

Quinton Parish Council

Ordinary Parish Council Meeting

Tuesday 7th July 2020

Remote meeting 7.00 pm

Present: Cllr Robert Spooner (Chairman)

Cllr Caroline Barton

Cllr Edward Fitter

Cllr Paul Milliken

Cllr Chris Watson

Cllr Kathy Clarke

Cllr Abbie Taylor

Mrs M Norman (Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer)

Also present: Cllr Izzi Seccombe

1	Apologies: There were no apologies for absence.
2	Declaration of interests There were no declarations of interest.
3	Co-option: The Chairman proposed co-opting Mr Andrew Smith to fill the vacant seat on the Parish Council. This was seconded by Cllr Barton. It was unanimously resolved to co-opt Mr Smith. Cllr Smith signed the declaration of acceptance of office form in the presence of the Council.
4	Questions from the public: There were no members of the public present, but the clerk had been asked by a resident to read out a letter in relation to item 11. The Council agreed to consider the points raised by the resident when discussing item 11.
5	Minutes of the previous meeting: The minutes of the meeting of the 21 st May 2020 were agreed as an accurate record. These would be signed by the Chairman at a later date.
6	District and County Councillors' reports: Cllr Fitter said that Stratford District Council had been under pressure during lockdown, but had still managed to deliver essential services. The green bin collection had still been made, and accommodation had been provided for all rough sleepers. This service would be continued after lockdown ended. SDC staff had been running a food packing centre from Stratford Leisure Centre. £116,000 had been spent on ensuring that businesses could safely open again. In addition, the Council had made a bid for government funding in order to bring the derelict land by the river into use.

Stratford District Council had decided to explore a closer working relationship with Warwick District Council to reduce the funding gap both Councils were experiencing (see item 13).

Cllr Seccombe reported that Warwickshire County Council had established a loans facility for those businesses which had not been eligible for grant funding. WCC has agreed to test a pilot scheme for tracking and tracing of Covid19. The County Council has also provided funds for Stratford District Council to enable them to safely open the town centre again.

Cllr Seccombe said that she had been contacted by residents of Meon Vale concerning the adoption of roads. The roads cannot be adopted by the County Council until the developers have completed their work to an acceptable standard. The situation is complicated by the fact that there are three separate developers on the Meon Vale estate. She suggested that the Parish Council attempt to work with the developers to resolve the situation.

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Chairman's report:

The Chairman expressed his thanks for the completion of the footpath from Meon Vale to Quinton. He had been working closely with Long Marston Parish Council in delivering food to those in need. He intended approaching St. Modwen's to ask if the sports pavilion on Meon Vale could be used as a food distribution point as it was ideally situated.

The fallen tree on the playing field had been removed by Cllr Watson, so there had been no need to pay Thomas Fox to carry out the work.

The Chairman, Cllr Milliken and Cllr Watson as members of the Neighbourhood Plan Committee had met a representative from Savills to discuss land options in Quinton.

The Chairman would like to see litter bins at either end of the new footpath and these would be investigated. He was hoping that a traffic mirror would soon be installed at the west end of Friday Street.

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Neighbourhood Plan:

Cllr Milliken said that the final draft had been forwarded to a contact at the District Council for feedback prior to formal submission. Members of the Council had been provided with a copy. Cllr Milliken believed that it may be necessary to undertake an ecological or environmental assessment. He suggested that, owing to pressure of time, Councillors should write to him with any comments they may have on the draft. These would be forwarded to members of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group.

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Playgrounds:

i) Cllr Barton had had a meeting with Wicksteeds Leisure. She had been provided with three options for new pathways, and would be getting the costings for these at the end of the week. The options are a resin bonded surface, tarmac or country paths. The latter would require more maintenance. Options for new play equipment included a surf rider for teenage to adult use; a roundabout which could be used by all ages, and a twenty metre zip line in front of the skate ramp. The playground would be closed whilst the work was carried out, and this would add around an extra £1,000 to the total cost. It was agreed that a final decision on equipment and paths would be made once the costings had been received.

ii) Cllr Barton and the clerk had carried out a risk assessment on the use of playgrounds and equipment and believed that they should be re-opened. The clerk had also been in contact with the insurers and had been advised on requisite notices. After discussion, it was resolved to re-open the playgrounds. The clerk would prepare the notices to be placed at the entrances and these would be circulated on social media.

10	<p>Duck crossing signs: Estimates had been received for installation of these signs, but Cllr Watson offered to install the posts himself in order to save costs. He and Cllr Milliken would inspect the area to see where the signs could be placed and permission would be asked from County Highways to install them.</p>
11	<p>Village Green signs: After discussion and consideration of the points raised in the resident's letter, it was agreed that the Council would canvass residents' opinion before committing itself to the purchase and installation of signs on the green.</p>
12	<p>Parish Online: It was resolved to subscribe to the online mapping facility provided by Parish Online at an annual cost of £80.00.</p>
13	<p>Stratford District Council and Warwick District Council next steps: Councillors had no comments to make at this very early stage of discussions between the District Councils. Cllr Fitter said that he was in favour of working more closely with Warwick District Council, and would keep the Parish Council informed of developments.</p>
14	<p>Planning applications: The following planning applications were considered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) 20/01253/FUL Skylark Barn: proposed alterations to dwelling house comprising insertion of three windows and the addition of a sedum roof. No objection was made to this application. ii) 20/00405/FUL Henney's Farm: proposed erection of lean to workshop. No objection was made to this application. iii) 19/02299/FUL Hill Lane: part retrospective engineering operation comprising the deposit of excavated material in the field to the west of Larch Corner, Hill Lane. No objection was made to this application. iv) 20/00301/FUL Henney's Farm: amendment application. Amendments to external design of building. No objection was made to these amendments. v) 20/01344/FUL 31 Western Heights Road, Meon Vale: proposed single storey rear kitchen extension and loft conversion with three new dormers to front. No objection was made to this application. vi) 20/01457/AGNOT Lower Clopton Farm: proposed storage building for hay and machinery/equipment. It was resolved to make no objection to this application. vii) 20/01519/TEL56 Lay by opposite airfield: installation of a telecommunications base station. No objection was made to this application. viii) 20/01703/AGNOT Old Bakery Farm, Upper Quinton: erection of a steel portal framed agricultural building. No objection was made to this application. <p>And to receive the results of any planning applications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) 20/0092/FUL Casetta, Goose Lane: removal of existing side garage and conservatory and replacement single storey side extension. Permission granted.
15	<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>

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To receive any correspondence:

- i) Letter re Meon Vale Primary School Public Consultation.

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Councillors' reports and items for future agenda.

Water supply to allotments.

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Accounts for payment and finance matters:

The following payments were noted and approved:

- i) BT (broadband) - £56.99
- ii) Thomas Fox (grass cutting) - £1,500.68
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- iv) Clerk's salary - £**
- v) HMRC (income tax) - £**
- vi) Thomas Fox (grass cutting) - £1,604.24
- vii) The Bureau (website hosting) - £192.00

It was agreed that the Chairman would sign the supporting documentation the following day.

The meeting ended at 8.20 pm.

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

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