

Minutes of Quainton Parish Council Meeting
Held at Quainton Memoria; Hall, Station Road, Quainton
On Thursday 13th January 2022

Attendees: Councillors John Knox, Nicolette Smith, Sue Weldon, Nick Butler, Parish Clerk (by John Knox), Lee Whitlock

1 Apologies for Absence

Iain Macpherson.

2 Declaration of Interest in items on the agenda

None.

3 Approval of Minutes

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

4. Public Forum – Mr Dancer

Mr Dancer presented his planning reapplication for 12 Church Street. This was for an extension and had originally been rejected on the strength appearance in the conservation area and parking. In the discussion the only concern was that the parking would comply with the Neighbourhood Plan and that any Highways concern over manoeuvring would not result in a loss of on-street parking.

5 To receive County Councillor Briefings

Councillor Iain Macpherson sent apologies

6 Matters Outstanding

These were dealt with later below

7 Planning

New Applications

- 21/04807/APP - 12 Church Street Quainton Buckinghamshire HP22 - Householder application for Single storey side and rear extension PC
(See Public Forum) No objection subject to compliance with policy T1 parking and no loss of on street parking
- 21/04816/APP - 65 Station Road Quainton Buckinghamshire HP22 4BX
Householder application for Part garage conversion, single storey rear extension and single storey front extension to increase garage length- No objection

Resolved C/2022/01

It was noted that Bucks had refused the Croft application and for Stables on land to the east of Oving

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Other Planning

- **Beacon as Permanent Feature-**
- Results from the QPN survey to the shop were in.
Results
 - Permanent Feature - For: 70 Against: 10.
 - Multiple and unofficial paper votes - For: 17 Against:4
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 - The Council then voted 4 in favour with 1 abstention to proceed with a planning application for a permanent installation. A formal resolution will be put at the next opportunity.
 - Residents can still object or support as with any Buckinghamshire planning application
- **151 Station Road** -. Complaints have been received from nearby residents with respect of the elevation of the new properties overlooking existing properties. County Councillor Whitlock to escalate to BCC building control, because no information or consultation had been made with residents to agree the elevation in height could take be proceeded with.
- **Trail Flat Farm Enforcement-** Issue already raised with Enforcement before Christmas. Chairman will also seek support of Cllr Iain MacPherson

8 Clerk's Report

- A flooding problem at a property on Station Rd was to be taken up with a number of agencies
- Cllr Smith would attend the Planning Forum on 26/1/22
- Boundary Commission Consultation: PC to submit concerns:
 - Concern over multi councillor constituency
 - Concern that Quainton was isolated in Gt Brickhill ward and would be better served with neighbouring parishes
 - We are a rural parish and should not be included in an urban area
 - Defibrillator. Training was to be arranged to increase the number of qualified people

9 Clerks Vacancy

- 5 candidates applied, one shortlisted for interview but the position remains unfilled. Continuing to advertise in QN,QPC web page

10 Two Councillor Positions

- Positions remains unfilled continuing to advertise in QN and QPC web page

11 Precept for 2022/23

- Precept approval requires a separate Extraordinary Meeting of QPC and needs to be agreed by end of Jan agreed. Date of this meeting Tue 25th Jan 8pm
- Cllrs Butler and Knox asked to review the precept again before this meeting to review lines which might be hit by 6% inflation driven by utility bills and labour rate increases. Concern from other councillors that precept only increased by 2%

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when inflation higher. Cllr Knox pointed out that the 2% was a target and included a number of items not affected by inflation or were new projects

- It was agreed to include £500 to purchase and plant Christmas trees for use on the Green in future years

12 Finance report

- **Approved payments as circulated**

<i>Ref</i>	<i>Description</i>	£
OLB531	Reids Playground Maintenance Ltd	132.00
OLB532	B Fludgate	6.00
OLB533	Sign of The Times	422.40
OLB534	G Newman North End Nurseries	31.20
DD	Npower Dec	93.37

Resolved C/2022/02

13 Recreational report

- **Upper Street Playpark** – Re-siting and replacement litter bins required
- **CHOW – Tree Planting** - 17 trees planted. Thanks to volunteers involved. The next key planting activity is to plant hedge sapplings of Hazel and Hawthorn around the field with the help of BBOWT
- **Wassailing ceremony** - Saturday 22nd January 3.30pm
The Chow group are holding a Wassailing ceremony in the new orchard at the Sports field. Owlswick Morris dancers will be in attendance. This is a community project. The organisers are asking for any participants to notify them so they can gauge numbers and provide sufficient mulled cider!
- **Skate Park – Councillor** Nicolette Smith has agreed to run the fund raising for the new skate park

14 Reports on HS2, Roads Pavements and Streetlights

- **Accident – Station Road Cross Roads** – Two serious accidents, requiring emergency services attendance, reported at Quanton Road cross roads and numerous near misses. This continues to be an accident blackspot. Cllr Knox will continue to raise the issue of VAS advance warning signs with Bucks Highways
- **Bus Service**
 - School bus down station road issues resolved
 - Number 16, Aylesbury bus awaiting a trial bus run to prove suggested mitigations for turning

- **HS2**
 - **Station Road Bridge Closure** – 6-week closure to put concrete cap on Thames water pipe delayed
 - **Snake Lane 2 day Closure** – Expected 17/18th Jan for hedge works
 - **Next EKFB meeting** – To be attended by two councillors to improve the knowledge and involvement of new councillors

Date and times of next meeting **Thursday 17th February 2022** – 8 PM Note this is the 3^d Thursday

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