

QUANTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish held at the Memorial Hall on 9 April 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 – 1

1. Chairman's Annual Report

This was deferred.

2. Open Forum – representations from the public

No representations were made.

3. Quinton Vision

This would be an agenda item for a future meeting.

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council

1. Introduction from the Chairman

Introductions were made by Cllr Weldon. Councillors were informed that Cllr Whitlock had resigned.

2. Apologies for Absence

All Councillors were present.

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 18 March 2025 had been circulated prior to the meeting, were duly signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record.

<i>RESOLVED c/2025/15 to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 18 March 2025</i>
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5. Buckinghamshire Council matters

5.1 HS2 Matters

- At Station Road south there is a problem with water lying across the road where the HS2 crossing is. This had been reported
- Due to HS2 work on the new link road junction there will only be access to the railway centre and some residents via the railway bridge. All other residents will not be able to drive out of the village via Station Road south.
- If any Councillors would like go on a HS2 tour please let Cllr Butler know.

5.2 TVP

- TVP had circulated their monthly update.
- Cllr Smith agreed to take on the responsibility for overseeing the SIDs and the data.

5.3 Buckinghamshire Council

- Cllr Welson had contacted Bucks Highways, however had not yet had a response. This would be followed up.
- Ongoing negotiations were in process for the lease of the playground along Upper Street. This was due to a significant increase being proposed by Buckinghamshire Council.
- An application for an asset of community value had been made to Buckinghamshire Council for the George and Dragon Pub, Quainton.

6. To Review Reported Matters Outstanding

6.1 Streetlights

- SparkX had been contacted and it was expected for the streetlight on The Green to be fixed by the end of April 2025.

6.2 Cutting of The Green

- It was agreed for an additional cut of The Green to be added to the maintenance contract.

<p><i>RESOLVED c/2025/16 for an additional cut of The Green to be added to the maintenance contract</i></p>
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7. Transport & Infrastructure

- The SID along The Strand has now been repaired and is back in position.
- The drainage works along Blackgrove Road are now completed.
- The Local Area Technician had been contacted again re the poor state of some of the roads and paths.

8. Planning Applications

Chairman's initials:

Date:

- Enforcement is still in place at Trail Flatt Farm, North End Road and Ladymead Farm.

Planning application		Comments
25/00870/APP- Replacement for 2 windows and one French door	<u>6 Townsend, Quainton</u>	No objection
24/00613/APP – Erection of 2 storey building	<u>32 Upper Street, Quainton</u>	Objection – due to lack of parking provision and impact on the neighbours

9. Clerks Report

- 9.1 Election** - Cllrs S Weldon, P Woodliffe-Thomas, S Smith, M Pacetti, N Bulter and B Harris had all been re elected, uncontested, as Parish Councillors following the elections. There is 1 Parish Councillor vacancy and an advert would be placed.
- 9.2 Village Shop** – It was agreed for Cllr Pacetti and Cllr Weldon to meet with the owner of the village shop to see how the Parish Council could provide support.
- 9.3 AGAR** – The Clerk is in the process of preparing for the internal audit for the AGAR. This would be presented at the next meeting.

10. Finance

10.1 Payments for authorisation – March 2025

10.2 Expenditure – payments pending previously circulated			10.2 Income – receipts reported		
OLB922	EE	27.88	R31	Devolution payment	2,290.00
OLB923	K Richardson - wages Feb	402.32	R32	Reserve account interest	62.79
OLB924	HMRC	100.60			
OLB925	K Richardson - exp Feb	56.44			

RESOLVED c/2025/17 to approve the payments pending as recorded.

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10.2 Bank Reconciliation (£)

Brought forward 2023/24	50356.15	Reserve account	59203.73
Receipts to date	40173.15	Current account	7986.76
total	90529.30	total	67190.49
Less payments to date	23338.81	Plus received not banked	Nil
Bank balance at 31 March 2025	67190.49		67190.49

11, Recreational Report

- The MUGA Working Group continues to meet to drive the project forward.
- It was agreed to confirm with the Church re the next steps for the Wildlife Garden.

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

- To be the Annual Meeting of the Council to be held on 21 May 2025 at 6.00pm.

Chairman's initials:

Date: