QUAINTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held at the Memorial Hall on 18 March 2025 at 6.30pm

Present:

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

Members of the public -0

1. Introduction from the Chairman

Introductions were made by Cllr Butler.

2. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllr Whitlock

RESOLVED c/2025/08 to approve the apologies for absence received from Cllr Weldon and Cllr Whitlock

3. Declarations of Interests

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

4. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 12 February 2025 had been circulated prior to the meeting, were duly signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record.

RESOLVED c/2025/09 to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 12 February 2025

5. Buckinghamshire Council matters

5.1 HS2 Matters

• An application had been made to HS2 for funding. The PC had asked for a copy of the application as Councillors had not seen it.

5.2 TVP

• Councillors had completed their Speedwatch training.

Chairman's initials:

• TVP had been contacted re complaints received due to people parking on junctions in the village, reducing visibility and creating potentially dangerous situations. TVP's guidance and advice would be detailed in Quainton News.

5.3 Buckinghamshire Council

• Councillors agreed for the Parish Council to apply for community asset status for the George and Dragon pub, Quainton.

RESOLVED c/2025/10 to apply for community asset status for the George and Dragon Pub, Quainton

6. To Review Reported Matters Outstanding

6.1 Streetlights

• Sparkx have been contacted for an update on when the streetlight on The Green will be fixed.

7. Transport & Infrastructure

- The SID along The Strand is still in for repair. It is frustrating how long it is taking for it to be fixed and put back in position. The Clerk would chase again. It was agreed to request an upgrade to the SID, which is owned by Buckinghamshire Council, position at the far end of Station Road
- The drainage works along Blackgrove Road are now completed.
- Buckinghamshire Council had gone ahead and carried out a site visit along Lower Street, without Councillors, after agreeing that they would ensure Councillors would be included in the meeting. The Chair had contacted them to request another meeting.
- 174 responses to date had signed the 20 mile an hour petition. This information would be passed onto Bucks Highways.
- The Local Area Technician had been contacted again re the poor state of some of the roads.

8. Planning Applications

- Enforcement is still in place at Trail Flatt Farm, North End Road and Ladymead Farm.
- Councillors agreed for the Quainton Neighbourhood Plan to be modified.

RESOLVED c/2025/10 to modify the Quainton Neighbourhood Plan

9. Clerks Report

9.1 Warm spaces

Chairman's initials:

• Councillors were updated on the success of the project and agreed to further support with a donation of £200.

RESOLVED c/2025/11 to donate £200 to the warm spaces project held at the church

9.2 Playground lease

• Buckinghamshire Council had increased the rent significantly and the Parish Council are in the process of negotiating a reduced price due to the price increase being significantly above inflation.

9.3 Community bus

• A Councillor was looking into the feasibility and financial viability of providing a bus service to Tesco, initially once a month. An update would be given at the next meeting.

10. Finance

10.1 Payments for authorisation – February 2025

| 10.2 Expenditure – payments pending previously circulated | | | 10.2 Income – receipts reported | | |
|--|------------|-------|---------------------------------|----------|-------|
| OLB918 | Yu Energy | 54.11 | R30 | Nat West | 56.66 |
| OLB919 | Yu Energy | 44.90 | | | |
| OLB920 | Yu Energy | 52.48 | | | |
| OLB921 | B Fludgate | 14.00 | | | |
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RESOLVED c/2025/12 to approve the payments pending as recorded.

10.2 Bank Reconciliation (£)

| Brought forward 2023/24 | 50356.15 | Reserve account | 59140.94 |
|-------------------------|-----------|-----------------|----------|
| Receipts to date | 37820.36 | Current account | 7577.17 |
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| total | 88,176.51 | total | 66718.11 |

Date:

Chairman's initials:

| Less payments to date | 21458.40 | Plus received not banked | Nil |
|-------------------------------------|----------|--------------------------|----------|
| Bank balance at 28 February 2025 | 66718.11 | | 66718.11 |

10.3 Financial Regulations

• Councillors to approve the updated financial regulations.

RESOLVED c/2025/13 to approve the updated financial regulations

10.4 Asset Register

• Councillors to approve the updated asset register

RESOLVED c/2025/14 to approve the updated asset register

11, Recreational Report

• The MUGA Working Group is in the process of requesting quotes for the MUGA.

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

• To be the Annual Meeting of the Parish to be held on 8 April 2025 at 6.30pm.