

## **QUANTON PARISH COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held at the Memorial Hall on 21 September 2023 at 7.30pm**

#### **Present:**

Councillors: Peter Woodliffe-Thomas, Sue Weldon, Nick Butler, Martin Pacetti, Katherine Richardson (Clerk)

Members of the public – 0

#### **1. Chairman's introduction**

Introductions were made by Cllr Weldon

#### **2. Apologies for Absence**

<b><i>RESOLVED c/2023/06 to accept apologies Cllr Whitlock</i></b>
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#### **3. Declarations of Interests**

- Cllr Woodliffe-Thomas declared an interest in CAG due to being appointed as the legal Chairman of the George and Dragon Benefit Society.
- Cllr Weldon declared an interest in planning application 23/01557/APP 32 Cautley Close, Quainton.
- Cllr Pacetti declared an interest in purchase of land – Station Road

#### **4. Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 13 July 2023, had been circulated prior to the meeting, were duly signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record.

<b><i>RESOLVED c/2023/07 to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 13 July 2023</i></b>
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### **5 Buckinghamshire Council matters**

#### **5.1 Update from Cllr Macpherson**

- The HS2 Stakeholders group continued to meet. It had been confirmed that Station Road would reopen as the bridge would be infilled to allow the bridge to be reopened. The timescale for this was yet to be confirmed.
- Trail Flatt Farm, North End Road and Ladymead – enforcement status ongoing.

#### **5.2. Update from the Local Area Technician**

- Road damage continued to be reported via FixMyStreet.
- The Clerk would follow up re the replacement white gate at the entrance to the village.

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### 5.3 HS2 Matters

- Issues continued to be raised by Councillors during the HS2 Stakeholders meeting.

### 5.4 TVP

- The TVP update had been circulated to Councillors.

## **6. To Review Reported Matters Outstanding**

### 6.1 Councillor vacancies

- There are still 2 Parish Councillor vacancies.

### 6.2 Station Road Bridge

- A plan to reopen the bridge was in place. Timescale to be confirmed.
- It was hoped that once the bridge was reopened the bus service would improve.

### 6.3 Development at North End Road

- Reported again to enforcement re the North End Road development. No update, to date, from the Case Officer.

## **7. Transport & Infrastructure**

- The street lights which were currently not working had been reported to SparkX.
- The Greenway would be closed during October half term.
- Curb stones needed to be replaced along Station Road.

## **8. Planning Applications**

- A planning appeal was in progress for 135 Station Road
- Enforcement was still in place at Trail Flatt Farm, North End Road and Ladymead Farm.

23/02468/PIP	Erection of 2 dwellings	The Croft, 15 Church Street, Quainton	Objection
21/00289/APP	Change of use from 1 bed to 2 bed holiday accommodation	Blackgrove Barn, Blackgrove Road	No comment

***RESOLVED c/2023/08 for Councillors to object to planning application 23/02468/PIP***

## **9. Community Action Group for right to bid for George and Dragon**

- The CAG are in the process of winding up the CAG. Everyone who had bought shares were thanked for their commitment to the project. All funds were in the process of being returned. Councillors thanked everyone who had been involved, acknowledging the significant amount of work which had gone into the bid.

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## **10. Clerks Report**

### **10.1 Councillor vacancies**

- There are still 2 Councillor vacancies. If anyone is interested in joining the Parish Council, please contact the Parish Clerk.

### **10.2 Other matters**

- Station Road – Land for sale – Councillors considered whether to look at purchasing the Land which was up for sale for £45,000. Due to the budget being tight Councillors did not feel that this was currently viable.

### **10.3 Rosefield Solar Farm**

- It was agreed for Councillors to try and attend one of the public meetings re the proposed Rosefield Solar Farm in Steeple Claydon. Once attended a response would be agreed.

### **10.4 Replacement of playground equipment**

- The Clerk had circulated quotes for the replacement of a broken piece of playground equipment for the playground along Upper Street.

***RESOLVED c/2023/09 for Councillors to approve the replacement of a broken piece of playground equipment costing £1,339.06***

### **10.5 Fireworks**

The Firework event would take place on 4 November 2023. The Clerk would contact the Firework Committee for the relevant risk assessments.

### **10.6 Grass cutting**

Due to the weather the contractor would be carrying out some additional grass cutting.

## **11. Finance**

### **11.1 Payments for authorisation – July and August 2023**

<b>11.2 Expenditure – payments pending previously circulated</b>			<b>11.3 Income – receipts reported</b>	
<b><u>July 2023</u></b>				
OLB719	Yu Energy	36.36	Interest – reserve account	33.89
OLB720	Yu Energy	31.12		
OLB721	Yu Energy	47.33		
OLB722	EE	25.99		
OLB723	CAG	250.00		
OLB724	K Richardson	347.21		
OLB725	K Richardson	52.75		

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OLB726	HMRC	86.80		
OLB727	J Godfrey	330.84		
<b>August 2023</b>				
OLB728	Yu Energy	48.55	Interest – reserve account	35.91
OLB729	Yu Energy	32.09		
OLB730	Yu Energy	37.42		
OLB731	HMRC	86.80		
OLB732	K Richardson	337.88		
OLB733	K Richardson	52.75		
OLB734	EE	25.99		
OLB735	QMH	18.00		
OLB736	Winwood Trust	175.00		
OLB737	C Lucas	109.20		
OLB738	EE	25.99		

**RESOLVED c/2023/09 to approve the payments pending as recorded.**

## 11.2 Bank Reconciliation (£)

Brought forward 2022/23	42723.01	Reserve account	30203.56
Receipts to date	21538.12	Current account	18201.98
total	64261.13	total	48405.54
Less payments to date	15855.59	Plus received not banked	Nil
<b>Bank balance at 30 April 2023</b>	<b>48405.54</b>		<b>48405.54</b>

## 12. Recreational Report

- The recreational report had been circulated.
- Quotes were being requested for fencing and for improvements to the access to the football field off Lee Road.

## 13. To record items of business for the next council meeting

To be the Ordinary Meeting of the Council to be held on 12 October 2023 at 7.30pm

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Date: