

QUANTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the ordinary meeting of the Council held at the Memorial Hall on 13th February 2020

Present:

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

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1. Chairman's Introduction

The chairman welcomed all to the meeting.

2. Apologies for Absence

RESOLVED c/2020/05 to accept apologies from County Cllr Janet Blake, Cllr Michelle Thompson, District Cllr Scott Raven

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/2020/06 to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 9th January 2020

5. Public Forum and Correspondence

5.1 There was one question raised from the floor as to whether residents could use the Memorial Hall car park during the Thames Water works road closure to commence 17th February. To be referred to the Memorial Hall management team.

5.2 Resident request for The Logs footpath stones to be re-laid to provide a more level walking surface. The clerk will investigate what works may be done sensitively due to the historical significance of the existing flag stones.

5.3 Correspondence

- Letter request from the Thame Conservation Trust regarding the Yellow Fish project. It was agreed to support the project in advertising its aims and need for volunteers to help mark-up the local road drains with yellow fish markers to highlight them as a key pathway to local watercourses.
- Letter received from Cllr Martin Tett in response to the parish council letter on Community Boards voting arrangements.
- Email from the charity Wheelpower regarding the Tour de Vale Bike Ride on 7th June asking for permission to use The Green as a refreshment stop. The clerk advised there were no objections from School Lands Charity, and it was agreed to support the event.

6. Reported Matters Outstanding

6.1 The Green Project

Still awaiting an AVDC position statement on what powers exist and what could be delegated to the parish council in managing matters on The Green. This has now been passed by AVDC to their lawyers HB Public Law to provide a legal opinion.

6.2 It was agreed to move forward with the project based on the legal guidance from NALC. Cllrs Heirons, Thompson, Evans and the clerk will meet to review The Green boundary maps, and agree the communication process required to those residents who will be affected by the proposed areas of reclamation.

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6.3 HS2

The Quainton community forum booked to take place on 20th February had been deferred. Meeting held with HS2 contractor Fusion on 7th February to discuss forthcoming vegetation works and planned works at Station Road. A meeting brief had been circulated to council members.

7. County and District Matters

7.1 Aylesbury Vale District Council

Cllr Raven had provided a written report on current matters as the District continues to transition to the new Buckinghamshire Council.

8. Planning Matters

8.1 Ref. 20/00211/ALB Replacement of window – Banner Farm House 28 Church Street

It was agreed to support the application.

8.2 Ref. 20/00395-00396/APP Proposed extension to cattle shed, replace 2 steel framed buildings – Willows Farm Blackgrove Road

The clerk had consulted with the landowner's agent and received assurances of the agricultural need for the new buildings. It was agreed not to object to the application but request a condition be made of sole agricultural use should AVDC give consent.

8.3 Ref. 20/00087/APP Variations to permission Ref. 15/04276/APP – Land between 62 and 96 Station Road

The applicant had indicated changes to internal walls/windows, garage and car parking spaces but the revised plans have yet to be submitted for consultation.

8.4 Land adjacent to Swan & Castle

Revised plans have been submitted for 4 No. 3 bed houses (2 storey 2 x semis). Parking provision allows for 9 Parking spaces versus 12 to comply fully with Neighbourhood Plan Policy T1 – Parking. The clerk will draft a response to AVDC Planning stating the reasons why the parish council's preferred housing mix should be no more than 3 dwellings.

8.5 Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan (VALP)

The latest advice from AVDC is they do not anticipate the Plan will be found sound by the examiner before the new authority (Buckinghamshire Council) is established in April. This has implications for the modified Quainton Neighbourhood Plan (see 8.6).

8.6 Review of Quainton Neighbourhood Plan (QNP)

The QNP steering group will need to re-convene to consider action to take due to the VALP adoption delay. With some final adjustments, the modified QNP is ready for consultation.

If the QNP is published for public consultation now, the existing Local Plan will need to be referenced as well as the emerging VALP which has some weight. It may be necessary to make changes after the consultation period to take account of any further modifications to the VALP.

AVDC are currently the local planning authority if the consultation is started before the end of March, however the submission of the QNP for examination will be to the new Buckinghamshire Council.

9. Clerks Report

9.1 Upcoming dates and deadlines

Aylesbury Garden Town's (AGT) consultation on their Masterplan is due to end on Friday 14th February.

9.2 Junction Widening – North End Nurseries Development

Meeting held with BCC Development Management on site and discussions continue as to the scope of the junction widening. BCC is insisting the junction modifications will be an improvement, so the focus is to mitigate the impact of the amenity of residents and retain as much of the existing grass verges. The clerk had submitted a suggested plan to BCC for consideration.

9.3 VE Day 75 – 8th May 2020

An update had been circulated to interested parties on 7th February and several suggested events on the day had been put forward.

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9.4 Cycleway – 2.5 km Cycling Route at Doddershall to Calvert

Negotiations about a possible route jointly built by promoter Greenways and HS2 continue but is subject to a Department for Transport feasibility study and is at a very early stage.

10. Finance

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

10.2 Payments pending previously circulated	10.3 Receipts reported
£ 5.88 – NP print copies	£ 3.72 – Bank interest (reserve account)
£ 1.76 – Allotment water supply (Feb)	£ 2274.82 – VAT re-claim
£ 312.22 – Clerks net salary (Jan)	
£ 208.40 – HMRC PAYE (Jan)	
£ 78.64 – Allotment annual insurance	
£ 52.17 – Streetlight supply (Jan)	
£ 203.51 – Parish phone bill	

RESOLVED c/2020/07 to approve the payments pending as recorded.

10.4 Bank Reconciliation (£)

Brought forward 2018/19	26636.56	Reserve account	21924.21
Receipts to date	40705.42	Current account	12795.76
total	67341.98	total	34719.97
Less payments to date	32622.01	Plus received not banked	nil
Bank balance at 5th February 2020	34719.97		34719.97

10.5 Other Finance matters

- A grant award of £2000 has been provided via the AVDC New Homes Bonus Micro Grant scheme towards a Speed Indicator Device (SID). The grant monies must be spent by end of March 2020. The overall cost will need to take into consideration the locations for the unit and whether separate poles will be required to mount the equipment.
- BHIB insurers have advised all monies had been recovered regarding the repair of the Pigott Orchard streetlight and the parish council will be refunded the £125 excess paid.

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. Main issues focussed on the recent heavy rainfall and its effect on ground surfaces.

12. Transport and Infrastructure

12.1 Outstanding TfB works

- Still awaiting a date for the gully jetting at various points in the village. The Willows, The Strand and Station Road remain the priorities.
- Leak on Station Rd/A41 – water still on road due to blocked ditches.
- Flooding reported at Blackgrove Road outside Heritage Park Farm.

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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.
- Impending mains pipe work on Station Road which will include a road closure.

12.3 Other works

- Awaiting completion date to re-connect replacement streetlight at Pigott Orchard.
- Tree on Station Road may need cutting back from the footpath.

13. Further Public Comment – Informatives

There were no further public comments recorded. Cllr Evans obtained agreement to nominate PCSO Dan Fahy for a Police Community Award.

14. Business for next meeting

Councillors to be briefed by the clerk on 7th May elections.

Being no further business, the chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.10pm.

Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on **Thursday 12th March 2020 at 8pm** in the conference room at the **Memorial Hall Station Road Quainton**.

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