

**Quinton Parish Council**

Ordinary Parish Council Meeting

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2022  
Quinton Village Hall 7.30 pm

Present: Cllr Robert Spooner (Chairman)

Cllr Andy Smith

Cllr Paul Milliken

Cllr Chris Watson

Cllr Abbie Taylor

Mrs M Norman (Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer)

Also present: 9 members of the public

1	<b>Apologies:</b> Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Edward Fitter.
2	<b>Declaration of interests.</b> The Chairman stated that, in the past, he had been a fundraiser for the charity 353.  Because of the public interest in item 11, the Chairman varied the agenda order and first discussed item 10.
10	<b>Events Application Form:</b> The Council considered the draft events application form which had been previously circulated. A question regarding overnight accommodation was added to the form following which it was unanimously agreed to adopt it.
4	<b>Questions from the public:</b> Members of the public spoke on behalf of the military charity 353 which had been established in February 2011 to commemorate Conrad Lewis, the three hundred and fifty third soldier to be killed in action in Afghanistan. The charity helps both injured servicemen and the families of the military personnel who did not return. It has a particular interest in mental health issues and strives to alleviate the effects of post traumatic stress disorder. A notable recent success has been helping to find employment and a renewed sense of purpose for a soldier who had been on the verge of suicide. The previous event held in Quinton last year had raised the sum of £42,000 all of which went directly to the charity. Organisers requested the support of the Parish Council again this year. It is one of the two top events hosted by the charity each year and provides vital funds for the support of sufferers with mental health issues.

	<p>Another question raised by a member of the public concerned the thefts he had experienced. His van had been broken into and goods stolen from the side of his house. The Chairman said that he would invite the community police officer to the next Parish Council meeting to advise on what measures could be taken.</p>	
11	<p><b>Event application:</b> It was resolved to give permission to the College Arms to use the playing field from the 15<sup>th</sup> to the 17<sup>th</sup> July for a fundraising event for the military charity 353. The clerk would forward the event application form to The College Arms for completion.</p>	
3	<p><b>Minutes of the previous meeting:</b> The minutes of the meeting on the 8<sup>th</sup> March 2022 were agreed as an accurate record and were signed by the Chairman.</p>	
5	<p><b>Contribution to the PTA of Quinton Primary School:</b> Cllr Taylor proposed making a donation to the PTA which struggled to raise funds for projects such as coaches for school trips. The Council suggested that the PTA submit an application form for grant funding to the Parish Council who would consider their application at a future meeting.</p>	
6	<p><b>Quote from Wicksteed:</b> Cllr Taylor had had a meeting with a representative from Wicksteed concerning a proposed plan for installing a skatepark. The plan would involve using the mound as part of a BMX ramp and would cost in the region of £111,000. Cllr Taylor would investigate grant funding if the Council felt that the idea of a skatepark was worth exploring. The Council asked her to continue with her investigations.</p>	
7	<p><b>Quote to repair the seesaw:</b> Cllr Watson had been trying to source a new spring for the seesaw. All were agreed that the figure of £5,500 was unacceptably high for repairs. Cllr Watson would explore the options of having a new spring made at a significantly lower cost.</p>	
8	<p><b>Residents' suggestions:</b> Cllr Taylor said that a number of matters had been raised on Facebook and she had advised that anyone with issues to report should contact the Parish Clerk. One of the issues raised had been the broken seesaw and she had advised the resident of the progress being made. The thorny bushes beside the Fordway playground seemed a poor choice for a children's playground. It was agreed that Thomas Fox should be asked to quote for more suitable plants. A resident had asked whether the lock mechanism on the gates to the playground could be changed. It was agreed not to pursue this. Another resident had asked if passing places could be installed along Back Lane. The Chairman said that he would contact Warwickshire Highways to see if this was possible. It was noted that the water at the pond was not flowing into the ditch and was causing a flooding problem. A resident asked whether it would be possible to have a timed crossing at the school. The Chairman said that this was a project that the Council was already working on. A resident had raised the question of walking routes in the village, some of which were blocked. The Chairman said that this was a matter for the County Council to deal with. He asked that residents notify the Parish Clerk of any blocked footpaths.</p>	

	<p>A final question had been regarding the possible purchase of more defibrillators. The Chairman said that his priority at the moment was to organise training in the use of the defibrillator as well as CPR. He hoped to undertake this in conjunction with Marston Sicca Parish Council.</p>	
9	<p><b>Warwickshire County Highways advice:</b>  Cllr Milliken said that WCC had advised placing 20 mph signs on the approaches to the school. These would be flashing signs which would operate on a timer. He was waiting for more detailed proposals on this project. It was proposed to have hatching at the junctions on Back Lane, and Slow signs painted on the road beside Thackeray Close. These proposals had been agreed to in principle and Cllr Milliken was waiting for final costings.</p>	
12	<p><b>Code of Conduct:</b>  It was agreed to adopt the LGA Code of Conduct recently adopted by Stratford and Warwick District Councils.</p>	
13	<p><b>Improvements to roundabout on Taylor’s Lane:</b>  A resident had asked whether it would be possible to improve the roundabout on Taylor’s Lane by creating a new footpath section with dropped kerb for ease of pedestrian access. After discussion it was agreed that the Council did not consider this a viable request to be forwarded to Warwickshire County Council.</p>	
14	<p><b>Any matters from the Chairman:</b>  The Chairman said that the Vodafone mast had still not been erected. He had asked Stratford District Council to enquire of Vodafone what progress was being made with regards to the installation. The Chairman was still dissatisfied with the tactile crossing in front of Corbett House and was still waiting for the promised meeting with Scott Tompkins, the Assistant Director of Warwickshire County Council.  Some progress was being made with regards to adopting the roads in Meon Vale.  With regards to reported instances of crime in the village, the Chairman would like to have a police perspective on the matter. A crime prevention day was a possibility. He would contact the local Community Police Officer to discuss the matter.</p>	
15	<p><b>District and County Councillors’ reports:</b>  As Cllr Fitter could not be present at the meeting he had circulated his report to councillors. He provided information on Ukrainian refugees and the 123 waste collection service (see Appendix A attached).</p>	
16	<p><b>Councillor updates:</b>  Cllr Smith said that he would paint the new metal posts around the pond. A meeting had been arranged with a prospective new councillor for the afternoon of the 27<sup>th</sup> April.  Cllr Milliken said that responses to the Regulation 16 consultation had been received and circulated to councillors. Any further comments which the Parish Council wished to make on these responses needed to be sent to Stratford District Council by the 4<sup>th</sup> May. Cllr Milliken and Cllr Watson would circulate a draft submission to Councillors before the deadline.</p>	

17	<p><b>Planning applications:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) 20/00606/REM Long Marston Airfield: amendment to reserved matters application. It was resolved to make <b>no representation</b> to this application.</li> <li>ii) 22/00857/FUL 58 St. Swithin's Drive, Lower Quinton: proposed roof extension with dormer windows to front and rear and new porch. It was resolved to <b>support</b> this application.</li> <li>iii) 22/00858/FUL 7 Stileman's Close: dropped kerb to allow for off road access and parking. It was resolved to <b>support</b> this application.</li> </ul> <p>The results of the following planning application were noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) APP/J3720/W/21/328504 Land to the north of Twiga House. Appeal against refusal of permission for 2 dwelling houses. Appeal dismissed.</li> <li>ii) 21/01719/FUL 3 Wellington Avenue, Meon Vale: proposed extension of existing garage to front and converting whole to bedroom with ensuite and storage. Application withdrawn.</li> <li>iii) 21/03470/FUL 1 Manor Barn, Upper Quinton: proposed two storey outbuilding with combined garage/workshop and ancillary accommodation. Application refused.</li> <li>iv) 22/00207/FUL 28 Goose Lane: proposed side extension (two storey) to semi detached house to form granny flat. Application withdrawn.</li> <li>v) 21/03739/FUL Manor Cottage, Upper Quinton: installation of solar panels. Application withdrawn.</li> <li>vi) 22/00037/FUL Nodland: proposed demolition of existing cantilever projection on existing outbuilding and conversion to a self-contained annexe. Permission granted.</li> </ul>	
18	<p><b>To receive receipts and payments records for the quarter:</b></p> <p>The Council received the receipts and payments records previously circulated and agreed them as an accurate record. The Chairman signed the supporting documentation.</p>	
19	<p><b>To receive any correspondence:</b></p> <p>There was no correspondence to be noted.</p>	
20	<p><b>Councillors' reports and items for future agenda.</b></p> <p>The Annual Parish Assembly would take place on the 24<sup>th</sup> May at 7.00 pm.</p>	
21	<p><b>Accounts for payment and finance matters:</b></p> <p>The following payments were noted and approved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) Clerk's salary - £**</li> <li>ii) HMRC (income tax) - £**</li> <li>iii) BT (broadband) - £64.50</li> <li>iv) Chris Watson (playground repairs) - £495.78</li> <li>v) HSBC (bank charges) - £12.00</li> <li>vi) Thomas Fox (grass cutting) - £1,146.34</li> <li>vii) Richard Smith (fencing for pond) - £1,050.00</li> </ul> <p>The meeting ended at 9.15 pm</p>	

Appendix A

**Homes for Ukraine.**

The scheme only applies to guests who have arrived as part of the Homes for Ukraine Scheme and they should have the relevant paperwork(Visa) which will have been issued by HM Border Force Agency to show that they are residing in the UK as part of this scheme. Anyone who arrives from Ukraine to stay with family will fall under this scheme and therefore are not eligible for the £200.00 payment or £350.00 payment to the sponsors.

**Ukrainian Guests**

Guests will receive a payment of £200.00 on arrival which we are responsible for paying and this is a one-off payment for each member of the family regardless of their age. A family of 4 would receive £800.00, we are currently setting up an arrangement with the Post Office so this payment can be made via a voucher and be accessible from any Post Office branch.

**Sponsors**

If someone has applied and been accepted as a sponsor, they will qualify for £350.00 per month payments irrespective of how many guest they are hosting.

At present this lasts for 12 months

However before the first payment is made, there are 5 checks that must be satisfied.

- 1) A check to ensure the accommodation exists
- 2) A check to ensure the accommodation is suitable

These checks are being undertaken by our Housing teams

- 3) A DBS check has been initiated for all adults already residing in the property

The HR department at County Council are responsible for ensuring the DBS checks have been initiated

- 4) The guests have actually arrived at the accommodation
- 5) A safeguarding check has been undertaken

This is being undertaken by the Family Information Service (FIS) at the County Council.

**Waste Contract generally (the 123+ system), from Cllr Ian Shenton**

The 123+ waste collection service is due to commence on 1 August 2022. You may wonder why we are changing the waste collection service and what 123+ stands for.

- 1 – Weekly collection of food waste
- 2 – Blue bin (recycled waste) every two weeks
- 3 – Grey Bin (residual waste) every three weeks
- + - A garden waste (green bin) subscription service

The reason for changing the way we collect waste is simply because we need to recycle more and send less or nothing to landfill. Waste sent to landfill produces large amounts of greenhouse gases such as methane (typically created when food rots) which is over 30 times worse for the climate than Co2.

By introducing a weekly food waste collection service we can send this to anaerobic digester (a process that the water industry has used for many years) where we can capture the gases and use it to create energy. The digester is made of microbes which effectively create a sludge that is not harmful to the environment. The process is controlled and more complicated than that but overall, this is what happens.

Taking smelly food waste out and recycling more creates more than enough space in the grey (or residual waste) bin to allow for the extra week before it is collected. Larger families and those with health issues that demand more waste capacity should get in touch with Streetscene at SDC who will assess your need and offer additional bins if required and helpful ways to reduce the amount of waste going to the grey bin. There is a lot of information on the SDC website, including a question-and-answer session which deals with mist queries, or you can contact me, and I will put you in touch with the team.

It is essential for the sake of the planet that we reduce, reuse, and recycle more. There are lots of handy tips on the SDC social media sites as well as the website and in the booklets that will coming out to every resident shortly.

Our new fleet of RCV's should be operational by the 1<sup>st</sup> August and we are already looking further along the contract at how we might convert them to dual fuel use (using a mixture of diesel and green hydrogen).

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