

Quinton Parish Council

Ordinary Parish Council Meeting

Tuesday 25th May 2021
Quinton Village Hall 7.30 pm

Present: Cllr Robert Spooner (Chairman)

Cllr Kathy Clarke

Cllr Edward Fitter

Cllr Andy Gibb

Cllr Paul Milliken

Cllr Andy Smith

Cllr Abbie Taylor

Cllr Chris Watson

Mrs M Norman (Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer)

Also present: 1 member of the public.

1	Apologies: Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Izzi Seccombe.
2	Declaration of interests. There were no declarations of interest.
3	Minutes of the previous meeting: The minutes of the meeting on the 4 th May 2021 were agreed as an accurate record and were signed by the Chairman.
4	Questions from the public: There were no questions from members of the public.
5	Land at Airfield House: Jonathan Thompson, the land agent for the owner of Airfield House, presented the changes that were being put forward. The number of houses being applied for had now been reduced to 60. These would be set further back from the Campden Road and access to them would be via the Garden Village. There was more provision for green spaces and there would be cycle links throughout the development. Of the sixty houses, twenty one would be affordable housing, with Quinton residents being given priority. There would be electric charging points on the development. CIL monies were also being provided and the Parish Council would receive its due share. David Frisby of Mode Transport Planning, said that there had been a thorough traffic assessment. This had revealed that there was capacity for 1,000 houses so the applicants felt justified in putting

	<p>forward their application for sixty houses. County Highways had subjected the traffic assessment to close scrutiny and were satisfied with the traffic model.</p> <p>Councillors registered their concerns about the heavy volume of traffic already using the Campden Road, which caused bottlenecks along the approach to both bridges in Stratford.</p>
6	<p>Annual Governance and Accountability Return Part 3:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) The Council received and approved the internal auditor's report. b) The Council approved the Annual Governance Statement which was signed by the Chairman. c) The Council approved the Accounting Statements which were signed by the Chairman.
7	<p>Councillor resignation:</p> <p>The Council noted with regret the resignation of Cllr Barton. Cllr Milliken proposed a vote of thanks to Mrs Barton for all her hard work for the community over the past seven years.</p>
8	<p>Vice Chairman:</p> <p>Cllr Taylor was unanimously elected as Vice-Chairman of the Parish Council.</p>
9	<p>Neighbourhood Plan printing costs:</p> <p>It was resolved to approve the sum of £192 to print copies of the Neighbourhood Plan for use by Councillors.</p>
10	<p>Neighbourhood Plan:</p> <p>Cllr Milliken said that information about the Neighbourhood Plan was being published in St. Swithin's News. There were also notices about it on Facebook and residents were being encouraged to respond to the consultation.</p>
11	<p>Open Day:</p> <p>It was planned to hold an Open Day to promote awareness of the Neighbourhood Plan. This would take the form of a communication session using maps and policy summaries. The sessions would take place in the Village Hall, subject to Covid restrictions, between 10.00 and 12.00 and from 2.00 to 4.00 pm. 12th June was put forward as a likely date for the event.</p>
12	<p>Defibrillators:</p> <p>It was agreed to pay for the replacement battery of the defibrillator at Meon Medical Centre at a cost of £300 + VAT and adult and children's pads at a cost of £146 + VAT. It was also resolved to purchase pads for the defibrillator at the Village Hall at a cost of £68.00. The Parish Council also agreed to take over the responsibility for maintaining the defibrillator at Meon Medical Centre. Cllr Clarke also recommended online training in CPR and the Council agreed that they would publicise this training. It was also hoped to include information about the training in the newsletter.</p>
13	<p>The Pavilion:</p> <p>It was agreed to grant the sum of £5,000 towards the running costs of The Pavilion, which was now very close to opening.</p>
14	<p>New footpath beside Campden Road:</p> <p>Vegetation was now encroaching over the new footpath from both sides. There was also a fallen tree which was causing an obstruction. The Chairman was asked to contact Thomas Fox to provide a quote for clearing the vegetation two or three times a year.</p>

15	<p>Replacement straps(s) for the accessible swing: It was agreed to defer this item pending investigation about the possibility of repairing the harness.</p>
16	<p>Residents' proposals for village projects: After discussion, it was agreed that suggestions for projects of benefit to the youth of the village would be invited from young residents. Cllr Taylor would investigate approaching the school to ask for ideas from children in the last years of primary education.</p>
17	<p>South Warwickshire Local Plan: It was agreed that the Council should respond to the consultation. Comments made by the Council would be drawn from those identified in the Neighbourhood Plan to ensure that residents' wishes were fully expressed.</p>
18	<p>Any matters from the Chairman: The Chairman said that he had attended a meeting with various agencies (Orbit, Platform Housing, Barnados, SDC and WCC social and community departments, St. Modwens, Meon Vale Residents' Association and Marston Sicca Parish Council) with regard to the social issues within Quinton and Marston Sicca areas. Cllrs Seccombe, Cllr Fitter and Rev. Andrew Goy were also present. The Chairman had agreed to engage with the Meon Vale Residents' Association. The multi agency group would continue and terms of reference were being drawn up. It was decided to delay the opening of The Pavilion until just after the Bank Holiday as the potentially large number of customers would have been overwhelming for the new volunteers. A volunteer open evening had been held last week and had been reasonably well attended. There will be one paid manager with the remainder of staff being volunteers. All offers of help were welcome. An eco sanitising spray had been donated by a generous sponsor. Many glass bottles were smashed round and near The Pavilion last week. Two weeks ago the Chairman and Clerk of Marston Sicca walked the three Meon Vale leisure assets with a number of St. Modwen staff. A representative from the Diocese of Gloucester looking at projects involving sports at the leisure assets, was also present. There would be further meetings about this. Following the decision to contact the police regarding the safety harness issue, the Chairman had reviewed three days of activities at the playground and discovered that many children and youths found the harness an unfortunate attraction. This may be something which merits further discussion. Cllr Taylor has agreed to take on the task of checking the playground equipment and will pursue the issue of the slow moving zip wire. Cllr Smith will be responsible for improvements to the pond, including obtaining design quotations from landscape architects.</p>
19	<p>District and County Councillors' reports: Cllr Fitter said that Cllr Seccombe had asked him to inform the Council that the County Councillors' Grant Fund was now open. She asked that anyone interested in making an application for funding should do so. Cllr Fitter had instigated the removal of the fly tipping on Back Lane and had organised the cleaning of The College Arms sign.</p>
20	<p>St. Swithin's News: It was agreed to defer consideration of this item till a later meeting. The Council would like more information on the running costs of the newsletter.</p>

21	<p>Planning applications: The following planning applications were considered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) 21/01222/FUL 7 Dobbie Road, Upper Quinton: proposed single storey rear extension. No objection was made to this application. <p>The results of the following planning application were noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) 21/00371/FUL Lower Clopton Farm: permission granted for erection of new barn. ii) 21/00131/FUL 1 Corfield Drive, Lower Quinton: permission granted for conversion of loft space to detached garage to create kitchen, bathroom and home office.
22	<p>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.</p>
23	<p>To receive any correspondence: Notification of South Warwickshire Local Plan consultation.</p>
24	<p>Councillors' reports and items for future agenda. Cllr Fitter said that a Road Safety meeting had been scheduled for the 16th June. Cllr Seccombe and two officers from Warwickshire County Council would be present to advise. Cllr Milliken said that a resident was concerned about children playing unsupervised on the village green.</p>
25	<p>Accounts for payment and finance matters: The following payments were noted and approved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) BT (broadband) - £56.99 ii) Clerk's salary - £** iii) Thomas Fox (grass cutting) - £1,026.52 iv) BT (broadband) - £56.99 v) EoN (electricity) - £54.93 vi) E Neal (internal audit) - £120.00 vii) WALC (annual subscription) - £710.00 <p>The meeting ended at 9.30 pm.</p>
26	<p>Dates of future meetings: 6th July 2021 7th September 2021 19th October 2021 30th November 2021</p>

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