

## Quinton Parish Council

### Ordinary Parish Council Meeting

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2019

Quinton Village Hall 7.30 pm

Present: Cllr Robert Spooner (Chairman)

Cllr Rob Clark

Cllr Edward Fitter

Cllr Paul Milliken

Mrs M Norman (Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer)

Also present: 1 member of the public

1	<b>Apologies:</b> Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Caroline Barton, Cllr Chris Watson, Cllr Rebecca Hall and Cllr Izzi Seccombe and were accepted by the Council.
2	<b>Declaration of interests</b> There were no declarations of interest.
3	<b>Minutes of the previous meeting:</b> The minutes of the meeting of the 2 <sup>nd</sup> July 2019 were agreed as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.
4	<b>Questions from the public:</b> There were no questions from the public.
5	<b>Councillor resignation:</b> The Council noted with regret the resignation of Cllr Claire Scopes.
6	<b>Any matters from the Chairman:</b> The new notice board for Meon Vale would shortly be installed outside the Londis shop. The other notice board would be installed as soon as possible. The Chairman regretted that the Council's application for grant funding for a pedestrian crossing outside the school had been unsuccessful. He hoped to have a report from Cllr Seccombe concerning the progress of the footpath from Meon Vale. The posts recently installed alongside the school were already showing signs of damage. Highways had been informed and the posts were scheduled for repair. So far, no volunteers had come forward to help with the VE Day celebrations. The Parish Council had made its usual contribution to the Harvest Festival. The Chairman had had a meeting with representatives from the Football Club and reminded them that dogs were banned from the playing field. In spite of this, the Chairman noted that three dogs were on the field during the match.
7	<b>Any matters from the District or County Councillors:</b> Cllr Fitter said that his comments would be included under item 8.

8	<p><b>Site Allocations Plan Stratford District Council:</b></p> <p>a) Cllr Milliken reported the views of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Committee. He said that in accordance with the Core Strategy, Stratford District Council was obliged to identify reserve housing sites within the district. They proposed to allocate between 135 and 158 new houses in Quinton. The NP Steering Group believed that the District Council's proposals were fundamentally unsound. The sites identified by SDC are around the boundary of Lower Quinton on land owned by Magdalen College, some of which is working farmland. Cllr Milliken also said that the built up area boundary had been amended by SDC, a significant change as it would permit development within the new boundary. The Neighbourhood Plan's draft proposal had stipulated that no more housing was to be accommodated around the boundary of Quinton as the village had already met its quota for new housing. The NP Steering Group had identified a possible reserve site for housing on Airfield House. Another option was a small amount of infill housing on Henney's farm. Residents were, in the main, in agreement with this proposal. Cllr Milliken asked the Council to reject SDC's proposals and request that the built up area boundary remain unchanged.</p> <p>b) After discussion, it was unanimously agreed that the Council would reject the proposals put forward by Stratford District Council. The Chairman would submit the Council's response to the Site allocations Plan.</p>	
9	<p><b>Playground repairs:</b></p> <p>The inspection report on the playgrounds had identified a number of essential repairs. It was agreed that Wicksteed Leisure be asked to undertake the necessary repairs at a cost of £1,146.00.</p>	
10	<p><b>Litter pickers:</b></p> <p>It was resolved to purchase litter pickers for use in the village, total cost not to exceed £130.00</p>	
11	<p><b>Hard standing:</b></p> <p>The Clerk had been advised that it would cost £2,500 to provide hard standing beside the bus stop opposite Seaspray. It was resolved not to proceed with this project on the grounds of expense.</p>	
12	<p><b>Telephone box:</b></p> <p>The clerk had been advised that the telephone box in Lower Quinton was not one of those scheduled for decommissioning by British Telecom. The issue of purchasing the kiosk, did not therefore, arise.</p>	
13	<p><b>External audit:</b></p> <p>The external auditor's report was received by the Council. It was noted that in the opinion of the external auditors, the information in the Annual Return was in accordance with proper practices and no other matters had come to their attention giving cause for concern that relevant legislative and regulatory requirements had not been met.</p>	

14	<p><b>Planning applications:</b> The following planning applications were considered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) 19/01730/FUL Deerfield Farm, Lower Quinton: proposed new livestock building and internal access track. It was resolved to <b>object</b> to this application.</li> <li>ii) 19/02079/TPO Edmond’s Close, Upper Quinton: proposed crown lift of six lime trees. It was resolved to make <b>no objection</b> to this application.</li> <li>iii) 19/02014/FUL 60 St. Swithin’s Drive: proposed drop kerb. It was resolved to make <b>no objection</b> to this application.</li> <li>iv) 19/020289/LBC 11 Village Cottages, Lower Quinton: proposed like for like replacement of doors. It was resolved to make <b>no objection</b> to this application.</li> <li>v) APP/J3720/D/19/323452: appeal against Stratford District Council’s refusal of planning application 19/00914/FUL Friday Street, Lower Quinton for extension to existing bungalow. <b>Noted.</b></li> </ul> <p>And to receive the results of any planning applications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) 19/01308/TPO Land adjacent to Quinton House: permission <b>granted</b> for crown reduction of ash tree.</li> <li>ii) 18/000048/CM: permission <b>granted</b> for proposed extension to existing waste recycling facility at Long Marston.</li> <li>iii) 19/001426/FUL The Orchard, Meon Hill: proposed change of use from pastoral agricultural to use for dog day care – application <b>withdrawn</b>.</li> <li>iv) 19/00756/FUL Meon Vale Business Park: permission <b>granted</b> for material change of use of land to develop hard standing to provide commercial vehicle storage.</li> <li>v) 19/014447/TPO 14 Edmonds’ Close, Upper Quinton: permission <b>granted</b> for crown reduction on lime tree.</li> <li>vi) 19/01623/AGNOT Deerfield Farm, Lower Quinton: prior approval <b>refused</b>.</li> </ul>
15	<p><b>Reports from Council members on outside bodies:</b> There were no reports to be made.</p>
16	<p><b>To receive receipts and payments records for the quarter:</b> The Council received the receipts and payments records previously circulated and agreed them as an accurate record.</p>
17	<p><b>To receive any correspondence:</b> No correspondence other than that notified under previous items had been received.</p>
18	<p><b>Councillors’ reports and items for future agenda.</b> The Chairman said that more volunteers were needed to take part in the Speed watch programme.</p>
19	<p><b>Accounts for payment and finance matters:</b> The following payments were noted and approved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) Robert Spooner (Harvest Festival Contribution) - £30.00</li> <li>ii) BT (broadband) - £66.48</li> <li>iii) Sue Upstone (planters) - £150.00</li> <li>iv) Clerk’s salary - £**</li> <li>v) Stratford District Council (bin emptying) - £268.46</li> <li>vi) Noticeboard Company (notice boards) - £465.60</li> </ul>

- vii) Thomas Fox (grass cutting) - £1,1561.40
- viii) Avon Planning (Neighbourhood Plan) - £343.63
- ix) BT (broadband) - £58.31
- x) Avon Valley CFRS (grant) - £1,000.00
- xi) Wicksteed Leisure (playground inspection) - £108.00
- xii) Clerk's salary - £\*\*
- xiii) The Bureau (website hosting) - £192.00

The Chairman and Cllr Clark signed the supporting documentation.

The next meeting would take place on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30 pm.

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