

## Quinton Parish Council

### Ordinary Parish Council Meeting

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2019  
Quinton Village Hall 7.30 pm

Present: Cllr Robert Spooner (Chairman)

Cllr Rebecca Hall

Cllr Edward Fitter

Cllr Paul Milliken

Cllr Phil Maundrill

Cllr Claire Scopes

Cllr Chris Watson

Mrs M Norman (Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer)

Also present: Cllr Izzi Seccombe and 25 members of the public

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| 1 | <b>Apologies:</b><br>Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Rob Clark, Cllr Caroline Barton and Cllr Mike Brain and were accepted by the Council.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 2 | <b>Declaration of interests</b><br>There were no declarations of interest.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 3 | <b>Minutes of the previous meeting:</b><br>The minutes of the meeting of the 4 <sup>th</sup> December 2018 were agreed as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 4 | <b>Matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting:</b><br>In relation to Marston Edge Ltd, the Chairman said that the Quinton and Long Marston Planning Enquiry Committee had written to Tony Jefferson, Leader of Stratford District Council, who had referred the letter to Robert Weeks, Head of Planning.<br><br>Cllr Clark would pursue the issue of parking problems in The Orchard.<br><br>As a result of the Inspector's illness, the decision on the siting of the Vodafone mast had been delayed. It was anticipated that the outcome would shortly be made known.                                                                                                                              |
| 5 | <b>Questions from the public:</b><br>Because of the degree of public interest in the closure of Main Road, the Chairman suspended Standing Orders to enable members of the public to speak on this issue. Residents were dissatisfied with the current diversion route. They suggested a one way system via Tailor's Lane and Back Lane. The heavy goods vehicles operating from the Bromford site on Goose Lane were using both these roads rather than the designated diversion route, making them unsafe for other drivers. Officials from the Highways Department of Warwickshire County Council who attended the meeting said that they intended to impose a 30 mph speed limit on both Tailor's Lane and Back |

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|    | <p>Lane. This limit would be enforced by the police. They would also endeavour to fill in the ruts caused by these vehicles. The decision to allow both these roads to be used for diverted traffic had been made on safety grounds, for construction workers as well as drivers and pedestrians.</p> <p>On resumption of Standing Orders, the Council then considered item 6.</p>                                                                                                               |
| 6  | <p><b>Landstrom Group:</b><br/>Representatives from the Landstrom Group spoke about their proposal to develop a field on Tailor's Lane for self build housing. The Chairman said that the draft SHLAA 2018 had identified the field in question as being unsuitable for further development. The Neighbourhood Plan survey indicated that residents were opposed to any further development in, or on the environs of the village. The Council would not offer any support to this proposal.</p> |
| 7  | <p><b>Any matters from the District or County Councillors:</b><br/>As questions from the public had taken a considerable time, Cllr Seccombe deferred her report until the next meeting. The report sent in by Cllr Brain would be added to the minutes.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 8  | <p><b>Commuted sum re Goose Lane:</b><br/>After discussion, it was agreed that the proposed sum would not be adequate to meet the maintenance requirements of the site. The clerk was asked to contact Bromfords and request a sum of £250,000.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 9  | <p><b>Draft precept:</b><br/>It was resolved to request the sum of £31,753 as the precept.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 10 | <p><b>CCTV Remote access request:</b><br/>The Council approved the draft remote access agreement with the proviso that the names of the police officers with authority to access the CCTV be named in the agreement.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 11 | <p><b>Website hosting:</b><br/>It was agreed that the Council would change the domain name of the website and create mailboxes for specific portfolio issues. Cllr Watson would liaise with the website provider on this matter.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 12 | <p><b>Telephone boxes:</b><br/>Cllr Hall suggested using the telephone box on the village green as a community bookshop but needed to ascertain the ownership. The Chairman believed it had been bought by a private individual. She also suggested establishing a book swap shelf in the community centre on Meon Vale. It was agreed to defer this item pending further investigation.</p>                                                                                                     |
| 13 | <p><b>Dog fouling:</b><br/>Cllr Scopes reported that there appeared to be more incidents of dog fouling in the village. She suggested purchasing refuse bag dispensers to be attached to the litter bins to encourage dog owners to pick up the waste. The estimated cost of a dispenser was £87. It was agreed to defer this item pending further investigation.</p>                                                                                                                            |
| 14 | <p><b>Notice board:</b><br/>The Chairman raised the question of buying another notice board for the west end of the village. It was agreed to defer this item until estimates of the likely cost had been obtained.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |

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| 15 | <p><b>Street lighting:</b><br/>The Chairman had received a request to look into the possibility of providing a street light between Meon Vale and Quinton House. Cllr Seccombe said that the plan for the footpath from Meon Vale to the Main Road would include low level lighting. If this plan did not go ahead, then the Council might want to consider street lighting, though this would be at the Council's expense. It was agreed to defer this item until the progress of the footpath was known.</p>                                                                                                                                       |
| 16 | <p><b>Chairman's reports:</b><br/>In order to install the anti parking posts around the lay bys on Main Road, it would be necessary to carry out a CAT scan of the ground to ensure there were no utilities underneath. This would add considerably to the cost of the project. The Chairman proposed an alternative of white plastic posts, which would be much cheaper and could easily be installed by volunteers.</p> <p>Cllr Clark had agreed to take responsibility for parking problems in the village and Cllr Scopes would be responsible for litter problems. Cllr Hall would take responsibility for any issues arising in Meon Vale.</p> |
| 17 | <p><b>Maintenance issues:</b><br/>The Chairman and Cllr Barton had carried out an inspection of the hedges in the village and noted those which were overgrown and causing a problem for pedestrians. Cllr Fitter would be in touch with Warwickshire County Council regarding the ditches which the Council was responsible for. The overgrown hedge on Goose Lane had now been cut back.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 18 | <p><b>Neighbourhood Plan update:</b><br/>Cllr Milliken reported that the NP group was now focussing on the green spaces. The consultant engaged by the group was in the process of preparing a plan. The next meeting of the group would be on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> January.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 19 | <p><b>Clerk's updates:</b><br/>The clerk had been notified that the District and Parish Council elections would take place on the 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2019. The clerk would supply all interested candidates with the nomination papers as soon as these were received from the District Council. Stratford District Council were making a bid for Government funding for the Local Full Fibre Network and asked if parishes with poor network coverage would like to be joined in the bid.</p>                                                                                                                                                       |
| 20 | <p><b>Planning applications:</b><br/>The results of the following planning applications were noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) 18/03172/TPO Land adjacent to Quinton House: felling of ash and pine trees. Permission <b>granted</b>.</li> <li>ii) 18/03201/TPO Land adjacent to Millfield Close: crown lift of walnut; removal of deadwood. Permission <b>granted</b>.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 21 | <p><b>Reports from Council members on outside bodies:</b><br/>Cllr Milliken said that the next meeting of the John Cooper Foundation was to be held the following day (16<sup>th</sup> January).</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 22 | <p><b>To receive receipts and payments records for the quarter:</b><br/>The Council received the receipts and payments records previously circulated and agreed them as an accurate record.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |

23 **To receive any correspondence:**

No correspondence other than that notified under previous items had been received.

24 **Councillors' reports and items for future agenda.**

Consider reducing the speed limit outside the school to 20mph. Cllr Fitter reported that the speed gun had been fixed. The Chairman read out Cllr Brain's report – see Appendix A attached.

25 **Accounts for payment and finance matters:**

The following payments were noted and approved:

- i) St Swithin's Newsletter (grant) - £500.00
- ii) BT (broadband connection) - £64.68
- iii) Clerk's salary - £\*\*
- iv) BT (broadband connection) - £64.68
- v) Village Hall (hire of hall) - £73.00
- vi) R Spooner (projector cable) - £11.90

The Chairman and Cllr Hall signed the supporting documentation.

The next meeting would take place on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March at 7.45 pm.

The meeting closed at 9.50 pm.

Appendix A (Cllr Brain's report)

There have been a number of injury RTC's on the B 4632 since your last meeting, but they have not been as a result of road closures, but still worrying

Worrying times re MEON Vale as I've heard today, that they are decommissioning the Sports Pavilion. This is yet another loss of facilities which we fought hard for back in 2012. I have asked the head of planning if we can do anything to stop this happening. I await a response.

Welford on Avon Primary School

A very welcome Unanimous Approval at WCC Regulatory Committee on 8th January, 19 where I as a committee member supported the planning application for a new school hall and provision of a nursery facility. This has taken longer than expected, which has been very frustrating for all involved, but hopefully we will see commencement ASAP and I will be keeping a close eye on progress.

Policing

As a member of the Police & Crime Commissioners Panel I still have serious concerns around the breakdown of the alliance between Warwickshire and West Mercia Constabularies, which has worked well with significant savings, so it's difficult to understand why the West Mercia P&CC has made this decision? Nevertheless our Commissioner has reassured us, that policing will be comprised.

## Waste & Recycling

As the Portfolio Holder for the Districts Waste and Recycling I am very proud that we continue to be in the top 10 in the country for recycling (60+%) This is due to the efforts of residents recycling efficiently Thank You, but we can always do better. Please see below a new incentive to improve our Green Waste. Remember that the more we recycle the less goes to landfill , which alternately saves the council and council tax payer money.

Food waste recycling - Feed your caddy and win prizes

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