

QUINTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Council held on 20th May 2021

The meeting was held in the Committee Room of the Memorial Hall, Station Road, Quinton

Present

Cllrs Arthur Evans (outgoing chairman), Nick Butler, John Knox, Nicolette Smith, Tony Pacetti (clerk)

Members of the public 5.

1. Chairman's Introduction

The chairman welcomed all participants and directed how the meeting would be conducted.

2. Apologies for Absence

Ian Macpherson

3. Election of Chairman

Cllr Knox was elected Chairman of the new Parish Council

4. Receipt of Declaration of Acceptance

These were received from Councillors and duly witnessed by the clerk

5. Receipt of members Interests

These were also received and placed with the clerk

6. Declarations of interest from members on items to be discussed

None were made

7. To discuss co-option of Councillors and implications

7.1 It would be necessary to make those interested in becoming a councillor aware of what would be required of them. Individual skill sets would be measured against the needs of the PC. Interested candidates would be interviewed at the Memorial Hall on Thursday 27th from 7.30 pm.

8. Approval of Minutes

8.1 The minutes of the last meeting, held on 9th April, had been circulated prior to the meeting and duly signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record.

8.2 Those Parish councillors present confirmed they had been both seen and heard.

RESOLVED c/2021/11 to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 9th April 2021.

9. Public Forum

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9.1 Cllr Knox summarised the activities of HS2 at the request of members of the public who attended the meeting. He explained the difficulty in effectively monitoring those activities and offered this explanation in an effort to allay the fears and concerns of those parishioners living at the top of Station Road where much of the work was being performed. Constant appraisal was being undertaken in this area in an effort to minimise the stress being caused by HS2.

9.2 Furthermore, Cllr Knox responded to the concern expressed by many parishioners relating to disruption and damage caused by HS2 lorries passing through the village. This matter was under constant review and attempts were being made to impress on HS2 and other contractors to use more effective controls by staggering the traffic movements where possible.

9.3 Discussion was mainly restricted to parishioner complaint and concerns in regard to the worsening of the village infrastructure as a result, in the main, of the HS2 works.

9.4 Members of the public attending also expressed their views and concerns about HS2 lorry movements and the disruption and minor damage caused to the road sets. They were also concerned about the development of HS2 traffic ways. Councillor Knox assured them the Parish council would continue to keep these matters under discussion with contractors.

10. To be updated on matters arising

10.1 The main item under consideration was the skate park on which Councillor Knox reported.

10.2 The skate park had recently been inspected and some faults were found. This was being acted upon.

10.3 As the skate park was getting old and less serviceable consideration was being given to the generation of funds towards building a new one. The funding process would be investigated by the Parish council and some volunteer aid had been suggested to set the process in motion.

10.4 The discussion regarding the ownership of the Cross on the Green had seemingly been brought to a conclusion with neither SLC nor BC attesting to ownership. QPC acknowledged this non-acceptance of ownership and itself accepted by resolution responsibility for the said Cross.

RESOLVED c/2021/13 to accept ownership of the Cross on the Green together with concomitant activities.

10.5 Water Leaks in Upper Street had been repaired but there were still more repairs to be completed by Thames Water.

10.6 The QPC was informed that it would no longer be able to exercise the General Power of Competence which required the PC to fulfil the following conditions:

It has a qualified clerk;

A minimum of two-thirds of vacancies were filled at the last ordinary elections;

and it has resolved at a meeting of the council, and each subsequent relevant annual meeting that it has met these conditions. QPC will be able to spend money under S137 of the 1972 LGA Act in accordance with the statutory limitations placed upon it of a calculated amount per head of the relevant electoral population.

RESOLVED c/2021/14 to conform to the S137 regulations.

11. Planning applications

11.1 Councillor Knox said a number of HS2 applications which were not on the public portal had been received and details had to be requested separately.

21/01785/INF1 concerned an expansion of the Station Road to accommodate 218 parked cars and 50 office staff in double stacked portakabins. This would use land outside the Act and would be objected

21/02042 concerned 6m high stockpiles of materials at the Calvert Incinerator site.

21/01814 was not relevant to Quainton.

No objection would be made to planning application 21/01489/APP. Application 21/01178/APP, Denham Leys, Denham would be examined in more detail.

12. Clerk's report and correspondence

12.1 Complaints had been made of the professional quality of work produced by the verge cutting contractor. This was taken up and the cutting re-performed on the appropriate verges. This is a new contractor working in unfamiliar territory and is likely to improve with experience.

12.2 As the cross on The Green ownership has formally been taken into ownership by QPC, the clerk will approach its insurers with regard to any policy changes that might be needed.

13. Monthly Finance Report and Bank Reconciliation

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

Items of expenditure			Receipts	
OLB477	Reids Playgrounds	132.00	Precept	13,235.00
OLB478	BMKLC books	55.57	Bank interest	0.18
OLB479	BMKLC subs	225.74	BCC Grass Devolution	2,039.22
OLB480	Blades Turf Care Ltd	599.20	Memorial Hall Loan	1,727.85
OLB481	BALC	38.00		
OLB482	RQ Graphics	420.00		
OLB483	R Porter Grass Cut April	315.60		
OLB484	Barriers Direct T Court	99.40		
OLB485	Clerk Salary April	313.36		
OLB486	PAYE April	78.20		
OLB487	BHIB Parish insurance	1,629.20		

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DD1	Streetlight supply March	52.17
DD2	Zoom conferencing March	14.39
DD3	PWLB, loan re-payment	2,246.20
DD4	Zoom conferencing April	14.39
DD5	Streetlight supply April	50.49

Total	6,283.91	17,002.25
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RESOLVED c/ 2021/15 to approve list of payments shown.

Bank Balances		Beginning of year Balance	
Current	(24,550.26)	b/ f balance 2020/21	(33,271.80)
Business Reserve	<u>(21,940.54)</u>	Receipts to date	<u>(17,002.25)</u>
Subtotal	(46,490.80)	Subtotal	(50,274.05)
Payments not drawn	2,500.66	Payments to date	6,283.91
Receipts not banked	0.00		
Closing Bank Balance	<u>(43,990.14)</u>		<u>(43,990.14)</u>

13.2 An application for funding from the wild bale mini grant scheme for Buckinghamshire had been made.

13.3 A planning application is in progress for Skate Park funding.

14. To receive reports in recreational facilities and activities

None

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

15.1 Cllr Knox acknowledged the complaints received regarding pot holes in Quinton 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.

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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