

QUINTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 8th July 2021

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

Present

Cllrs John Knox, chairman, Nick Butler, Nicolette Smith, Sue Weldon, Lee Whitlock,

Members of the public 3.

Chairman's Introduction

The chairman welcomed all participants and directed the meeting forward.

1. Apologies for Absence

Ian Macpherson, Michelle Robinson-Boyce.

3.1. Acceptance of declaration of interests from new members

Acceptance for Michelle Boyce delayed due to absence

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

None were declared.

4. To appoint a Responsible Finance Officer (RFO) and Parish Clerk

It was agreed that John Knox would fulfil the responsibility of RFO and Parish Clerk (PC) based on his knowledge and experience for the next month until Anthea Cass starts her new role as Parish Clerk in August. Sadly, Tony Pacetti has had to retire from the role due to ill health and the Council thanked him for his service.

RESOLVED c/2021/19

5. Public Forum

Mrs Carter asked for more details on the new exhibit centre and railway carriage café at the Railway /2021/centre. The Railway Centre had planned attend to present their plans but illness had prevented this. The outline in the requesting email was repeated in response to Mrs Carter's request.

6. To approve minutes.

The minutes of the last meeting held on 10th June had been circulated prior to the meeting and signed by the chairman as a true and accurate record.

There were no required corrections

RESOLVED c/2021/19A

7. Update on matters outstanding

- White Hart Field.- Issues regarding maintaining the area were resolved amicably by all parties
- The Green: Insurance & Agreement. The Chairman had a discussion with a School Land Trustee where he expressed concerns that the agreement proposed covered only the self-evident provision of adequate insurance by the Council and was of no benefit to the Council, particularly in recognising the involvement of and benefits for the community and the work undertaken by the council and the not inconsiderable expense of maintaining the Green.

8. To receive County Councillor Briefings

- Ian McPherson had apologised for absence
- Bucks LAT lack of budget – Escalation needed to raise issue with Ian McPherson, County Councillor to ascertain how we can get priority for 10 Quainton LAT issues that are unfunded and are unresolved

10. To approve 2020/21 Accounts.

Accounts approved

RESOLVED c/2021/20

11. To discuss co-option of 7th councillor

Agreed to post a formal notice on the noticeboard to advertise the vacancy and also post in the Aug QN if time permitted

12. Planning Applications

- 21/02244/PIP New House Lower Diddershall Objection: Development in open countryside in breach of the Neighbourhood Plan
- 21/02735/ALB, Replacement windows 2 Lower Street – no objection
- Station Road Farm New House – Removal of boundary line hedges and trees breaching the Conservation Area and the approved Planning Application, currently with Enforcement who have not updated the Council's reference
- Barwood Homes in Station Road – Perimeter hedging /fencing change of scope discussed
- Continued concerns about HS2 new Station Road changes and their adverse impact

13. Clerk report and Correspondence

- Request from parishioner if QPC could repaint Arthur Beck seat in White Heart Field
- QPC invited to Parish Liaison Meeting 14th July 2021, Nicolette Smith to attend
- Allotment availability requested, currently full but applicant put on waiting list
- Request to reinstate Quainton local shop and the Butchers Shop public house to community asset

14. Council Website & Facebook Sites

It was agreed that QPC would share a page on the "Quainton Village Life Facebook" page in order to share information about key issues in the village. The shared page would not be open to comment.

This was done to reach out to more parishioners' and be in line with other local PC's initiatives with Facebook done in neighbouring villages. It was agreed to trial for a period and then review

15. Review of Finance report and Agreement of expenditure

- Reg Porter Grass cutting approved
- Internal audit from Melanie Rose approved
- External Audit from 3rd party – agreed if required
- Castle Water Estimate Bill to be escalated with CW
- Bank Access to be resolved by next meeting

Payments

OLB493	Blades Turf Care	599.20
OLB494	Melanie Rose	50.00
OLB495	T Pacetti	514.16
OLB496	HMRC	128.40
OLB497	T Pacetti	380.00
OLB498	QMH	41.00
OLB499	Reg Porter	830.40
DD	Castle Water	75.17
DD	ICO	35.00

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Receipt Nat West Interest 0.20

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16. Recreational Facilities and Activities Report (Nick Butler) Reviewed

- Upper Street Children's Playground – work to make good 2 swings and zip wire escalated to Reids Maintenance Company who are waiting for parts and aim to resolve in next 4 weeks
- Skate Park – Maintenance work complete, Skate park reopened, photographic evidence to be sent to ROSPA-Playsafe Ltd, who had completed original inspection.
- Looking for local handyman to paint three benches and QPC noticeboard

17. Reports on HS2, Roads, Pavements and Streetlights

- HS2/EWR complaint from local farmer discussed next steps to support his case
- Complaint regarding the lack of grass cutting and hedge cutting on the perimeter of the village. It was confirmed Bucks CC no longer cut grass unless at road junctions or cut hedges during summer months for environmental and financial reasons. It was agreed that QPC would approach the Bucks Railway Centre to ask for Bucks Railway Centre verges to be cut as it was deemed to be a hazard to parishioners walking over Station Rd railway bridge
- Flooding at 3 Winwood drive escalated to the Environment agency and Bucks CC by QPC
- HS2 design of station Road diversion continues to disappoint with lack of information, and ongoing changes to design without public consultation. QPC requesting a public forum with HS2.

- Escalation to be raised with Thames Valley Police Crime Prevention and Local Neighbourhood policeman Danny Fahey with respect to car break-ins and possible drug dealing at Quainton Churchyard layby

18. Further Public Comment

- Complaint from public reference parking of cars on Station Road outside parishioners' residences properties without permission by HS2 staff. Note For information :Two HS2 Marshalls employed by Bucks CC for enforcing this sort of issue

19. Items for Business at Next Meeting

- Broadband Review – by Lee whitlock to report next time
- Lack of utilisation of two properties in Quainton by Aylesbury Vale Housing Trust. Nick Butler to report next time

The meeting closed at 9:40 pm.

Date and Time of next meeting, Thursday 12th August 2021 at 8pm .