

## QUANTON PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the meeting of the Council held at the Memorial Hall on 14th February 2019

#### **Present:**

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

Members of the public – 1

#### **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**

<b>RESOLVED c/2019/04 to accept apologies from Cllrs Janet Blake, Nick Heirons, Scott Raven.</b>
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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.

<b>RESOLVED c/2019/05 to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 10th January 2019</b>
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#### **5. Open Forum**

##### **5.1 Housing Development – 151 and land to the rear of 151 Station Road – Planning Appeal**

A resident who lives adjacent the appeal site enquired as to the parish council plans to speak at the planning enquiry on 12th March. It was agreed the chairman and clerk would speak if provided with the opportunity, and the AVDC statement of case was now available to prepare representations to the planning inspector. Residents will be urged to attend the first session of the enquiry.

##### **5.2 Planning Application – Mill View Upper Street**

The applicant was not present but wished to inform the parish council they would seek to allay neighbour concerns regarding loss of light and overlooking.

#### **6. Reported Matters Outstanding**

##### **6.1 Quanton Beacon**

Cllr Wearn wished his support for the beacon to be a permanent fixture on the landscape be recorded as his position on this matter was prevented from being communicated at the last meeting. The clerk will check with the Fireworks Committee as to whether the beacon would be on display at the Buckinghamshire Railway Centre until it is re-instated for the next appropriate event.

##### **6.2 Saye & Sele Nominated Trustee**

The previous nominated person had declined the role, but a new candidate had accepted the post to go forward for appointment by the Trust.

##### **6.3 Holm Oak Planting at Lee Road Sports Ground**

A date for planting was still outstanding and a further reminder will be given to the resident concerned.

#### **7. County and District Matters**

Cllr Raven had provided written advice of the AVDC council tax increase of 3.35% for an equivalent Band D property. It was noted Bucks CC had announced a 2.99% rise.

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## **8. Planning Matters**

### **8.1 Ref. 18/00151/APP Part 2 storey and rear single extension, conservatory – 50 Station Road**

The parish council were unable to fully comment on the application as it had not received clarification on the existing enforcement case and parking matters from the AVDC case officer.

### **8.2 Ref. 18/04441/APP Conversion of existing barn to habitable unit – 2 Lower Street**

It is unclear from the application as to the purpose of the conversion and if the barn will be solely ancillary to the main dwelling. The clerk will raise these matters with the applicant.

### **8.2 Ref. 18/00040/REF Erection of up to 40 dwellings – 151 and land to the rear of 151 Station Road**

See also para 5.1. It was suggested that Heritage authorities should be alerted that the house at 151 is to be demolished to provide the access to the new development, and whether the dwelling had any historical significance as identified at 159 Station Road.

### **8.3 Ref. 18/03062//ACC Increase in daily HGV movements – Calvert Waste management Complex**

The application will go to the Bucks CC Development Committee on 25 February. It was decided not to speak at committee regarding the parish council's opposition to the application.

### **8.4 Ref. 19/000407/ACL Erection of rear extension - 5 Mallets End**

It was noted an application had been made for a Certificate of Lawfulness, but the parish council has not been invited to comment by AVDC.

### **8.5 Enforcement Enquiry – 18 Upper Street**

The clerk will check with AVDC as to the progress in ensuring the correct number of off road parking spaces will be provided as per the original plans submitted.

### **8.6 Swan & Castle PH – 52 Upper Street**

The parish council recorded its concern over the current building works and to seek assurances that the fabric of the original building is not being unduly damaged. It was also agreed to ensure the building remains listed as an asset of community value.

## **9. Clerks Report**

### **9.1 Upcoming Dates and Deadlines**

- Bucks CC Safer Bucks Plan Survey – closes 15 February
- B&MALC Unitary Liaison Meeting at County Hall - 21 March
- Bucks CC Minerals & Waste Local Plan consultation – closes 25 March
- Bucks Rights of Way Improvement Plan consultation – closes 31 March
- TFB Conference at AVDC offices The Gatehouse - Weds 26 June
- A new Communities Framework: MHCLG call for evidence online survey

### **9.2 Filming Request**

There had been an approach from a filming company to film in and around The Green between 14 Feb – 4 March but was not possible due to Thames Water road closure and works planned for Church Street.

### **9.3 Devolved Powers**

Following a complaint by a resident regarding mud left on Station Road from farm vehicles, it was clarified with Bucks CC that responsibility on enforcement to clean the highway is not part of the parish council Devolution Agreement with BCC.

### **9.4 Village Maintenance Co-ordinator**

In support of the 2019/20 maintenance budget, the clerk intends to advertise for a volunteer to assist in getting outstanding minor works completed around the village, liaise with existing volunteers, and recruit new members.

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## **10. Finance**

10.1 Payments pending previously circulated	10.2 Receipts reported
£ 52.79 – Fireworks Committee	£ 3.72 – Bank interest (reserve account)
£ 1320.00 – Linton Design (windmill components)	£ 522.72 – Donation from the Quainton Windmill Society (project account)
£ 233.84 – Parish phone bill	£ 2606.57 – VAT re-claim (HMRC)
£ 61.23 – Eon Energy (Jan)	£ 9.46 - Beacon public donations
£ 273.38 – Clerks net salary	
£ 182.40 – HMRC PAYE (Jan)	

**RESOLVED c/2019/06 to approve the payments pending as recorded above.**

10.3 Quainton Beacon project account has been closed and surplus funds (£52.79) returned to the Fireworks Committee.

## **11. Correspondence**

- Email from a resident regarding drain flooding on The Strand.
- Email from a resident regarding help with installing a driveway and dropped kerb in north End Road.
- Email from Greatworth and Halse Parish Council regarding sending anti HS2 letter to the local MP.
- Request from the organisers of the Tour de Vale to use The Green as a water stop on Sunday 9th June.

## **12. Recreational Facilities**

12.1 The February report from the Sports Committee had been circulated which highlighted some ongoing work required at the playground, sports field, and skate park.

12.2 Offer by Ramblers to install a new gate on Matthews Way. It had been intended the gate would replace the stile on New Road by the pumping station, but landowner consent was declined. Cllr Evans wished the parish council's disappointment with this decision be recorded. The new gate will now replace the stile opposite the Old School House Church Street.

12.3 Two of the 3 new 'No Fouling' dog signs for the sports ground had been installed.

## **13. Transport and Infrastructure**

### **13.1 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
Junction Lower Street/Station Road	Blocked kerb weir
Winwood Drive	Awaiting drain jetting at bottom of road
The Strand	Blocked kerb weirs
Upper Street	Kerbstones displaced
Church Street	Missing kerbstones
Station Road (108 – 110)	Broken kerbstone – re-inforcement wire exposed
Station Road (48A – 52)	Farm trailer damage to road surface
George & Dragon The Green	Blocked storm drain

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3 Winwood Drive	Spring leak onto pavement
Winwood Drive corner by cul de sac	Raised ironwork from drain cover
VAS signs (Lee Road and Station Road)	Not working correctly

### 13.2 Thames Water Mains Replacement Works:

The Strand	Mains replacement complete but road closed due to culvert damage opposite 1 The Strand.
The Green	Mains pipes to be connected to points under The Green – postponed awaiting new date
Church Street	Last phase of mains replacement re-commenced 11 February .

13.3 Following the meeting with senior Thames Water representatives on 16 January, in response to the parish council letter sent to the CEO's office, it was agreed to write again regarding ongoing issues and to seek compensation for the time delays and disruption the mains replacement works have caused.

### 13.4 HS2

A drop in session had taken place at the Memorial Hall on 11<sup>th</sup> February. There was concerns that Station Road may be closed for up to 7 weeks while a main gas pipe is diverted when it had been previously been advised by the National Grid this would not be necessary.

### 13.5 Other Works:

- Request by Quainton School to cut back the conifer tree on The Logs footpath away from the premises. It was agreed to contribute £300 towards the cost of works.
- Tree on The Green near to the bonfire area has been inspected and deemed not dangerous. To be monitored and inspected again in the Spring.
- Damage to BT footway box and surrounding tarmac on pavement opposite the Village Store Church Street had been reported.

## 14. Questions & Answers

No additional matters were raised by the public.

## 15. Business for next meeting

HS2 presentation on forthcoming construction works.

### Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on **Thursday 14th March 2019 at 7.30pm** in the conference room at the **Memorial Hall Station Road Quainton**.

Being no further business, the chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.48pm.

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