

QUANTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the ordinary meeting of the Council held at the Memorial Hall on 12th December 2019

Present:

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

Members of the public - 0

Invitees – Parish Council Bonfire & Fireworks Committee members: Ian Hunt, Ian Hammond, Richard Vining, Steve Green.

1. Chairman's Introduction

The chairman welcomed all to the meeting.

2. Apologies for Absence

RESOLVED c/2019/40 to accept apologies from County Cllr Janet Blake, Cllr Malcolm Wearn, PCSO Danny Fahey.

3. Declarations of Interests

There were no declarations of interest.

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.

RESOLVED c/2019/41 to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 14th November 2019

5. Public Forum and Correspondence

There were no prior questions or issues raised by the public for attention. Email correspondence from the public included:

- Email from resident regarding speeding along The Strand.
- Fix My Street report sent by resident regarding Thames Water works at 48-52 Station Road.

The above issues had been acknowledged or responded to.

6. Reported Matters Outstanding

6.1 The Green Project

Letters had been sent to residents on the east side of The Green requesting details of any held rights or permissions with a request to respond by 31st December. Still awaiting further advice from AVDC on delegated powers to the parish council. A repair plan to mitigate the damage to The Green to be put in place especially due to erosion on the east side by vehicle parking.

6.2 HS2

Provisional date for Quanton community forum has changed to 20th February. The clerk is working on the agenda and presentation content to be circulated for comment. The event to be chaired by a member of the parish council or a representative from the community.

Reply received from Lorraine Kelly of Fusion regarding the works plan for Diddershall meadows.

7. County and District Matters

7.1 Waddesdon Local Area Forum (LAF)

Cllr Knox had provided a report on the last Waddesdon LAF meeting held on 3rd December. The LAF will be superseded by the Community Boards under the new unitary council.

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7.2 New Buckinghamshire Council

The new council shadow authority had announced the decision to form 16 Community Boards, and Quanton will be part of the Haddenham & Waddesdon Community Board.

8. Planning Matters

8.1 Ref. 19/004296/APP Erection of agricultural building – Ladymead Farm Denham

The clerk will raise several issues with AVDC regarding the application as there is little information submitted as to the specific agricultural use. Also, the plans include the assumed permanent use of a temporary haulage road which is not specified in the application.

8.2 Ref. 19/004208/APP Erection of new 2 x two storey extensions and construction of a pool house – Quanton Stud Lower Denham Farm Blackgrove Road

The parish council had no objections to the application provided the new structures were in keeping with existing buildings.

8.3 Ref. 19/03791/APP erection of small single domestic storage garage – 131 Station Road

The applicant has submitted their intentions on landscaping and an elevation plan. Awaiting further advice from the AVDC case officer as to the status of the original planning conditions.

8.4 North End Nurseries – Erection of 6 houses

The clerk is awaiting a further response from BCC Development Management as to the need to widen the junction of North End Road and Lee road as a condition of the consent.

8.5 Review of Quanton Neighbourhood Plan

The plan has been modified following comments from AVDC and the latest revision of the plan was provided to all councillors. It is hoped the latest changes incorporated will mean the NP policy wording is in general conformity with the submission version of VALP presuming no further modifications post latest consultation.

9. Clerks Report

9.1 Upcoming dates and deadlines

- VALP main modifications consultation – ends 17th December
- Bucks CC Rights of Way Improvement Plan – consultation by 24th December
- Parish Liaison Meeting – 29th January 2020

9.2 Planning Update – Buckinghamshire Council

The clerk had provided a report on the briefing to parish and town councils on 5th December regarding the plans to re-organise and integrate all the district and county planning services under the new authority.

10. Finance

10.1 The December finance report had been previously circulated for review.

10.2 Payments pending previously circulated	10.3 Receipts reported
£ 436.22 – AVDC Dog Waste Service	£ 3.48 – Bank interest (reserve account)
£ 1.76 – Allotment water supply (Dec)	£ 100.00 – Field cut monies
£ 289.65 – Clerks net salary (Nov)	£ 56.27 – BCC devolution payment
£ 193.20 – HMRC PAYE (Nov)	
£ 50.49 – Streetlight supply (Nov)	
£ 149.00 – SLCC/ALCC annual memberships	
£ 29.14 – Minute Book	
£ 6954.00 – Groundworks 2019	

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RESOLVED c/2019/42 to approve the payments pending as recorded.

10.4 Bank Reconciliation (£)

Brought forward 2018/19	26636.56	Reserve account	21916.65
Receipts to date	38363.04	Current account	20881.13
total	64999.60	total	42797.78
Less payments to date	22101.82	Plus received not banked	100.00
Bank balance at 5 December 2019	42897.78		42897.78

11. Budget and Precept 2020/21

- The budget and precept details had been presented at the last meeting for a final review before resolution, and no changes had been put forward.
- Precept proposed is £25,750 which will be a 2% increase for a Band D equivalent tax payer i.e. annual charge per ratepayer increases from £43.17 to £44.04 (less than 2p per week). This will support a budget for 2020/21 of £29,624.
- Monies have been allocated in the budget for a Speed Indicator Device (SID) but will require further external grant funding to be secured.

RESOLVED c/2019/43 to approve the budget and a precept request to AVDC of £25,750.00

12. Recreational Facilities

12.1 Recreational Report

The monthly recreational report had previously been circulated by Cllr Lucas covering the condition of facilities at the sports ground and playground. The main concern was damage to the skatepark rubbish bin which had been pulled away from its concrete base and to fill in the hole in the ground at the shelter.

12.2 Replacement tree on The Green

It was discussed whether the red chestnut that had been removed should be replaced. The majority of resident feedback was The Green looked better without it and opened the space, so it was decided not to replace the tree at present, and perhaps look for an alternative area to re-plant a tree.

12.3 Trees at the Sports Field Lee Road

As part of a general discussion on the state of trees in the village, it was noted a tree in the hedge at the sports field may need to be removed, and a proposal to plant tree saplings at the ground.

12.4 Annual RoSPA inspection – Upper Street Play Area

Cllr Heirons suggested the parish council look to an alternative inspector to Playsafety Ltd due to their insistence on 'dismantle and inspect' the play equipment as this was not a common practice by other suppliers.

12.5 Bonfire Night Post Event Report

Members of the Bonfire & Fireworks Committee presented their post event report and gave an executive summary on how the event had gone this year. The public feedback had been overwhelmingly positive, but bad weather had played a significant part in the attendance being low compared to previous years, and the event made a loss.

There will be enough funds to organise an event next year although some parts of the entertainment programme may need to be scaled back.

The committee will explore whether to take out event cancellation insurance to mitigate against adverse weather conditions. It was also agreed to ensure consultation with Schools Land Charity takes place regarding the final position of the bonfire area on The Green.

12.6 VE Day 75 Celebrations

The clerk will circulate a discussion paper to all interested parties in the parish as to extent of what events should be organised on 8th May 2020 which is a public holiday to celebrate the 75th anniversary of Victory in Europe. The Bonfire and Fireworks Committee are already committed to use the Quinton Beacon in some capacity and organise fireworks if required.

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13. Transport and Infrastructure

13.1 Outstanding TfB works

- Still awaiting a date for the gully jetting at various points in the village. The Willows, The Strand and Station Road to be the priorities.
- Speed sign on Lee Road to be repaired.

13.2 Outstanding Thames Water works:

- Leak on Station Rd/A41 – water still on road after repairs.
- 48-52 Station Road burst - remedial works still required after leak.
- Leak on Carters Lane (reported).

13.3 Other works

- UK Power Networks have requested the electricity service pole outside the play area on Upper Street be re-located inside the boundary of the playground for safety reasons. Awaiting confirmation of who best to deal and agree conditions from landowner Bucks CC.
- The clerk will check on progress with the contractor to replace the damaged streetlight in Pigotts Orchard.

14. Further Public Comment – Informatives

None recorded.

15. Business for next meeting

- To review preparations for VE Day 75

Being no further business, the chairman declared the meeting closed at 10.10pm.

Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on **Thursday 9th January 2020** at **8pm** in the conference room at the **Memorial Hall Station Road Quainton.**

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