# Minutes of Quainton Parish Council Meeting Held at Quainton Village Hall, Station Road, Quainton On Thursday 11th November 2021

**Attendees:** Councillors John Knox, Michelle Robinson Boyce, Nick Butler, Parish Clerk (by John Knox), Lee Whitlock

## 1 Apologies for Absence

Iain Macpherson, Nicolette Smith, Sue Weldon

## 2 Declaration of Interest in items on the agenda

Councillor Boyce husband works for Faccenda

## 3 Approve Minutes from 14<sup>th</sup> October Meeting

Approved

#### 4 Minutes

The draft minutes previously circulated were approved and signed as a true copy by the Chairman.

### 5. Public Forum Police Community Support Officer Update

Danny Fahy sent apologies

### 6 To receive County Councillor Briefings

Councillor Iain Macpherson sent apologies

### 7 Matters Outstanding

### Clerks Position

Position remains unfilled but continuing to advertise in QN,QPC web page and SLCC (silver), John Knox will cover the position until and permanent candidate is found

#### Councillor Position

Position remains unfilled continuing to advertise in QN and QPC web page

• The Quainton Beacon – Planning Application Case – It was agreed to put the ballot for the beacon in Quainton News rather than mailshot a ballot paper around the village. The answered ballot will still be returned at the shop or 15 Lower St

# 8 Planning Applications

# Summary

Planning Ref	Details	Location	PC Comments
19/03480/APP	Erection of new hatchery	Faccenda Hatcheries Station Road	Approved
21/01077/APP	Single storey side and rear extension	12 Church Street, Quainton	Refused
21/03242/APP	Garden Office in Front Garden	7 Lower Street	Refused
21/04273/PIP	Permission in Principle 2 Houses	The Croft 15 Church St	PC Objects

# **New Applications**

• 21/04273/PIP - The Croft 15 Church St -Permission in Principle 2 Houses.

Summary of QPC position with this proposal

- a) Whilst the application site is within the Quainton Settlement Boundary that in itself does not qualify this location as suitable for development in principle. Any housing on this elevated position in Church Street will cause substantial harm to the character and appearance of the Quainton Conservation Area.
- b) Quainton Neighbourhood Plan Policy E1 and VALP Policy BE1 are explicit in ensuring development does not harm important settlement characteristics, and not compromise the documented qualities of the Quainton Conservation Area.
- c) This application has not taken such matters in to account in regard to the proposed location and therefore should not be permitted

## **Resolved C/2021/31**

#### **Existing Planning – New Issues**

151 Station Road -. Complaints from nearby residents with respect of the elevation
of the new properties overlooking existing properties. This was the consequence of
concerns raised about flooding. The response was to raise the ground level

### 9 Clerks Report & Correspondence

- 21/03242/APP 7 Lower Street Office in front garden. Feedback received by residents of their recent rejection of this application. They were referred to Buckinghamshire should they wish to appeal
- Following the retirement of Eric Sargeant Nick Butler was appointed as the Parish Council trustee to the Winwood Trust

## 10 Review Finance report and Approve Expenditure

### Approved payments as circulated

Ref	Description	£
OLB 519	Reg Porter	325.60
OLB520	J. Godfrey	402.73
OLB521	Reg Porter	305.60
	JKnox re M/Soft Office	
OLB517A	License	59.99
DD	Castle Water	136.21
DD	EON Nov	52.17
DD	BT	79.40
DD	PWLB	2,246.20

### **Resolved C/2021/34**

- Precept target budget to be £27k for 2022/23 with a 2% increase for inflation, submission needs to be agreed and is due 31st Jan 2022
- Castle Water billing still in dispute and no further invoices/bills will be paid until resolved

### 12 Recreational report

- Upper Street Playpark Painting of swings to be completed Nov. Reid's
  maintenance work reviewed by councillor NB and MRB no further action required
  Estimate for four replacement infant swings came in at £1200, agreed we would try
  and get a small grant for this.
- Quainton Skate Park Emergency Signage Required needs to cover
  - a) Activities at own risk
  - b) Damaged equipment or Skate park concerns to be reported Parish clerk email and telephone no
  - c) Emergency gate access number via Parish Clerk
- CHOW Tree Planting
  - a) Copse cleared ready for new tree planting at Sports Field
  - b) Black popular tree planted on Mill Hill by church
  - c) Community orchard further fruit trees to be planted in November
- Dog Bin Frequency of dog bin empty service to be increased to cater for influx in dogs after Covid. Consider buying and siting of extra bin - Resolved C/2021/32
- Village Bench Maintenance— 3 benches around the village in worst condition cleaned, stripped and repainted
- **Bonfire Night Nov 6**<sup>th</sup>— Successful and safe event 1800+ in attendance no issues raised

#### 13 Broadband

- Phase 2 Broadband Upgrade to Service Roll out not due until April 2023. It is
  likely that villagers that don't already have the required broadband speed will have
  to use an alternative method of receiving broadband that does not rely on street
  cabling e.g. Rapid broadband using microwave
- 14 Reports on HS2, Roads Pavements and Streetlights

- SIDS Agreed to buy two Gent Smart solar powered SID's, any budget shortfall for this higher spec SID to be covered by HS2. Three retractable pole fitting to be fitted by EKFB and existing SID to have solar power fitted. Funding to be obtained from HS2/Bucks Road Safety Fund
- Resolved C/2021/33
- HS2 School Bus Disruption No further mitigation possible by Bucks CC to reduce regular bus and school bus disruption in Station Road caused by Network Rail weight limit on the bridge
- HS2
  - A41 –Disruption Likely to continue until end of Nov with some limited overnight closure of A41 also likely
  - HS2 Pop- ref Session A41 village Question and Answer session with HS2 to be held, date to be agreed

Date and times of next meeting Thursday 9th December 2021 – 8 PM