

QUANTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Council held at the Memorial Hall on 10th January 2019

Present:

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

Members of the public – 7

Invitees – National Grid representatives: Faye Scullion, Mark Whittaker, William Boulter, Lewis Judd, Aileen Smith.

1. Chairman's Introduction

The chairman welcomed all to the meeting and explained the meeting process particularly the format for making representations from the floor.

2. Apologies for Absence

<i>RESOLVED c/2019/01 to accept apologies from Cllrs Janet Blake, Scott Raven.</i>
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3. Declarations of Interests

None received.

4. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting had been circulated prior to the meeting, and duly signed by the chairman as a true and accurate record.

<i>RESOLVED c/2019/02 to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 13th December 2018</i>
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5. National Grid – works in Quanton for HS2

The National Grid representatives outlined the works they will carry out for HS2 in and around Quanton namely:

- Raise the height of the overhead line near to the village to allow electrical clearance above the new HS2 track to include building two pylons and removing old pylons. Works to start January 2019 to be completed by Summer 2019.
- Divert gas pipelines beneath the HS2 route near to Quanton Road and re-connect to the pipeline network. Works to start March 2019 to be completed by November 2019.

Several questions were raised by councillors and the public regarding noise and light pollution, works traffic also ecology concerns during the planned works. The National Grid will provide the parish council with a traffic management plan and a works liaison person.

6. Open Forum

Mr Martin Jacobs addressed the councillors and raised several issues regarding the how the Quanton Beacon had come to fruition and the way its instigation and purpose was communicated to Quanton residents. He requested the parish council consider carefully the proposal to make the beacon a permanent feature on the Quanton landscape and was of the view the matter had become divisive within the community.

7. Representations from the Fireworks Committee

7.1 Mr Warren Richards who chairs the committee provided a written report on the fireworks and bonfire event held on 3rd November. The committee has taken account resident feedback on matters such as parking and the charging adopted. Several actions and recommendations were put forward to continue to achieve a safe and successful event as possible in 2019.

7.2 The committee also announced their intention (subject to parish council agreement) to make donations to deserving causes in the parish as and when surplus funds are generated from the fireworks event.

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- 7.3 A report was also provided on the Beacon of Light event on 11th November which was generally regarded as a fitting conclusion to the day's activities marking both Remembrance Sunday and the end of World War 1.
- 7.4 The beacon was planned to be removed from the Mill Hill location for the time being or until the next lighting event, but the committee asked for the opportunity to seek further public opinion in the form of a household wide survey to see if there was a significant majority of residents who would support the beacon being a permanent structure on Mill Hill. It was also acknowledged that other legal and planning issues needed further investigation before the beacon could be installed and visible full time.

8. Reported Matters Outstanding

A new parish council nominated trustee for the Saye & Sele Trust was advertised November last year, and a suitable person has been recommended to be approached to fill the position.

9. County and District Matters

No matters were raised for discussion, but it was noted Bucks CC had provided an update on the unitary formation and timescales.

10. Planning Matters

- 10.1 **Ref. 18/04553/AGN Erection of agricultural building – Willows Farm Blackgrove Road**
The application is likely to fall under permitted development for agricultural purposes. No parish council objection agreed, but to check on the agricultural tie and whether the applicant is living at the farm dwelling.
- 10.2 **Ref. 18/00051/REF Construction of 3 new detached houses – Sloping Acre North End Road**
It was noted the Planning Inspectorate had allowed the appeal against refusal for construction, and therefore 3 five bedroom dwellings may be built.
- 10.3 **Ref. 18/02008/AOP Outline application for 2 two storey detached dwellings – 159 Station Road**
Decision pending as AVDC Heritage have called for a site survey to ascertain whether the existing building may be returned to its previous condition.
- 10.4 **Ref. 18/03095/APP Install 2 conservation Velux windows and bronze/oak window - The Old Farmhouse 17 Station Road**
It was noted the application had been withdrawn.
- 10.5 **The Hatchery (Faccenda Foods) - Station Road**
Cllrs Thompson, Knox and the clerk met with parent company Avara Foods on 27th December 2018 to discuss the proposed new hatchery buildings which will greatly increase production and HGV traffic to and from the site. It is proposed to have a new access from the HS2 road re-alignment plan to avoid HGV use of Station Road. A pre-application is to be submitted to AVDC in 2019.

11. Clerks Report

11.1 Upcoming Dates and Deadlines

- B&MALC Unitary Liaison Meeting 21 March (County Hall).

11.2 The Quainton Beacon

The clerk had circulated a planning brief to councillors to clarify its status under the granted Certificate of Lawfulness.

11 (a). Motion – Future of the Quainton Beacon

Cllr Heirons moved the following motion (ref c/2019/OM1):

“That this council does not support the proposition that the beacon remains as a permanent feature but does support the fireworks committee’s intention to raise it on those occasions of celebration when appropriate.”

The intention of the motion was to confirm the council’s previous discussions on how the beacon would be managed post Beacon of Light event and would bring the matter of the council’s collective position to a conclusion.

Cllr Evans explained his desire that the motion not be put to a vote at this meeting to allow more time to seek further public opinion and clarification of other requirements regarding the beacon being a permanent feature.

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A vote to defer a vote on motion c/2019/OM1 was passed by 5 votes to 2.

It was further agreed by all councillors that matters on the future of the beacon including how a village opinion poll would be conducted should not be discussed or decided on by the full council before the March meeting.

12. Finance

12.1 Payments pending previously circulated	12.2 Receipts reported
£ 425.18 – AVDC dog bin service (2018)	£ 3.72 – Bank interest (reserve account)
£ 38.00 – Conservation Area letter copies	
£ 162.29 – Dog signs (sports ground)	
£ 56.52 – Eon Energy (Dec)	
£ 42.00 – G&D PO sessions facility (final)	
£ 60.58 – Castle Water allotment water supply (amended)	
£ 90.00 – QMH room bookings	
£ 413.30 – Office expenses Q3	
£ 264.33 – Clerks net salary	
£ 176.00 – HMRC PAYE (Dec)	
£ 180.00 – Donation to Village Store PO set up	

RESOLVED c/2019/03 to approve the payments pending as recorded above.

12.3 Amendment made to previous allotment water invoice. Payment for usage up to November 2018 of £65.12 has been cancelled in favour of new invoice for usage up to March 2019 of £60.58 to be taken in 2 direct debit payments in Jan and Feb (£30.29).

12.4 Precept requirement of £ 25, 690 had been submitted to AVDC as agreed at the 13th December 2018 meeting.

13. Correspondence

13.1 Email from resident regarding HS2 construction works presentation to Calvert PC. It was envisaged a similar presentation covering Quinton will be provided by HS2 at the 14th March council meeting.

13.2 Invitation to the Royal Garden Party 29th May as part of the allocation given to Bucks & Milton Keynes Association of Local Councils.

14. Recreational Facilities

14.1 The January report from the Sports Committee had no actions or issues to be considered.

14.2 The 'No Fouling' dog signs for the sports ground had been ordered.

15. Transport and Infrastructure

15.1 Update on works with Transport for Bucks (TfB):

Station Rd Crossroads	Sign replacement. New signs on order
44 Lower Street	Grate cover in road loose
The Green 38	Drain Blocks in heavy rain
The Green	Kerbstones displaced
Lower Street Seye & Sele Hall	Grating subsiding

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Junction Lower Street/Station Road	Blocked kerb weir
3 Winwood Drive	Leak from garden running onto the pavement
Winwood Drive	Awaiting drain jetting at bottom of road
North End Road	Road re-surfacing and road closure re-scheduled for last week in January 2019.
The Strand	Kerb Weirs and kerbstones
Upper Street	Kerbstones displaced
Townsend – N End Road – Klee Close	Flooding onto road
Church Street	Missing kerbstones
Station Road (108 – 110)	Broken kerbstone – re-reinforcement wire exposed
Station Road (48A – 52)	Farm trailer damage to road surface causing noise
George & Dragon The Green	Blocked storm drain

15.2 Thames Water Mains Replacement Works:

The Strand	Mains replacement and road closure re-commenced 8th January.
The Green	Mains pipes to be connected to points under The Green end of January
Church Street	Mains replacement planned to be continued in February 2019.
Meeting arranged with Thames Water Weds 16 January 2019 at the Memorial Hall	

16. Questions & Answers

No additional matters were raised by the public.

17. Business for next meeting

No items put forward.

Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on **Thursday 14th February 2019 at 8pm** in the conference room at the **Memorial Hall Station Road Quinton**.

Being no further business, the chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.42pm.

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