tree at the bottom of Winwood Drive needs cutting back from highway.
- Fly tipping of a bag of what may be asbestos at the top of Station Road by A41 junction.

**13. Business for next meeting**

None presented.

**Date of Next Meeting**

The next ordinary meeting of the Parish Council will be held on **Thursday 10th August 2017** in the conference room at the **Memorial Hall Station Road Quanton at 8pm.**

Being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.55pm.

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