

Quinton Parish Council

Ordinary Parish Council Meeting

Tuesday 9th March 2021
Remote meeting 7.00 pm

Present: Cllr Robert Spooner (Chairman)

Cllr Caroline Barton

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: Cllr Izzi Seccombe and 5 members of the public.

1	Apologies: There were no apologies for absence.
2	Declaration of interests. There were no declarations of interest.
3	Questions from the public: A spokeswoman for the newly formed Meon Vale Residents' Association told the Council that the association had been established to further matters of community interest. So far there were 100 members and an executive committee had been established. The Association was anxious to develop working relationships with Quinton and Marston Sicca Parish Councils as well as Pebworth, the other Council which bordered Meon Vale. She asked for details of the Residents' Association to be posted on the website.
4	Minutes of the previous meeting: The minutes of the meeting of the 12 th January 2021 were agreed as an accurate record. These would be signed by the Chairman at a later date.
5	Presentation on planning application 20/02720/FUL Land north of Twiga House: Mr Adrian Symons presented plans for this piece of land on behalf of Symonds & Newey. It was proposed to build two houses in between Twiga House and the Police House. These would be smaller than those planned for in previous applications and would provide a natural infill of the existing development. He considered that Police House formed a natural end to the ribbon development and the new dwellings would blend in. There would still be three large fields between Quinton and the Campden Road to provide a natural buffer. Mr Symonds said that

	<p>although the proposed site was outside the physical confines of the village, permission had been granted for the development of Pinfold on the grounds that its proximity to Meon Vale overrode the fact that it too, was outside the physical boundaries of Quinton. He believed that in the interests of consistent planning policies, permission should be granted for the building of these two houses and asked for the Council's support.</p> <p>Councillors commented that this was not a site which had been identified for development in the Neighbourhood Plan. Concerns were also expressed about the proximity to the junction, the fact that the land is greenfield land and an incremental development of housing through small applications such as this.</p>	
6	<p>Wicksteeds:</p> <p>Cllr Barton reported that the Zip wire was still unsatisfactory. After discussion it was agreed that Wicksteeds would be paid for the works carried out on the playground, but funds retained for the purchase and installation of the Zip wire until such time as its problems were resolved.</p>	
7	<p>District and County Councillors' reports:</p> <p>Cllr Fitter invited Cllr Daren Pemberton, Deputy Leader of Stratford District Council to give the Council some further information on the proposed merger between Stratford and Warwick District Councils. Cllr Pemberton said that consultations were still going on and that there would be future consultations with stakeholders later on. As both Councils were already working together on some contracts it seemed reasonable to adopt closer working links. The resulting savings would enable Councils to continue to provide services and keep facilities, such as leisure centres, open.</p> <p>Cllr Seccombe said that the County Council had just had its budget meeting. As anticipated, Council taxes would rise but provision of vital services would remain the same. The County Council was promoting a Holiday Activity service for all school children in which food would be provided for all attendees. The Council had also supplied 3,000 computers and 5,000 dongles to schoolchildren in Warwickshire.</p>	
8	<p>Commemorative bench:</p> <p>It was unanimously agreed to accept Mrs Johnson's offer of a teak bench in memory of her husband to be installed on the village green in Upper Quinton. The clerk was asked to convey the Council's thanks to Mrs Johnson.</p>	
9	<p>Grass cutting contract:</p> <p>Invitations to tender for the grass cutting contract had been published. Thomas Fox had submitted a quote of £11,542.37 + VAT annually for the period 2021 to 2024. It was unanimously resolved to accept this quote.</p>	
10	<p>Chairman's report:</p> <p>The Chairman reported that work was still carrying on in the Pavilion. A lot of new equipment had arrived, though the coffee machine still needed to be purchased. He hoped that the Pavilion would open as soon as Covid restrictions were lifted. There had been a set back with registering with the Charity Commission so plans for this would be delayed.</p> <p>Other issues concern the increasing amount of litter, notably around the skatepark in Meon Vale. Dog mess continues to be a problem everywhere. The Chairman would liaise with the Meon Vale Residents' Association to promote responsible behaviour.</p>	

11	<p>Neighbourhood Plan: It was unanimously resolved to approve the draft policies contained in the attached draft Neighbourhood Plan (see Appendix A) prior to its submission to Stratford District Council. Under Regulation 14 the draft must be the subject of pre submission consultation before it is sent to Stratford District Council for independent examination. The consultation period will last six weeks and other statutory consultees include the Environment Agency, Natural England and Historic England. Cllr Milliken anticipated that the referendum would take place in the autumn.</p>
12	<p>Community CCTV request: Cllr Watson said that he had had a meeting with Stratford District Council regarding community CCTV. Discussions also took place with the police who advised that the number of reported crimes did not warrant installation of CCTV cameras. ANPR was another possibility, but as this too depended on police operation, it was most unlikely that this would be a viable option. Stratford District Council said that funding for a CCTV camera for Meon Vale was available through s106 monies and that they would discuss with residents the best location for the camera. They could also provide a mobile CCTV if there was known criminal activity in a given area.</p>
13	<p>Community broadband: Cllr Watson said that there was a scheme to provide hi speed fibre broadband to houses in the village. If the Council was prepared to contribute funds towards this project then the scheme would go ahead. It was agreed that the Council would call an extraordinary meeting to discuss the question of funding.</p>
14	<p>Sensory garden: Cllr Taylor had been in touch with Heart of England Forest who are willing to provide advice on suitable trees to be planted. A meeting would be arranged when Covid restrictions are lifted and Councillors would be invited to attend.</p>
15	<p>Child defibrillator pads: It was decided to defer this item until further research had been undertaken.</p>
16	<p>Planning applications: The following planning applications were considered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) 21/00270/VARY Land adjacent to Quinton House: vary condition 3 (approved plans) and five (landscaping) of 19/00833/OUT determined on 01.07.2019 to permit amendments to retained and new planting. No objection was made to this application. ii) 21/00271/VARY Land adjacent to Quinton House: vary condition 3 (landscaping) of 20/01666REM determined on 20.08.2020 to permit amendments to retained and new planting. No objection was made to this application. iii) 20/03655/ADV Corner of Main Street: Marketing Suite and Show Homes Directional Sign. Application withdrawn. iv) 20/03676/FUL The Stores, Goose Lane: reconstruction of existing building and change of use to single dwelling. No objection was made to this application. v) 20/03647/FUL Henney's Farm, Lower Quinton: demolition of cattle shed and erection of new single storey residential dwelling. Conversion of a Grade 2 listed barn into a residential dwelling and the demolition and rebuilding of a single storey building to the north of the listed barn to form a north wing to the proposed dwelling. Connected by a single storey glazed link. Partial demolition of Dutch barn. It was resolved to support this application.

	<p>vi) 20/03648/LBC Henney's Farm, Lower Quinton: as per item v). It was resolved to support this application.</p> <p>The result of the following planning application was noted:</p> <p>i) 20/03655/ADV Corner of Main Street. Marketing suite and show homes direction sign. Application withdrawn.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>18 To receive any correspondence: Support requested for a study to determine a business case for the restoration of the Stratford – Long Marston – Honeybourne – Worcester/Oxford Railway line.</p> <p>19 Councillors' reports and items for future agenda. The renovation of the planters was in hand. No Quinton residents had applied to the John Cooper Foundation in the last two years. The Foundation would be advertised in the newsletter. The laser gun for the Speedwatch programme needs to be recalibrated.</p> <p>20 Accounts for payment and finance matters: The following payments were noted and approved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Rapid Vision (CCTV) - £336.00 ii) WALC (councillor course) - £30.00 iii) BT (broadband) - £56.99 iv) Loddors (solicitor's fees) - £1,522.00 v) Marston Sicca Parish Council (donations transfer) - £1,289.85 vi) Shakespeare Martineau (Land Registry partial payment) - £498.00 vii) HMRC (income tax) - £** viii) Clerk's salary - £** ix) BT (broadband) - £56.99 x) Wicksted (playground costs) - £780.00 <p>The meeting ended at 9.25 pm.</p> <p>21 Dates of future meetings: The next meeting would take place on the 16th March 2021 at 7.00 pm.</p>	
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