

QUANTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the ordinary meeting of the Council held at the Memorial Hall on 9th February 2023 at 7.30pm

Present:

Councillors: Sue Weldon (stand in for Chairman), Martin Pacetti, Peter Woodliffe-Thomas, Lee Whitlock, Nick Butler, Katherine Richardson (Clerk).

Members of the public – 1

Schools Lands Trust – agenda item for the next meeting.

1. Chairman – to agree a Councillor to Chair the meeting

Due to no one coming forward to be Chair of the Parish Council, Councillors agreed for Cllr Weldon to Chair the meeting.

2. Apologies for Absence

RESOLVED c/2022/70 to accept apologies from Cllr Macpherson

3. Declarations of Interests

- Cllr Weldon declared an interest in planning application 22/003921/APP - The Stables
- Cllr Woodliffe-Thomas declared an interest in CAG due to being appointed as the legal Chairman of the George and Dragon Benefit Society.

4. Approval of Minutes

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

RESOLVED c/2022/71 to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 12 January 2023

Agenda item 6 – To report Firework Committee was taken at this point in the meeting.

- The Firework Night had been very successful. The cost of the using the firework company had increased by 20% this year. The committee would continue to monitor costs.
- The Financial Statement for the committee had been circulated to the Councillors.
- The Parish Council thanked the committee and their army of volunteers for all their hard work in organising and running the very successful event.
- It was confirmed that the Beacon would not be lit to mark the King's Coronation. This was inline with guidance.

5 Buckinghamshire Council matters

5.1 Update from Cllr Macpherson

Chairman's initials:

Date:

- The HS2 Stakeholders group action log included updates had been circulated.
- Trail Flatt Farm – enforcement status ongoing.
- No update on the bus service.

5.2. Update from the Local Area Technician

- Patching work was continuing to repair the roads.
- Drainage work along The Strand was still outstanding due to the works needing a road closure to complete the works.

5.3 HS2 Matters

- The Parish Council were still waiting for the final drawings for the road realignment from EKFB. An increased number of residents were requesting to see them.
- Concerns had been raised by the Winwood Trust, re the proposed Greenway route. This had been added to the agenda for the HS2 Stakeholder meetings.

5.4 TVP

- The TVP update had been circulated to Councillors.

6. To report – Fireworks Committee

- This had been discussed earlier in the meeting.

7. To Review Reported Matters Outstanding

7.1 Bus Service

- There was no update.

7.2 Station Road Bridge

- The proposed road closure of Fiddlers Field and the potential impact to the village, following the reopening of Station Road, once the new railway bridge had been installed, would be raised at the next HS2 Stakeholders meeting.
- It was agreed that a representative from the Faccenda Group would be invited to the next Parish Council meeting.

7.3 Development at North End Road

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

7.4 Road conditions

Chairman's initials:

Date:

- The failing condition of the roads continued to be reported through Fix My Street.
- The SID, positioned half way along Station Road, had been fixed.
- The data was now available from the SIDs. The Clerk would contact the Speedwatch Group.

8. Transport & Infrastructure

- Covered under agenda items 5.1, 5.2 and 6.2.
- There had been a few complaints re the mud on the road along Station Road. The new developers regularly sweep the road. The mud had been caused by farm machinery.
- There are a number of poles installed near Townsend. The PC would look at removing the old bus stop sign as the bus stop was no longer in use.

9. Planning Applications

- Enforcement was still in place at Trail Flatt Farm, North End Road and Ladymead Farm. No updates had been given.
- There had been a number of planning applications approved by Buckinghamshire Council.
- Ladymead Farm continued to make various planning applications and was still subject to enforcement.

10. Community Action Group for right to bid for George and Dragon

- The Community Action Group continued to meet. An update had been circulated.
- An application had been made to the Community Board for funding.
- The Community Action Group were in the process of completing the Business Plan.
- Two presentations to the residents had been organised for 18 February 2023 and 22 February 2023. The presentations would update the local community on all the great work the Community Action Group had been doing over the last few months and the next steps.

11. Clerks Report

11.1 Councillor vacancies

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

11.2 Other matters

- Quanton Memorial Showcase – The Parish Council would be attending this event on the 11 March 2023.
- Streetlighting – UKPN had been contacted re the 1 outstanding streetlight which was still not working.
- Training - The Clerk and Councillors continued to attend training.
- CHOW – An update had been circulated.
- Energy Contract – The new energy contract had been circulated to Councillors.
- An application had been made to the Community Board for funding for the Monday Day Centre, due to Buckinghamshire Council withdrawing the funding from April 2023.
- Grass cutting – Clerk to request a quote for some additional grass cutting.

RESOLVED c/2022/72 Councillors approved the new energy contract

12. Finance

12.1 Payments for authorisation – January 2023

12.2 Expenditure- payments pending previously. Circulated			12.3 Income – receipts reported	
DD	EE Limited	22.98	Allotment rent.	16.00
OLB664	Norton	64.99	VAT reclaim	3904.15
OLB665	MD Hughes	1800.00	NatWest Bank – interest	17.51
DD	N Power	55.66	Allotment rent	16.00
OLB666	Bucks CC	460.00		
DD	HMRC	91.60		
OLB667	K Richardson	365.87		
OLB668	K Richardson	52.75		
OLB669	C Lucas	142.22		

RESOLVED c/2022/73 to approve the payments pending as recorded.

12.2 Bank Reconciliation (£)

Brought forward 2021/22	39221.59	Reserve account	27007.26
Receipts to date	43086.03	Current account	20743.93
total	82307.62	total	47751.19
Less payments to date	34556.43	Plus received not banked	Nil
Bank balance at 31 January 2023	47751.19		47751.19

13. Recreational Report

- The recreational report had been circulated.
- The benches around the village needed to be repainted.
- The Parish Council had received an initial quote for the redevelopment of the area where the skate park is currently positioned. It was agreed that a working group was needed to be set up to drive the project forward. Another contractor had been contacted to organise a site visit.
- An inspection of the Upper Street playground had taken place. The Parish Council was in the process of requesting quotes for any works that had been recommended.

Chairman's initials:

Date:

- Due to the current disrepair of the skate park and therefore being a health and safety risk, it was agreed for the skate park to be taken down and removed. Councillor Butler agreed to organise.

RESOLVED c/2022/74 Councillors agreed for the skate park to be removed.

14. To record items of business for the next council meeting

To be the Ordinary Meeting of the Council to be held on 9 March 2023 at 7.30pm

Chairman's initials:

Date: