

QUINTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 10th June 2021

The meeting was held at the Memorial Hall, Station Road, Quinton

Present

Cllrs John Knox, chairman, Nick Butler, Nicolette Smith, Sue Weldon, Michelle Robinson-Boyce, Lee Whitlock, Tony Pacetti (clerk)

Members of the public 3.

Chairman's Introduction

The chairman welcomed all participants and directed the meeting forward.

1. Apologies for Absence

Ian Macpherson

2. Co-option of three new Councillors and Receipt of Declaration of Acceptance

Three people were co-opted as new members of the Council. These were Michelle Robinson-Boyce, Sue Weldon and Lee Whitlock. Acceptance of Office forms were witnessed by the clerk and retained.

RESOLVED c/2021/16 to co-opt the three applicants to council membership

3. To receive co-opted members' Registers of interests

The clerk was given duly completed declaration of outside interest forms for retention.

4. To receive declarations of interest from members on items to be discussed.

None were declared.

5. To approve minutes.

The minutes of the last meeting held on 20th May had been circulated prior to the meeting and signed by the chairman as a true and accurate record.

It was resolved to approve the following corrections to the approved minutes of the April 9th meeting:

5.4 to be replaced with;

The owners of 36 Upper Street would check to see if the drainage problems originate on their property.

The following should be added to 5.5;

Cllrs Thompson & Lucas advised that Openreach plan a rollout of FITP broadband between December 2021 and Spring 2022 to most premises in the lower part of Station Road.

RESOLVED c/2021/17 to adopt the corrections to the April 9th minutes

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6. Public Forum

6.1 An application for funding from the Wild Vale scheme was being considered.

6.2 A councillor said a village directory was being prepared on Facebook. A resident pointed out that the Village Society had long published the Village Directory and was in the process of establishing an on-line edition. He asked the Councillor to reconsider.

7. Update on matters outstanding

There were no matters discussed.

8. To receive County Councillor Briefings

7.1 Iain MacPherson noted in an email that he would like to be kept informed and involved with activities including drainage and the Berryfields lights issue. He would also like to meet the new councillors at some point.

9. Planning applications.

The year-to-date planning applications schedule, earlier sent out to councillors, was discussed.

Specific points; The 4-bay garage at Ladymead Farm would not be objected to by PC, though there may be a need to consider drainage facilities.

9.1 No objections would be raised on application 20/04412/ALB.

9.2 Plan to put new barn on a listed site at 2 Lower Street would not be objected to as this had satisfied English Heritage.

9.3 Application 21/01178/APP. This was to be examined further, and discussions entered into regarding planning items that may still be pending.

10. Allocation of Responsibilities

10.1 The Councillors would consider at the next meeting those planning conditions which had been raised as a concern by members of the public.

10.2 A preliminary allocation of Councillor responsibilities was set out with Cllr Butler taking responsibility for recreational facilities and sports. Cllr Knox continued with Roads and HS2 and Cllr Smith will cover the environmental areas.

10.3 Cllr Knox explained to the membership that effective planning needs a sound knowledge of its processes and that this needed time to acquire especially in regard to The Neighbourhood Plan. Provision had been made in the budget for some professional training. At this stage no decision on direct responsibility for planning had been made.

10.4 The responsibility for the administration of Allotments was presently vested in the clerk who indicated there was a long waiting list of four people.

10.5 The problems that the lack of a satisfactory broadband system caused the QPC, particularly at the lower end of Station Road still need to be resolved. Cllr Whitlock offered to look after this area together with the SID installations on a regular basis with the assistance of another councillor.

11. Clerk report and correspondence

11.1 Earlier correspondence relating to items covering high water costs for allotment supplies and the removal of railings at the school to be replaced by wooden fences had been passed to councillors for their attention. The action taken in regard to fencing was a disappointment to QPC who would try to persuade the headmaster to maintain the fences.

11.2 Offers of councillor training had been made by BC but a decision had been taken to secure services in the nature of initial training from the previous clerk, whose services would be offered gratuitously.

11.3 A request for a pop up barbeque had been received to be held on the green but this had not been favourably received by PC on the basis of the covid epidemic and the disturbance's to surrounding neighbours.

11.4 The proposed agreement with the School Lands Charity for the Green was discussed. There were concerns whether this agreement benefitted the council or the community. A briefing and draft response would be circulated after the meeting this agreement.

11.5 As Video conferencing for council meetings was no longer permissible, the clerk was instructed to cancel PC subscription.

12. Review Finance Report and approval of expenditure

12.1 The Financial report had previously been circulated to members, and was formally approved.

Items of expenditure			Receipts	
OLB488	B Fludgate NP expenses	37.50	Natwest interest	- 0.17
OLB489	Seniors Xmas Party	329.00	Correction wages	0.02
OLB490	Playsafety Ltd	82.20	RQ Graphics refund o/p	420.00
OLB491	Blades Turf Care Ltd	599.20		
OLB492	J Knox Dell computer	718.20		
DD6	Zoom conferencing April	14.39		
DD7	Streetlighting May	52.17		
Total		1,832.66		420.19

RESOLVED c/ 2021/18 to approve list of payments shown.

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Cllr Knox explained various items entered on the Financial Report and indicated that a surplus of funding for the Youth Café -which was no longer needed for that purpose-might be used toward funding a new Skate Park.

Bank Balances		Beginning of year Balance	
Current	(21421.72)	b/ f balance 2020/21	(33,271.80)
Business Reserve	(<u>21,940 71</u>)	Receipts to date	(<u>17,422.44</u>)
Subtotal	(43,362.43)	Subtotal	(50,694.24)
Payments not drawn		Payments to date	<u>8,116.57</u>
Receipts not banked	0.00		(42,577.67)
		Payments not drawn	<u>784.76</u>
Closing Bank Balance	(<u>43,362.43</u>)		(<u>43,362.43</u>)

14. To receive reports in recreational facilities and activities

Cllr Nick Butler provided the Recreational report on the takeover of this function from ex x Cllr Lucas:

He itemised his examinations thus,

14.1 Upper Street Children's' Play Park was found to have a few items awaiting repair. Reids were to be chased to do the work after clarifying what was needed for the cableway. Photos to be sent to ROSPA after the work is done

14.2 The Football Club was reported to be taking a year off, as it was going through some transitional changes (ref Jim Stiles). Cllr Butler was encouraging them to utilize the youth team, Quainton Players.

14.3 The Tennis club is well attended with club and social tennis. They continue to win small grants.

14.4 The skate park contractor, visited the park on Wednesday, pre the meeting, aiming to finish painting and repair by Friday following Cllr Butler will revisit, photograph and send it to the clerk to be forwarded to ROSPA for evidence that the PC has met compliance required by them. He observed the Skatepark was very busy at a youth focal point, on Wednesday evening when A level students celebrated end of school.

14.5 The Wild Flower Meadow. Thistles were being treated and plugs had been planted, but there appeared uncertainty as to how this would tie in with the grass cut.

14.6 No issues have been raised with either the Wildlife Garden or the Dog bins.

14.7 Benches and notice board. Repainting of one bench on The Green and one in Station Road together with the Qc Notice Board, is needed as soon as resources are available.

15. To receive reports on HS2, Roads Pavements and Streetlights and further comments in The Green.

15.1 Cllr Knox confirmed he would process a reply in response to the request to hold a firework display on The Green for Bonfire Night on 06/11/2021. No decision has been made yet.

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15.2 The Council currently maintains the parcel of land by White Hart Field A resident, has been in correspondence with QPC with regard to the cutting down of flowers planted. Cllr Knox would reply to the complaint from Mr Lawrence indicating QPC had no knowledge of the offender, who was certainly not a QPC contractor.

15.3 Cllr Knox expressed his dismay at being excluded from a meeting relating to the 4-way traffic light system at the Berry fields crossroads. He responded with an 11 point list of reasons why the lights were unnecessary.

15.4 Lorries had been sighted along the Edgecott Road on the Saturday prior to the meeting but as no work was being done on Saturday the activity was reported.

15.5 The leaking pipe arising in Windmill Drive had been fixed.

16. Further points by residents

16.1 Concerns were raised at vehicles owned by the new resident parking on the road outside the Swan & Castle opposite the bus stop and obstructing the view for other drivers. All these issues had been pointed out at the planning stage to no avail.

The meeting closed at 10.15 pm.

Date and Time of next meeting, Thursday 8th July 2021 at 8pm

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None15. To receive reports o HS2, Roads Pavements and Streetlights

15.1 Cllr Knox acknowledged the complaints received regarding pot holes in Quainton and suggested that whenever one was spotted it should be reported.

15.2 He indicated that pipes laid in Station Road were not fit to contain the low of floodwater.

16. Further Public comment

16.1 It has been announced that a survey of traffic flow was to be undertaken.

16.2 Lower Street was badly in need of resurfacing.

16.3 Public questions taken during the meeting indicated there was concern about wildlife being damaged by works undertaken around the area.

17.Items of business for the next meeting

Result of councillor co-option interviews.

The meeting closed at 10.15pm.

The next meeting will be held in the Memorial Hall on Thursday 10th June at 8pm

