

QUANTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the ordinary meeting of the Council held at the Memorial Hall on 9th January 2020

Present:

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

Members of the public - 0

Invitees – PCSO Denise Grayburn

1. Chairman's Introduction

The chairman welcomed all to the meeting. It was announced the clerk had submitted his resignation to leave the position by 1st June this year, and it was agreed to advertise the post as soon as possible.

2. Apologies for Absence

RESOLVED c/2020/01 to accept apologies from County Cllr Janet Blake, Cllr Nick Butler, 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/2020/02 to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 12th December 2019

5. Public Forum and Correspondence

There were no prior questions or issues raised by the public for attention. No correspondence from the public received.

6. Reported Matters Outstanding

6.1 The Green Project

- Still awaiting further advice from AVDC on delegated powers to the parish council, and the delay in response is seriously delaying progress on the project.
- Awaiting one resident's deeds in relation to access rights. The green boundaries are now identified.
- It was suggested a public meeting with The Green residents be held to talk through the project and discuss its conclusions about access and current uses.

6.2 HS2

- The Quanton community forum is still booked to take place on 20th February, however the date may be put back pending the outcome of the government review of HS2 and nearer to when the main civil work commences. A provisional agenda has been produced to be forwarded to HS2 community liaison.
- HS2 have produced Common Design Elements on the route construction and have invited public consultation until 31st January. Details to be circulated to residents on the Quanton Alert system.
- The proliferation of road signs at the Station crossroads to be raised with HS2 and contractor /Fusion especially as no work is underway at present. The crossroads are recognised as a local hazard and exacerbated by 60 mph speed signs close to the Give Way signs increasing the danger and an unnecessary distraction to motorists.

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7. County and District Matters

7.1 New Buckinghamshire Council

Buckingham Town Council had sent a letter to Cllr Martin Tett regarding Community Board voting with a request to change the Board's terms of reference to always have member indicative votes before councillors vote on important issues. It was agreed to send a letter of support to Cllr Tett.

RESOLVED c/2020/03 to support Buckingham Town Council's submission on Community Board voting rights and procedures.

8. Planning Matters

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

It was agreed to oppose the application on several counts including the location of the building in the open countryside, and the lack of information as to the specific agricultural use. The issue of using a temporary haul road for access will also be raised as an informative to ascertain if it should have been specified as part of the application.

8.2 Ref. 19/03688/APP Conversion of car port to garage – 43A Lower Street Quainton

The parish council had no objections to the application provided the amenity of an adjacent resident was not impacted during construction.

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

The AVDC case officer had advised any development should not breach the planning conditions on landscaping set under the original consent when the main house was constructed. It was agreed the council could not support any change to the condition together with concerns as to the scale and location of the new garage.

8.4 North End Nurseries – Erection of 6 houses

The clerk is still awaiting a further response from BCC Development Management as to the need to widen the junction of North End Road and will escalate the matter within Bucks CC should no response be forthcoming.

8.5 Review of Quainton Neighbourhood Plan (QNP)

Additional comments had been received from AVDC Forward Plans. The main issue is their requirement to alter the settlement boundary on sites with planning consent and the deletion of some QNP policies that are already covered in the VALP. The QNP steering group will convene to discuss next steps.

8.6 Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan (VALP)

The Main Modifications consultation is now closed. Next steps will be the inspector's report and then AVDC to adopt the plan now likely to be February. Policy S9 (neighbourhood planning) was deleted, NE2 (Biodiversity) is now NE1, NE5 (landscape) is now NE4.

8.7 Trees and the Planning System

Cllr Knox had previously raised the lack of notice and consultation by AVDC on tree planning applications particularly in the conservation area which has led to trees being felled or worked on without the parish council being able to comment in advance. The clerk had circulated a brief which advised the only protection afforded to a tree is where a Tree Protection Order is either in place or one is made by AVDC. The clerk will raise the matter of prior consultation with the shadow portfolio holder for planning under the new Buckinghamshire Council.

9. Clerks Report

9.1 Upcoming dates and deadlines

- Proposed new base station Quainton Hill Mobile mast – consultation by 17th January
The clerk will send a response highlighting the current poor reception in Quainton and if the planned works will provide an improvement. The plans also show works access will be via the current bridleway to Quainton Hill which is unsuitable for heavy vehicles.
- Parish Liaison Meeting – 29 January 2020. Cllr Heirons to attend

9.2 Upper Street Play Area – New Lease

Negotiations continue with Bucks CC over the proposed increase in lease rent and the level of legal cost borne by the parish council. The intimated legal cost could be circa £700. The clerk has requested a cost breakdown and justification from the Bucks CC legal department.

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9.3 VE Day 75 – 8th May 2020

A consultation paper was circulated by the clerk on 19th December to interested parties and groups in the parish, and several responses had been received.

9.4 Speed Indicator Device (SID)

The clerk is preparing a grant application to the AVDC New Homes Bonus Micro Grant scheme for monies towards the provision of a SID.

10. Finance

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

10.2 Payments pending previously circulated	10.3 Receipts reported
£ 720.00 – New NP design work	£ 3.84 – Bank interest (reserve account)
£ 1.76 – Allotment water supply (Jan)	£ 60.00 – Donation (tree damage)
£ 273.48 – Clerks net salary (Dec)	
£ 182.40 – HMRC PAYE (Dec)	
£ 397.13 – Office expenses Q3	
£ 52.17 – Streetlight supply (Dec)	
£ 48.00 – 2 Apple Trees	
£ 72.00 – QMH room bookings	
£ 380.00 – Skatepark repairs	

RESOLVED c/2020/04 to approve the payments pending as recorded.

10.4 Bank Reconciliation (£)

Brought forward 2018/19	26636.56	Reserve account	21920.49
Receipts to date	38426.88	Current account	12167.91
total	65063.44	total	34088.40
Less payments to date	30975.04	Plus received not banked	nil
Bank balance at 3 January 2020	34088.40		34088.40

10.5 Other Finance matters

A donation of £60 had been received from a tree contractor as compensation for damaged trees at land on White Hart Field. New trees have been procured for re-planting (see 10.2).

11. Recreational Facilities

11.1 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 works to repair the skatepark rubbish bin base and fill in the hole at the shelter have been completed.

11.2 Allotments

Cllr Wearn reported there had been theft of vegetables from some plots.

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12. Transport and Infrastructure

12.1 Outstanding TfB works

- Still awaiting a date for the gulley jetting at various points in the village. The Willows, The Strand and Station Road to be the priorities.
- Leak on Station Rd/A41 – water still on road after repairs to be raised with the TfB Local Area Technician.

12.2 Outstanding Thames Water works:

- 48-52 Station Road burst - remedial works to clear ditches still required after leak.
- Leak on Carters Lane – still awaiting resolution.

12.3 Other works

- Awaiting BCC agreement to re-locate the UKPN electricity service pole outside the play area on Upper Street inside the boundary of the playground for safety reasons.
- Report had been sent to BCC Rights of Way regarding the condition of path QUA22/1 and has been acknowledged.
- Damage to the grass surface at the allotments caused by large vehicles running on the soft ground.

13. Further Public Comment – Informatives

None recorded.

14. Business for next meeting

None recorded

Being no further business, the chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.30pm.

Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on **Thursday 13th February 2020 at 8pm** in the conference room at the **Memorial Hall Station Road Quainton.**

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