

Quinton Parish Council

Ordinary Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday 2nd November 2016

Quinton Village Hall 7.30 pm

Present: Cllr David White (Chairman)

Cllr Caroline Barton

Cllr Paul Milliken

Cllr Kully Kumari

Cllr Junie Tong-Clark

Cllr Chris Watson

Mrs M Norman (Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer)

Also present: Cllr Mike Brain and 7 members of the public

1	<p>Apologies: Apologies were received from Cllr Phil Maundrill and Cllr Izzi Seccombe and accepted by the Council.</p>	
2	<p>Declaration of interests There were no declarations of interest.</p>	
7	<p>Changes to bus services: The Chairman suspended standing orders to enable members of the public who wished to comment on the bus service to do so. Residents informed the Council that the scheduled stop for the No. 3 service was at The Orchard and that, unless flagged down in time, not all drivers would stop at the College Arms. This was despite the assurance given to the Clerk by Johnson's Coaches that the No. 3 would stop at the College Arms.</p> <p>After discussion, it was agreed that the Clerk would contact Johnson's again, asking that the bus should revert to its original route and drive down Back Lane, allowing passengers to board and alight safely. An alternative option would be for buses travelling from Shipston to pull in at the gravelled drive beside the Church, and stop at the College Arms outside the pub sign when travelling in the opposite direction. The Council agreed that these were the only two locations where a vehicle could safely stop.</p> <p>It was also agreed that some form of signage was necessary in these two locations and this would be made known to Johnsons.</p>	
3	<p>Questions from the public: A member of the public reported that the hedges bordering the playing field required attention. He also mentioned the persistent problem of dog fouling on the field.</p>	

4	<p>Minutes of previous meetings: The minutes of the meeting of the 7th September and those of the extra ordinary meeting of the 17th October 2016 were agreed as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.</p>
5	<p>Matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting: There were no matters arising.</p>
6	<p>Hedgerows/footpaths/rights of way: Thanks were expressed to members of the public who had contributed information about the state of footpaths and rights of way.</p> <p>The clerk had been in contact with the Rights of Way officer in Warwickshire County Council who had agreed that WCC would contact the relevant landowners reminding them of their responsibility to maintain gates, stiles and fences in good working order, and of their legal liability in the event of any injury sustained whilst using them.</p> <p>Whilst in the past, Warwickshire County Council had cut back overgrown hedges and brambles bordering the footpaths, budgetary constraints now prevented them from carrying out this work. They would undertake to inform the Voluntary Footpaths Group about the problem areas in Quinton.</p> <p>After discussion, it was agreed that where landowners could not be identified, the Council would pay for overgrown hedgerows to be cut back. The clerk was asked to obtain estimates for the work. An agreement to employ a contractor would be made at the next meeting.</p>
8	<p>Any matters from the Chairman: Although there was currently no market for scrap metal, the Chairman still hoped that the teen shelter could be removed without any cost to the Council. If this proved not to be the case, the Council would pay for its removal.</p>
9	<p>Speed visors: Cllr Watson suggested investing in speed visor signs to be sited at the three main entry points to the village – Taylor’s Lane and the main road through the village. The signs would flash a warning and display the current speed of the driver. Each sign cost £2,500. This, together with the cost of the poles for the signs to be mounted on, would bring the total for three signs to £9,000. There would be an additional cost for the erection of the poles, and Highways’ permission would need to be obtained.</p> <p>An alternative option would be to buy one or two signs, which could be moved from one suitable existing pole to another, so that drivers did not become familiar with the location. This, however, would involve bolting and unbolting the signs at frequent intervals.</p> <p>It was agreed that the Council would apply for funding from Cllr’s Seccombe’s Transport and Capital budget and that the Council would match any funds provided. A final decision on purchase would be made at the next meeting once the results of the funding application were known.</p>
10	<p>Motor bike/quad bike racing: Cllr Kumari commented on the speeding taking place along the B4632 and the dangers posed. Cllr Brain said that this matter had been raised at the Community Forum and the police were aware of the problem. He urged that every attempt be made to identify the vehicles</p>

	involved, and report to the police immediately. Owing to lack of manpower, it was not possible for the police to patrol this road on a regular basis.	
11	<p>Way marking of the Monarch's Way: It was resolved to contribute the sum of £40.00 to assist the Monarch's Way Association in providing markers for the route.</p>	
12	<p>Government consultation on imposition of referendum principles on Parish Council precepts: It was agreed to defer consideration of this item until a future meeting.</p>	
13	<p>Warwickshire County Council review of Local Governance arrangements including future of community forums: It was agreed that the clerk would forward copies of the survey to all councillors, enabling them to respond individually to the online survey.</p>	
14	<p>Any matters from the District or County Councillor: Cllr Brain reported that road works were due to begin on the B4632 for a period of 18 weeks to enable the first of the new ghost islands to be constructed.</p> <p>He also urged the Council to consider undertaking a Neighbourhood Plan. The Chairman mentioned the difficulty the Council had experienced in the past of recruiting volunteers willing to engage with the task.</p>	
15	<p>Planning applications Parish Councillors noted the following planning applications submitted since the last Parish Council meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) 16/02589/REM Twiga House: application for removal of approval of reserve matters (access) of outline planning permission. ii) 16/02770/LBC 1 Manor Barn: proposed alteration to external appearance of barn. Insertion of roof lights to front and rear. Internal layout alterations to include mezzanine floor. iii) 16/02846/FUL Lower Clopton Farm: application for new access. iv) 16/02421/FUL Marston Edge Nurseries. Notification of referral to Planning Committee. <p>No representations were made with respect to these applications.</p> <p>To receive any results of planning applications: The Parish Council noted the following planning decisions which had been notified since its last meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) 16/01972/FUL Lower Clopton Farm: application withdrawn. ii) 16/02695/HRN Lower Meon Farm: consent granted for removal of hedgerow 150m in length. iii) 16/02185/FUL Vicarage Farm: permission granted for conservatory to rear. iv) 16/02533/FUL 18 Turnpike Drive: permission granted for single storey rear extension. v) 16/01959/FUL 22 The Fordway: permission granted for increase in height of boundary wall to 1.8m. 	

vi) 16/02770/LBC 1 Manor Barn: application **withdrawn**.

16 Reports from Council members on outside bodies:

Cllr Milliken reported that no applications from students in Quinton had been made to the John Cooper Foundation.

17 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.

18 To receive any correspondence

There was no correspondence to be noted.

19 Councillors' reports and items for future agenda

Neighbourhood Plan: Cllr Watson thought the plan should be revisited and said he would try to recruit volunteers.

20 Accounts for payment and finance Matters

The following payments were noted and approved:

- a) WALC new councillor course - £45.00.
- b) Thomas Fox grass cutting July - £1,629.00
- c) Thomas Fox grass cutting September - £1,596.00
- d) Clerk's salary September - £***
- e) Clerk's salary October - £***
- f) Grant Thornton external audit – £240.00
- g) Village Hall Hire - £54.00
- h) Data Protection Registration - £35.00
- i) Playdale annual playground inspection - £234.00

The clerk presented the Annual Return. In the opinion of the auditors, the information in the annual return was in accordance with proper practices and no matters had come to their attention giving cause for concern that relevant legislation and regulatory requirements had not been met. Others matters not affecting their opinion which they wished to draw to the Council's attention were also noted.

The meeting closed at 9.25pm.

Date of next meeting Wednesday 11th January 2016



