

Quinton Parish Council

Ordinary Parish Council Meeting

Tuesday 20th October 2020

Remote meeting 7.30 pm

Present: Cllr Robert Spooner (Chairman)

Cllr Caroline Barton

Cllr Edward Fitter

Cllr Paul Milliken

Cllr Chris Watson

Cllr Andy Gibb

Cllr Kathy Clarke

Cllr Andy Smith

Mrs M Norman (Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer)

Also present: Cllr Izzi Seccombe and 1 member of the public.

1	Apologies: Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Abbie Taylor.
2	Declaration of interests. There were no declarations of interest.
3	Questions from the public: There were no questions from members of the public.
4	Minutes of the previous meeting: The minutes of the meeting of the 25 th August 2020 were agreed as an accurate record. These would be signed by the Chairman at a later date.
5	Water connection to Quinton Glebe Allotments, Back Lane: Cllr Seccombe advised Cllr Smith, the proposer of the motion, that he was to be awarded a grant of £2,000 from Warwickshire County Council towards the cost of connecting a water supply to the allotments. In the light of this, Cllr Smith proposed an amendment to the motion, namely a request to the Parish Council for a grant of £1,368 +VAT. This was unanimously agreed by the Council.
6	Traffic Mirrors: After discussion, it was resolved to purchase one traffic mirror, at a total cost of £425.00 to be installed opposite Friday Street. Consideration of a second mirror opposite Back Lane was deferred to a later meeting.

7	<p>Responses to survey in Upper Quinton: Cllr Clarke said that she had distributed a questionnaire to residents in Upper Quinton asking for their views on placing No Parking signs on the village green. Of the thirteen questionnaires sent, nine were opposed to the signs, and two were in favour. In the light of this, Cllr Clarke advised against proceeding with this plan. She feared that if it were to be implemented, those people who park on the green would merely move their vehicles onto the verge on Hill Lane. This verge was already severely eroded as a result of cars parked on it, and had collapsed in several places. She feared that further surface water flooding could ensue as a result. It was agreed not to pursue the question of signs any further.</p>	
8	<p>Surface water flooding: Cllr Clarke had met the site manager of Bromford to discuss the surface water flooding experienced in November 2019 and February 2020. She was told that the land drains on the site which run under the road had not been connected at that time, and that this was the cause of the flooding. All drains are now connected and a detention pond has been created. The function of the pond is to control storm water after heavy rain. It will retain excess water and release it gradually. Cllr Clarke said that there had been no surface water run off during the most recent heavy rain fall.</p> <p>The Bromford site was now nearing completion. A management company will take over the maintenance responsibilities once the site is complete. Work that remains to be done prior to completion includes a) cleaning the ditch to the west side of the site bordering Goose Lane. All cut vegetation will be removed by the contractor; b) the hedge on the west side bordering Goose Lane will be cut back on both sides. All vegetation will be removed; c) The hedge on both sides of the footpath joining Goose Lane will be replanted to meet the path. The footpath from the estate will then be extended slightly to be in line with the hedge, as presently it is roughly 10 inches shorter.</p> <p>Bromfords have an application pending with WCC Highways for traffic lights at the junction of Goose Lane and Main Road. This will enable them to make good the footpath and repair the Main Road footpath where the sloped kerbs have been added.</p> <p>Cllr Clarke would now be surveying the drainage ditches throughout the rest of the parish.</p>	
9	<p>Replacement CCTV camera: It was resolved to replace a faulty camera on the CCTV system at a total cost of £336.00</p>	
10	<p>Defibrillator: It was resolved to purchase a defibrillator and lockable cabinet to be installed outside the Village Hall at a cost of £1,312 + VAT. The Council also approved the cost of £200.00 for installation charges.</p>	
11	<p>District and County Councillors' reports: Cllr Fitter said that the Site Allocations Plan (Preferred Options Version) had been approved by Council to go out for consultation at a recent meeting. The developer could submit an application for development of the brownfield site in Meon Vale which they own. Part of the site includes the Meon Vale woodland. The consultation exercise may give the District Council evidence to consider removing the site from the plan, thereby helping to protect the woodland.</p>	

	<p>At a previous meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, Cllr Fitter had declared a personal interest in this site as he used the woodland for recreational purposes. As a result of this disclosure he had been advised by the Monitoring Officer that he should declare a personal interest at the Site Allocations Plan meeting and was obliged to abstain from voting.</p> <p>The Site Allocations Plan (Preferred Options Version) would be sent out for consultation on the 29th October, leaving Cllr Fitter free to express his views as a Parish Councillor, District Councillor and resident. He would be calling for the removal of this site from the list of Rural 4 sites and its long term protection as a woodland area. He urged that all residents respond to the consultation and call for the protection of this site.</p> <p>Cllr Fitter also informed the Council that he had been elected Vice Chairman of the District Council and Chairman of Licensing. He would also be on the following committees for 2020/2021: Audit and Standards, Overview and Scrutiny and Regulatory.</p> <p>Cllr Seccombe said that she had been pleased to be able to award a grant of £878.00 to Nosh'n'natter. The Local Government review process had now begun with engaging Parish Councils, Town Councils and voluntary associations in the discussion process. Ultimately the decision of whether to adopt a single unitary authority, or two separate authorities for the north and south of the county, would rest with the Government.</p> <p>Cllr Seccombe acknowledged the dreadful impact the closure of the Campden Road had had on residents in surrounding villages. Fortunately, the work was progressing well, and it was hoped that the road would be open ahead of schedule.</p> <p>12 Neighbourhood Plan Reserve Sites: Cllr Milliken said that the Site Allocations Plan (Preferred Options Version) included a number of reserve sites around Quinton. Two sites were located on Henney's Farm, together with a site on Goose Lane behind the Medical Centre capable of accommodating 24 houses.</p> <p>13 Chairman's report: The Chairman said that only four volunteers had come forward to take part in the Speedwatch programme. He would like to organise a leaflet drop urging residents to respond to the Site Allocations Plan Consultation in order to protect Meon Vale woodland from development. He anticipated that the playground would soon be open. Cllr Barton confirmed that an accessible swing had been added to the play equipment. Some of the overgrown vegetation had been cut back; other areas remained to be cleared. Environmental Health had approved the facilities at the Pavilion, which was currently being painted. Once open, there will be a café and a confidential room where advisors can meet in private with clients. The Pavilion is now on the Fair Share list, enabling the Chairman to collect and distribute free food from Waitrose.</p> <p>14 Clerk's updates: The Clerk had received numerous queries from residents concerned about the heavy volume of traffic coming through the village as a result of the closure of the Campden Road. The clerk had obtained a quote from a firm of solicitors for creating the charitable trust needed to operate the Pavilion on a more permanent basis. She had decided not to present this quote to Council for approval as originally planned, as the solicitor had admitted that his firm was not experienced in charity law. She would make further enquiries and report back to the Council.</p>
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15	<p>Planning applications: The following planning applications were considered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) 20/02244/FUL 58 Goose Lane: proposed demolition of row of existing garages and erection of one pair of semi-detached houses to match adjoining dwellings. No objection was made to this application. ii) 20/02362/FUL 27 Ubique Avenue, Meon Vale: erection of single storey rear extension. It was resolved to make no objection to this application. iii) 20/02315/FUL Phase 1A Long Marston Airfield: proposed development o 124 dwellings (notified as adjoining Parish Council). Further consideration was deferred. <p>And to receive the results of any planning applications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) 20/01774/FUL Campden Road Service Station: permission refused for proposed new station with building, canopy, underground tanks and associated facilities. ii) 20/01774 Skylark Barn: permission granted for alteration to dwelling house comprising insertion of a door and the addition of a sedum roof. iii) 20/01727/FUL 29 Edmonds Close: permission granted for two storey rear extension. iv) 20/00327/FUL Henney’s Farm (amended application): permission granted for erection of a new farmhouse, associated amenity space and access track at Henney’s Farm. v) 20/00405/FUL Henney’s Farm (amended application): permission granted for new lean to workshop and stores, a new lean to mill building, a new grain store, an extension to the existing cattle shed to create a single purpose cattle shed and extension to the Dutch Barn. <p>The Chairman’s connection was lost at 8.09. The remainder of : proposed demolition of row of existing garages and erection of one pair of semi-detathe meeting was chaired by the Vice Chairman, Cllr Barton.</p>
16	<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>
17	<p>To receive any correspondence: There was no correspondence to be noted.</p>
18	<p>Councillors’ reports and items for future agenda. Likelihood of extra ordinary meeting.</p>
19	<p>Accounts for payment and finance matters: The following payments were noted and approved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Thomas Fox (grass cutting) - £2,693.18 ii) BT (Broadband) - £55.67 iii) Cllr Fitter (reimbursement for signage) - £123.48 iv) Clerk’s salary -£** v) HMRC (income tax) - £** vi) Cllr Watson (reimbursement for signs) - £17.20 vii) Parish Online (digital mapping) - £80.00 viii) S. Upstone (planters) - £150.00 ix) Parochial Church Council (grant for churchyard maintenance) - £500.00

The meeting ended at 9.02 pm.

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Dates of future meetings: These would be set as appropriate.

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