

QUANTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the ordinary meeting of the Council held at the Memorial Hall on 14th November 2019

Present:

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

Members of the public - 4

1. Chairman's Introduction

The chairman welcomed all to the meeting.

2. Apologies for Absence

RESOLVED c/2019/37 to accept apologies from County Cllr Janet Blake, District Cllr Scott Raven, 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/2019/38 to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 10th October 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:

- An enquiry regarding forming a new kids club.
- Mud and stones left on The Green roadway
- Outstanding grass re-instatement work by Thames Water on The Strand
- The felling of the red chestnut tree on The Green
- An item left outside the Almshouses.

The above issues have been acknowledged or responded to.

6. Reported Matters Outstanding

6.1 The Green Project

Cllr Heirons provided a further update and the ongoing discussions with AVDC. A further letter will be sent to residents on the east side of The Green to request any documentation they may have in relation to access rights or permissions.

6.2 HS2

- Provisional date for Quanton community forum event is 23 January 2020. Cllr Knox had circulated a HS2 main works paper to be used to generate resident questions for the event.
- Cllr Knox advised the BCC Rights of Way team have confirmed the footpath closure by HS2 to Finemere Wood will not re-occur in the summer.
- Awaiting further advice from HS2 contractor Fusion on planned work packages at Diddershall meadows following a meeting on site with the parish council and the landowner.
- The Fusion/Eiffage Kier toilet and comfort unit at Diddershall has been re-located to a less visible location.

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7. County and District Matters

No matters reported.

8. Planning Matters

8.1 Ref. 19/03872/AGN Erection of agricultural building – Needles Farm Yard Quainton Road

There were no objections raised to the application.

8.2 Ref. 19/03480/APP Erection of new hatchery – Faccenda Hatcheries Station Road

The meeting with residents and representatives from Faccenda and Avara Foods took place on 31 October with up to 20 in attendance. Faccenda are dealing with individual issues raised regarding landscaping and noise following the meeting.

The parish council has submitted its comments to AVDC Planning requesting a full Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment be carried out by the applicant to ensure full mitigation is in place regarding the new factory size and location on site.

8.3 Ref. 19/034791/APP erection of small single domestic storage garage – 131 Station Road

Concern was raised as to the location of the new garage at the front of the property. The clerk will draft the response to AVDC and circulate for further comment.

8.4 North End Nurseries – Erection of 6 houses

A condition of planning consent is to widen the junction at the bottom of North End Road. The clerk has written to BCC Highways to question if the work is necessary due to resident concerns and is awaiting a response.

8.5 Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan (VALP) – Modifications Consultation

It was planned to have hard copies of the VALP documents at the Village Store and G&D Tea Rooms but AVDC have decided on other locations.

The timeline for consultation (ends 17th December) means the VALP will not be adopted by the end of 2019. The final inspector's report is expected in January so adoption by AVDC is unlikely before February 2020. This has implications for the revised Neighbourhood Plan which will have to allow for any VALP policy changes before finalising its own policies to ensure they remain in general conformity.

9. Clerks Report

9.1 Upcoming dates and deadlines

- Waddesdon LAF – Tuesday 3 December -Calvert Green
- Bucks Fire & Rescue Public Safety Plan – consultation by 18 November
- VALP main modifications consultation – ends 17 December
- Bucks CC Rights of Way Improvement Plan – consultation by 24 December
- Parish Liaison Meeting – 29 January 2020

9.2 Assets of Community Value

The clerk reported that AVDC had ruled the former butcher's shop on The Green could not be re-classified as an asset of community value as it was closed and as a vacant unit did not provide any community purpose at present.

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10. Finance

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

10.2 Payments pending previously circulated	10.3 Receipts reported
£ 213.00 – Parish phone bill	£ 3.72 – Bank interest (reserve account)
£ 1.76 – Allotment water supply (Nov)	£ 1727.85.00 – QMH loan payment
£ 299.44 – Clerks net salary (Oct)	£ 309.00 – Allotment rents
£ 199.60 – HMRC PAYE (Oct)	£ 900.00 - AVDC NHB Micro Grant
£ 52.17 – Streetlight supply (Oct)	
£ 36.00 – CPRE membership	
£ 900.00 – Sports Committee Tennis section	
£ 400.00 – Donation to Bonfire Committee	

RESOLVED c/2019/39 to approve the payments pending as recorded above.

10.4 Bank Reconciliation (£)

Brought forward 2018/19	26636.56	Reserve account	22712.07
Receipts to date	38203.29	Current account	21913.17
total	64839.85	total	44625.24
Less payments to date	20214.61	Less paid not drawn	0
Bank balance at 5 November 2019	44625.24		44625.24

11. Budget and Precept 2020/21

Cllr Knox had circulated the draft budget (following a meeting of the budget group) and details calculating a precept increase of 2%. Councillors will further review so that the budget may be resolved at the December meeting. The precept request must be submitted to AVDC no later than 17th January 2020.

12. Recreational Facilities

12.1 The monthly recreational report had previously been circulated by Cllr Lucas covering the condition of facilities at the sports ground and playground.

12.2 Community Barbecues

The tennis section of the Sports Committee had been successful in procuring 2 gas barbecues with the aid of a grant of £900 from the Aylesbury Vale District Council's New Homes Bonus Micro Grant Scheme. The barbecues are available for use by any community group or organisation in the parish.

12.3 Wildlife Survey

Cllr Lucas reported several resident responses to the survey request for information.

13. Transport and Infrastructure

13.1 Weight limit on Berryfields Road to Blackgrove Road junction

Awaiting a response from Bucks CC Development Management on why signs for the 7.5 ton weight limit are not in place at the Berryfields end.

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13.2 Outstanding TfB works

Still awaiting a date for the gully jetting at various point in the village.

13.3 Outstanding Thames Water works:

- The leak at Leak at 2 Grange Cottages resolved but drain is blocked.
- Leak on Station Rd/A41 following burst mains works has not yet been fully completed.
- Burst at 52 Station Road attended top but ditch has been filled in preventing proper drainage and kerb set to be repaired.
- Leak reported on Carters Lane.

14. Further Public Comment – Informatives

None recorded.

15. Business for next meeting

- To review the Bonfire Night post event report
- To resolve the 2020/21 budget and precept submission

Being no further business, the chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.13pm.

Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on **Thursday 12th December 2019 at 8pm** in the conference room at the **Memorial Hall Station Road Quinton.**

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