

Quinton Parish Council

Ordinary Parish Council Meeting

Tuesday 10th July 2018
Quinton Village Hall 7.30 pm

Present: Cllr Robert Spooner (Chairman)

Cllr Paul Milliken

Cllr Caroline Barton

Cllr Edward Fitter

Cllr Rebecca Hall

Mrs M Norman (Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer)

Also present: Cllr Mike Brain, Cllr Izzi Seccombe and 9 members of the public

1	Apologies: Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Chris Watson and Cllr Phil Maundrill and were accepted by the Council.	
2	Declaration of interests There were no declarations of interest.	
3	Vote of thanks: The Council formally recorded its thanks to David White who had served as Councillor and Chairman for several years. The Council was grateful for all the work he had done for the community.	
4	Minutes of the previous meeting: The minutes of the meeting of the 22 nd May 2018 were agreed as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.	
5	Matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting: The Chairman asked Cllrs Seccombe and Brain for an update on the progress of the proposed footpath from Meon Vale. Cllr Brain said that this was a joint project between him and Cllr Seccombe, with each providing funds from their Councillor Grant Funds. The design was in place and it now remained to finalise discussion with the farmer who owned the land. The suggestion of providing Hi Vis jackets for children walking to school from Meon Vale would be costed and itemised for a future agenda.	R S
6	Questions from the public: In the absence of public non agenda items, the Chairman deferred questions till later in the meeting to enable members of the public to comment on items 11 and 13.	

7	<p>Vice Chairman: Cllr Hall proposed Cllr Barton as Vice Chairman and this was seconded by Cllr Milliken. Cllr Barton was unanimously elected to fill the post of Vice Chairman.</p>	
8	<p>Co-option. This item was deferred until the next meeting.</p>	
9	<p>Chairman's reports: The Chairman said that the plans for the South Western Relief Road had been finalised and would be out for public consultation in the very near future.</p> <p>Items for St. Swithin's Newsletter would include car parking issues and problems with fly tipping. The Chairman had replaced the fallen Road Narrowing sign on Main Road.</p>	R S
10	<p>Any matters from the District or County Councillors: Cllr Seccombe said that both the District and County Council were working on the proposals for the South Western Relief Road, aiming to mitigate potential difficulties. Once the road is adopted it will be run by Warwickshire County Council. Some s106 money will be made available for the B4632. Cllr Brain added that most of the funds available would be spent on refurbishing the road at Clifford Mill as this was a notoriously dangerous stretch of road.</p> <p>Cllr Brain also drew the Council's attention to overgrown paths along Goose Lane and the Fordway.</p>	
11	<p>Parking issues: The Council had been approached by a resident from The Orchard who was experiencing difficulties in reversing his car out of his drive because of cars parked on the road opposite his house. It was noted that the Council had no powers to act in this matter but suggested that the resident approach the police for assistance. Cllr Brain advised the resident to contact the Highways department to request that an H box be painted on the road outside his house. The Council agreed that inconsiderate parking was an issue for many residents in the village. It was noted that parking spaces were available in the lay by on Goose Lane as well as outside Corbett House.</p>	
12	<p>Meon Vale Roundabout: Cllr Hall expressed her concerns about the speed of traffic approaching the Meon Vale roundabout, in particular from the Mickleton direction. This, coupled with the St. Modwen signage made it dangerous for traffic joining the roundabout from Chatham Road. The Council noted that the speed limit reduction plans for this stretch of road were currently out for consultation. This would reduce the speed limit to 40 mph for traffic approaching the roundabout. The Council had already requested the removal of the St. Modwen signage. It was agreed that the clerk would write again, requesting that these signs be taken down.</p>	M N
13	<p>Vodafone mast: A resident from Upper Quinton informed that the Council that the Planning Inspectorate would visit the site of the proposed Vodafone mast on the 31st July. The appeal decision would be made three weeks later. In the event that the appeal was dismissed, residents feared that Vodafone would submit a further planning application for a mast to be located elsewhere in the parish.</p> <p>In an attempt to pre-empt any more unsuitable locations being proposed, residents requested that the Parish Council write to Vodafone offering to provide them with a list of alternative sites. Residents had already identified a number of suitable sites, with landowners willing to allow</p>	

	<p>installation. Any of these sites would provide better coverage than that proposed at Old Bakery Farm. After discussion, it was resolved that, in the event the appeal was dismissed, the Council would write to Vodafone as requested.</p>	M N
14	<p>Clerk's updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Goose Lane signage: The missing signs on Goose Lane had been reported to both Highways (responsible for the missing Give Way sign) and the District Council. ii) Highways had given permission for posts to be installed on the grass area on the north side of Main Road. The installation costs would be met by the Parish Council. The Highways department warned, however, that such an action may result in car parking problems elsewhere in the village. <p>The clerk had enquired about the possibilities of placing planters or trees around the lay bys on Main Road in an effort to deter parking on the grass verges. Highways could not give permission for the installation of planters as these would be considered a health and safety hazard. The Forestry Department would need to be contacted if the Council wished to consider planting trees.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> iii) It was now possible to report traffic offences via dash cams. More information on reporting these offences could be found at http://warwickshire.police.uk/operationsnap iv) Highways had confirmed that the 30 mph signs in the village met the current enforcement requirements. 	
15	<p>Letter of engagement Shakespeare Martineau:</p> <p>It was resolved to authorise the clerk to sign the letter of engagement with Shakespeare Martineau on behalf of the Parish Council. Shakespeare Martineau had received confirmation from Thomson and Bancks (formerly Davies Murray-White) that they would be responsible for the Parish Council's fees up to £850 plus VAT.</p>	M N
16	<p>Code of Conduct:</p> <p>After discussion it was resolved to adopt Stratford District Council's Code of Conduct.</p>	
17	<p>Signage:</p> <p>It was resolved to purchase replacement signs for the playing field at a cost of £45.00 plus VAT. Cllr Barton agreed to organise the purchase.</p>	C B
18	<p>Litter bins:</p> <p>It was resolved to defer this item.</p>	
19	<p>Notice board:</p> <p>It was resolved to purchase a replacement notice board for Lower Quinton at a cost of £189.00 plus VAT.</p>	R S
20	<p>Bank Mandate:</p> <p>It was resolved to add Cllr Rebecca Hall, Cllr Edward Fitter and Maria Norman as signatories to the bank account with HSBC.</p>	
21	<p>Insurance:</p> <p>The Council resolved to accept the quotation from Zurich Insurance of £913.79.</p>	

22	<p>Maintenance issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) The tree on the path between Millfield Close and Main Road was the subject of a tree preservation order. The clerk was asked to apply for planning permission to prune the tree. ii) The clerk would get estimates from contractors for cutting back overgrowing vegetation. iii) The Council would write to residents whose hedges or trees were overhanging the footpaths and request them to have these cut back. 	M N R S
23	<p>Planning applications:</p> <p>The following planning applications were considered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) 18/01630 TPO 14 Edmonds Close, Upper Quinton: felling of lime tree. It was resolved to object to this application. ii) 18/01611TPO 9 Millfield Close, Lower Quinton: pruning of walnut tree. It was resolved to make no representation to this application. iii) 18/01331 FUL Clifford Farm, Clifford Chambers: proposed erection of a replacement dwelling and associated landscaping and re-alignment of driveway. It was resolved to make no representation to this application. iv) NACAD 8 re SHA 19901: notification of appeal against refusal of permission for new pharmacy. Noted. v) 18/01570/FUL Radbrook Manor, Preston-on-Stour: proposed alterations and extension to existing pool house, formation of new door opening and internal alterations. It was resolved to make no representation to this application. <p>And to receive any results of planning applications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) 18/00668/FUL 4 Rideau Road, Meon Vale: erection of rear dormer window with three rooflights to the front elevation. Application withdrawn. 	
24	<p>Reports from Council members on outside bodies:</p> <p>Cllr Milliken said that the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group anticipated that the results of the surveys would shortly be received from Stratford District Council. He expressed his thanks to all the church volunteers who had agreed to deliver the surveys to households.</p>	
25	<p>To receive receipts and payments records for the quarter:</p> <p>The Council received the receipts and payments records previously circulated and agreed them as an accurate record.</p>	
26	<p>To receive any correspondence:</p> <p>There was no correspondence to be noted.</p>	
27	<p>Councillors' reports and items for future agenda.</p> <p>Costings for possible future projects would be obtained before presentation to Council for discussion.</p>	
28	<p>Accounts for payment and finance matters:</p> <p>The following payments were noted and approved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Paul Milliken (NP expenses) - £41.94 	

- ii) Paul Milliken (NP expenses) - £37.50
- iii) Paul Milliken (NP expenses) - £426.00
- iv) Paul Milliken (NP expenses) - £85.00
- v) Clerk's salary - £**
- vi) BT Broadband - £43.68
- vii) HMRC (income tax) - £**
- viii) Thomas Fox (grass cutting) - £1,535.00
- ix) EoN (electricity) - £39.14
- x) WALC (subscription) - £611.00
- xi) Clerk's salary - £**
- xii) HMRC (income tax) - £**
- xiii) Thomas Fox (grass cutting) - £2,192.54
- xiv) Sue Upstone (planters) - £150.00
- xv) BT Broadband - £43.68
- xvi) Zurich Insurance - £913.79

The next meeting would take place on Tuesday 4th September at 7.30 pm.

The meeting closed at 9.25 pm.

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