

Quinton Parish Council

Ordinary Parish Council Meeting

Tuesday 8th March 2022
Quinton Village Hall 7.30 pm

Present: Cllr Robert Spooner (Chairman)

Cllr Andy Smith

Cllr Paul Milliken

Cllr Chris Watson

Mrs M Norman (Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer)

Also present: Cllr Izzi Seccombe

1	Apologies: Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Edward Fitter and Cllr Abbie Taylor.
2	Declaration of interests. There were no declarations of interest.
3	Minutes of the previous meeting: The minutes of the meeting on the 25 th January 2022 were agreed as an accurate record and were signed by the Chairman.
4	Questions from the public: There were no questions from the public. The Chairman elected to report on item 10:
10	Chairman's report: One of the causes of concern continues to be the roundabout on Taylor's Lane where the former works area at the site is now a sea of mud. The area has not been grassed over in contrast to the opposite side which has been turfed over. Cllr Seccombe, responding, said that it was the contractor's responsibility to leave the site in a respectable state and remove any unneeded signage. She would contact the Localities Officer to get in touch with the contractors to clear this. The Chairman asked whether Avian flu was still a threat; if not, the warning signs on the outskirts of the village could be removed. Numerous road closures had been scheduled because of forthcoming road works and the Chairman questioned whether all of these were strictly necessary. He also advised Cllr Seccombe that cracks had appeared in the new footpath.

8	<p>Speed limiting solutions: Cllr Milliken had met Graham Stanley from Warwickshire County Council who has recently sent drawings of 20mph flashing signs which the Parish Council is considering erecting outside the school. These signs could be attached to two existing poles, necessitating the installation of just one more pole on the Goose Lane/main road junction. The diagrams had cost £500 and the total work would probably cost in the region of eight to ten thousand pounds. There may be funding available but this was not yet known. Cllr Seccombe offered to enquire. Another possibility would be painting the school zone with white paint. It was agreed to request a detailed estimate for the total cost of the works.</p>
6	<p>Supervision of road works: The Chairman had written to Monica Fogarty, the Chief Executive of Warwickshire County Council regarding the Council's supervision of work carried out by contractors on roads in the area. He did not consider that her response addressed the problem. Cllr Seccombe said that his complaint, specifically in relation to the crossing at Corbett House, had been passed to Assistant Director Scott Tompkins and she would arrange for a meeting between him and Cllr Spooner. The Chairman said that he would write again to the Chief Executive, requesting a clearer response and action on the points he had raised.</p>
11	<p>District and County Councillors' reports: Cllr Seccombe spoke of the plight of the people of the Ukraine. She urged that those wishing to help should take the advice of the Ukrainian embassy in order to avoid duplication of effort and to ensure that resources were used effectively. Cllr Seccombe left the meeting at 8.30 pm.</p>
5	<p>Neighbourhood Plan: Cllr Milliken said that the Regulation 16 consultation period would finish on the 16th March. Stratford District Council reported that there had been very few responses to the consultation which was disappointing. The committee were currently working on the core documentation requested by the Inspector. An external examiner has been appointed and is due to start work at the end of April. If all goes well, it may be possible to proceed to referendum after the examiner's report is received. September is a possible date for the referendum.</p>
7	<p>No Dog signs: It was resolved to purchase three No Dogs signs for the playing fields outside the Village Hall. The Chairman would investigate the cost.</p>
9	<p>Electrically powered machines: It was agreed that the use of electrically powered machines such as electric scooters, electric skateboards, electric bicycles and other electrically powered machines would be prohibited from being used on all Parish Council controlled land.</p>
10	<p>Any matters from the Chairman: The Chairman reported on various other matters. Nick Bond had written to thank the Parish Council for its support for the newsletter. The public footpath across Spencer's farm land has been facilitated via a wire fenced track alongside the southern and western hedge enroute to the exit to the Campden Road. The stile on the southern side of Main Road is in a very poor condition. On both sides of the main road, the footpath marker posts are missing.</p>

	<p>Speedwatch continues to need more volunteers. One of the four is often at work meaning that the three others must be available each time. The Chairman has discussed this with the PCSO who will pursue the training of two volunteers still waiting for their courses.</p> <p>The Chairman has a meeting with St. Modwen on the 9th March to discuss the adoption of roads in Meon Vale. The anti speed devices on Wellington Avenue which caused a lot of noise and vibration have been removed and rubber speed monitors have been laid on the road. Once the roads have been adopted it will be possible to enforce the speed limits.</p> <p>A Freedom of Information request made to Warwickshire Police showed the prosecution figures for 2021. One person had been prosecuted for exceeding a 20mph limit and 11,678 people had been prosecuted for exceeding the 30 mph limit.</p> <p>Meon Vale Residents' Association had advised of a security event to be held in the Village Hall. The PCC will open the meeting and Cllr Seccombe and Cllr Perteghella will speak. Representatives from various organisations, including Stratford District Council, Barnardos, Warwickshire County Council and the police will be present to give information.</p> <p>The light at the Airfield may be caused by the new roundabout lighting but is more likely to be overnight lighting of houses under construction. The Chairman will ask for these to be turned off as they are spoiling the night sky.</p> <p>The Chairman has bought new litter pickers and he will be joined by a former Councillor and her family to clear the litter opposite the old airfield entrance.</p>	
12	<p>Councillor updates:</p> <p>New plants are needed for the planters. The pond fence should be installed next week. The information board at the pond is still a work in progress.</p> <p>Cllr Taylor had had a meeting with a representative from Wicksteed who is now working on some designs for the playground. These will be sent shortly together with an indication of prices. Cllr Taylor is also investigating some options for the football/basketball base next to the village hall. She had another meeting with a representative from Playdale and discussed the best use of space. He too will send suggestions and prices. He will also send through prices for replacing the seesaw if it is unable to be repaired. Both companies are also sending prices for new football posts. Once all details have been received from these companies, Cllr Taylor will then contact a specific skate park supplier in order to compare prices.</p> <p>The service kits for the gates at The Fordway had been ordered and Cllr Watson would fit these as soon as he could.</p>	
13	<p>WALC membership:</p> <p>It was agreed to renew membership of WALC at an annual cost of £765.00.</p>	
14	<p>Shipston Home Nursing:</p> <p>This item was deferred till a later meeting.</p>	
15	<p>Planning applications:</p> <p>i) 22/00037/FUL Nodland, Hill Lane, Upper Quinton: proposed demolition of existing cantilever projection on the existing outbuilding and conversion to a self-contained annexe. It was resolved to make no representation to this application.</p> <p>The results of the following planning application were noted:</p> <p>i) 21/03864/FUL 14 The Firs: permission granted for proposed single storey extension to rear.</p> <p>ii) 21/03832/FUL 13 Magdalen Close: permission refused for erection of porch.</p>	

16 **To receive receipts and payments records for the quarter:**

The Council received the receipts and payments records previously circulated and agreed them as an accurate record. The Chairman signed the supporting documentation.

17 **To receive any correspondence:**

Cllr Clarke had resigned from the Parish Council. Notification had been received of a new LGA Code of Conduct which had been adopted by both Stratford and Warwick District Councils. Parish Councils were asked to adopt the LGA Code also.

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

The John Cooper Foundation was proceeding as normal.

A resident had complained about the pub benches still being sited on the village green. Council representatives are scheduled to have a meeting with the pub landlord about this matter.

Purchase of Land Registry entries to plot ownership of hedges, ditches etc on Parish Online.

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

The following payments were noted and approved:

- i) Clerk's salary - £**
- ii) HMRC (income tax) - £**
- iii) BT (broadband) - £64.50
- iv) Paul Milliken (expenses) - £35.96
- v) HSBC (bank charges) - £12.00
- vi) Maria Norman (stationery) - £12.66
- vii) Queen's Jubilee Grant - £3,500.00
- viii) St. Swithin's Newsletter (grant) - £2,000.00
- ix) Thomas Fox (hedge cutting) - £538.00
- x) Village Hall (hire of hall) - £54.00

The meeting ended at 9.25 pm

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