

## **QUAINTON PARISH COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held at the Memorial Hall on 13 November 2024 at 6.00pm**

#### **Present:**

Councillors: Peter Woodliffe-Thomas, Sue Weldon, Martin Pacetti, Sarah Smith, Ben Harris, Lee Whitlock, Katherine Richardson (Clerk)

Presentation by Rosefield Solar Farm Action Group.

Members of the public – 0

#### **1. Introduction from the Chairman**

Introductions were made by Cllr Weldon.

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

No Apologies.

#### **3. Declarations of Interests**

- Cllr Woodliffe-Thomas and Cllr Smith declared an interest as Cllr Woodliffe-Thomas is the Chairman and Cllr Smith is the secretary of the Monday Club.
- Cllr Smith declared an interest as working for a firm based at Ladymead.

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

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 16 October 2024, had been circulated prior to the meeting, were duly signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record.

<p><b><i>RESOLVED c/2024/45 to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 16 October 2024</i></b></p>
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#### **5 Buckinghamshire Council matters**

##### **5.1 HS2 Matters**

- Councillors continue to attend the HS2 stakeholders' meetings.
- Additional road closures have been announced which are detailed on One Network.
- The realignment at the end of the Station Road has been delayed by a year. No reason has been given.
- The Parish Council thanks all residents who moved their parked cars, during the road closures. It is appreciated that the impact on the village has been significant.
- It would be requested for EKFB to visit the village with their community van in the new year to give the local community an opportunity to ask them any questions.

##### **5.2 TVP**

Chairman's initials:

Date:

- TVP had held a fraud awareness information evening which had been well attended by local residents.

### **5.3 New MP**

- The date of the meeting to meet the new MP is being held on 15 November 2024 and is being held at Quainton Memorial Hall.

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

### **6.1 Streetlights**

- The contractor is in the process of fixing the streetlights on The Green and along Church Street. The streetlight along Station Road has been reported to UKPN due to a broken cut out. The streetlight along North End Road has been reported to UKPN as it needs a professional tree trim.

### **6.2 Rosefield Solar Farm**

- The Parish Council agreed a response to the Rosefield Solar Farm consultation.

<b><i>RESOLVED c/2024/46 to submit an objection to the proposed Rosefield Solar Farm</i></b>
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## **7. Transport & Infrastructure**

- The SID along Station Road has been fixed but is still not working properly. Cllr Whitlock to report to the maintenance team.
- There is a problem with the drainage along Station Road to be reported to Thames Water.
- The roads to Torbay and the cul-de-sac in Upper Street have been reported via Fix My Street and the Clerk had contacted the Local Area Technician. These works are scheduled into planned maintenance works.
- There are significant problems with flooding along Blackgrove Road. Drainage works are scheduled Highways and this has been chased up, as a matter of urgency.
- The Chair had arranged a meeting with the Headteacher to discuss the parking issues and ways of working together to try and improve the situation.

## **8. Planning Applications**

- Enforcement is still in place at Trail Flatt Farm, North End Road and Ladymead Farm.
- There are currently no planning applications for comment.

## **9. Clerks Report**

### **9.1 Letter of response from the Leader of the Council**

- The Parish Council is very disappointed with the letter of response from the Leader of the Council re the significant challenges the village is facing including the ongoing issues with HS2, poor road surfaces etc. The Parish Council would write again to the Leader of the Council.

### **9.2 Allotments**

Chairman's initials:

Date:

- The allotment rental invoices had been issued.

### 9.3 Bus Service

- A bus driver had contacted the Parish Council re the challenges of driving the busses around the village due to poor parking, especially along Upper Street by the park. As we are well aware the current bus service is unreliable at times, however we are discussing this with the provider. Please try to park considerately to avoid the busses having to mount the payments in order to carry out their service safely.

### 9.4 Streetlights

- The contractor has been very slow in resolving the issues. Parts have been ordered but we are still waiting for them to be fixed.

### 9.5 Dog waste bin

- As requested by residents the dog waste bin at the end of Station Road, before the railway bridge, has been relocated to the other side of the road.

## 10. Finance

### 10.1 Payments for authorisation – November 2024

10.2 Expenditure – payments pending previously circulated			10.2 Income – receipts reported		
OLB868	EE	27.88	R13	Nat West - Interest	36.52
OLB869	HMRC	100.60	R14	J Styles	30.00
OLB870	K Richardson – Wages Sept	402.32			
OLB871	K Richardson - Expenses	50.00			
OLB872	Yu Energy	45.85			
OLB873	Yu Energy	33.72			
OLB874	Yu Energy	38.94			
OLB875	MP Printers	95.00			
OLB876	QMH	131.00			
OLB877	PKF	252.00			
OLB878	Bucks Council	504.42			
OLB879	Monday Club	2,000.00			
OLB880	Brook Farm	360.00			
OLB881	Brook Farm	360.00			
OLB882	Winwood	200.00			
OLB883	EE	27.88			

**RESOLVED c/2024/47 to approve the payments pending as recorded.**

Chairman's initials:

Date:

**10.2 Bank Reconciliation (£)**

Brought forward 2023/24	50356.15	Reserve account	30718.69
Receipts to date	33001.11	Current account	30368.41
total	83357.26	total	61087.10
Less payments to date	22270.16	Plus received not banked	Nil
<b>Bank balance at 30 November 2024</b>	<b>61087.10</b>		61087.10

**11. Recreational Report**

- The MUGA Working Group continue to meet.
- The access road at the football field had been repaired. Thank you to the volunteers who completed this work.

**12. To record items of business for the next council meeting**

- To be the Ordinary Meeting of the Council to be held on 11 December 2024 at 5.30pm.

Chairman's initials:

Date: