

Quinton Parish Council

Ordinary Parish Council Meeting

Tuesday 7th September 2021
Quinton Village Hall 7.30 pm

Present: Cllr Robert Spooner (Chairman)

Cllr Kathy Clarke

Cllr Edward Fitter

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 Andy Gibb and Cllr Izzi Seccombe and were accepted by the Council.
2	Declaration of interests. There were no declarations of interest.
3	Minutes of the previous meeting: The minutes of the meeting on the 6 th July 2021 were agreed as an accurate record and were signed by the Chairman.
4	Questions from the public: A member of the public voiced her concern about the proposals for renovations to the duckpond. She believed that it would be a waste of public money to undertake the proposed work and it would completely alter the appearance of the village pond. It had originally been used as a cart wash and water had flowed freely through it. Since the planting of bulbs around the perimeter and other overgrowth, water could no longer flow into the ditch and the water in the pond itself easily became stagnant. She objected to the proposed notice board, fountain and fencing.
5	Neighbourhood Plan: The Council approved a) the responses to the Regulation 14 consultation. Three more documents now needed to be submitted to Stratford District Council for the final stage of the process. These were the final draft of the Neighbourhood Plan, a basic condition statement and a consultation

	<p>statement. The Basic Condition Statement requires an explanation of how the documents satisfy all the statutory requirements. As it is highly technical, the services of a professional are required. It was resolved to b) request Avon Consultants to prepare the Basic Conditions Statement at a cost of £500 + VAT.</p>	
6	<p>Renovations to the pond: Cllr Smith explained that the notice board would in fact be an information board giving facts about the wild life of the pond. It was resolved to a) approve the purchase of an information board for a sum not in excess of £600; the board to also include information about the history of the pond. The member of the public offered to show how the removal of excess vegetation would result in the free movement of water. This offer was accepted. b) It was resolved to defer this item until another quote for alternative types of fencing had been obtained. c) It was resolved to reject the proposal that a water fountain be installed. d) The sum of £247.43 for plants for the pond was approved. e) An amendment was proposed by Cllr Watson, seconded by Cllr Milliken, that the island on the pond should be removed completely. The amendment was carried unanimously. It was agreed to defer consideration of a stone standing area until the next meeting.</p>	
7	<p>Telephone box Upper Quinton: The proposal to obtain a quote for painting the telephone box in Upper Quinton was rejected by the Council.</p>	
8	<p>Broadband developments: Cllr Watson reported that Open Reach were now putting in the local infrastructure for the high speed fibre broadband. They hoped to complete the work within the next six weeks. The service providers will then be in a position to offer the service to residents. It is anticipated that the maximum fee will be £70 a month and the vast majority of the village will have access to it.</p>	
9	<p>Any matters from the Chairman: The Chairman reported that the weeds on the new footpath parallel to the Campden Road have been cut back. Information about a broken cross member on the new path and the closure of a right of way at the western end of Lower Quinton has been forwarded to Cllr Seccombe. Cones have been placed along the road in front of The College Arms, presumably in an attempt to stop people from parking there. Also large yellow barriers have been placed at either end of the road on two occasions. Warwickshire County Council has not given its authority to close the road so any infringements will be a police matter. The Chairman had attended a meeting hosted by Clifford Chambers Parish Council in connection with All Things Wild who are applying to move their premises to a site on the Campden Road. Their aim is apparently to become one of the top five attractions in the country. The Pavilion coffee shop and community space has been awarded a grant of £1,500 from Warwickshire County Council Grant Fund. The Chairman expressed his thanks. He hoped that there may be further funding of £5,000 from CIL contributions. The Chairman had met representatives from Stratford District Council and St. Modwen's in connection with the installation of CCTV at Meon Vale. Two possible sites had been identified; one on the roundabout, the other on the east side of Wellington Avenue near the Bailey Avenue junction. Both cameras can be steered remotely. It may be possible to include a camera on a pole by the coffee shop to connect via wireless link to one of the other camera installations. Further consultations will take place with the police as they had been unable to attend the meeting,</p>	

	<p>followed by consultation with the community. Electronic blanking will be used to prevent breaches of privacy into homes.</p> <p>A new recruit for the Speedwatch programme has been vetted by the police and is waiting to attend his course. Two recent Speedwatch sessions at a newly approved site resulted in two full sheets being recorded in less than an hour.</p> <p>There has been no response to queries about the installation of the Vodafone O2 mast. Although the Quinton part of the Meon Vale site appears to be fully built, it is unlikely that any of the roads on Meon Vale will be adopted until building is complete on the whole site.</p>	
10	<p>District and County Councillors' reports:</p> <p>Cllr Fitter said that a decision on the planning application for the self build houses on Taylor's Lane was imminent. Stratford District Council was going to provide funding for the CCTV cameras on Meon Vale. As reported by the Chairman, officers from the Council had met with stakeholders to look at sites in Meon Vale.</p> <p>The Electoral Commission has proposed changes to the electoral Quinton ward which will now include both Alderminster and Preston-on-Stour. Meon Vale is currently split between Quinton and Welford-on-Avon wards and the proposal is to create a new ward including the whole of Meon Vale and Long Marston.</p> <p>Cllr Fitter confirmed that Stratford District Council had awarded the Meon Vale Pavilion Community Project £5,000 from CIL funding.</p> <p>Stratford District Council was going to house 25 Afghan families. The MOP fair would take place on the 12th October and will include a traditional jobs fayre. Consultation has begun on the proposal to form a new Council with Warwick, called South Warwickshire District Council. He urged the Council to take part in the consultation.</p>	
11	<p>Queen's Green Canopy:</p> <p>It was agreed to take part in the tree planting initiative to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Cllr Fitter would supply details of proposed locations for forwarding to the Forestry Department of Warwickshire County Council for their approval.</p>	
12	<p>Clerk's updates:</p> <p>The Clerk reported that HSBC were now introducing charges for use of the bank account. These would amount to £8.00 per month.</p> <p>Stratford District Council was offering a mobile skate park to any Parish Council who wished to house it.</p>	
13	<p>Consultations:</p> <p>It was resolved not to participate in i) the Warwickshire Road Safety partnership as the Council had already had discussions with WCC regarding road safety in the village. ii) It was resolved not to participate in the bus improvement survey. iii) Further consideration would be given to the draft recommendations on ward boundaries in the district.</p>	
14	<p>Planning applications:</p> <p>The following planning applications were considered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) 21/02147/FUL The Stores, Lower Quinton: application for reconstruction of existing building on same footprint and change of use of dwelling. It was agreed to support this application. ii) 21/01855/ADV Corner of Main Street, Lower Quinton: application for marketing suite and show home directional sign. It was agreed to object to this application. 	

	<p>iii) 21/02183/FUL Homeleigh, Meon Hill, Lower Quinton: replacement of existing agricultural building with new general purpose agricultural building. It was resolved to support this application.</p> <p>The results of the following planning application were noted:</p> <p>i) 21/00983/FUL Land north of Twiga House: permission refused for 2 no. proposed dwellings.</p> <p>ii) 21/01402/COU The Stores, Lower Quinton: prior approval granted for change of use of the ground floor A1 shop to x1 C3 dwelling house relating to the ground floor only.</p> <p>iii) 21/01958/FUL 7 The Firs, Lower Quinton: permission granted for single storey side extension.</p> <p>iv) 20/02745/OUT Airfield House, Lower Quinton: permission granted for outline application for up to 60 dwellings with all matters reserved (appearance, landscaping, layout and scale) except access (to be determined), included demolition of existing dwelling and scrap yard buildings and associated works.</p>	
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>	
16	<p>To receive any correspondence: There was no correspondence other than that noted under previous items.</p>	
17	<p>Councillors' reports and items for future agenda. Fence on playground – to consider adding to the top to protect the village hall roof and the bottom centre where a panel needs replacing. Investigation of ditches on Goose Lane. Cllr Taylor said that the zip wire now appeared to be working well. The Headmaster of the primary school had agreed to advertise the Youth Council in the weekly newsletter. Cllr Milliken reported damage to the granite sets around the village green in Lower Quinton. Cllr Smith expressed his thanks for the Parish Council's grant for the water supply to the allotments. Cllr Watson reminded councillors of the traffic modelling meeting to be held on the 8th September.</p>	
18	<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) - £1,500.68 ii) Rapid Vision (CCTV) _ £960.00 iii) BT (broadband) - £64.50 iv) Stratford District Council (bin emptying) - £272.50 v) Came & Co. (insurance) - £649.38 vi) St. Swithin's Newsletter (grant) - £1,000.00 vii) Clerk's salary – £** viii) HMRC (income tax) - £** ix) Thomas Fox (grass cutting) - £1,605.24 x) BT (broadband) - £64.50 xi) Clerk's salary - £** xii) The Bureau (website hosting) - £192.00 xiii) Village Hall (hire of hall) - £150.00 xiv) Thomas Fox (grass cutting) - £1,602.68 <p>The meeting ended at 9.05 pm.</p>	

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