Quinton Parish Council

Ordinary Parish Council Meeting

Tuesday 30th November 2021 Quinton Village Hall 7.30 pm

Present: Cllr Robert Spooner (Chairman) Cllr Andy Gibb Cllr Paul Milliken Cllr Chris Watson Cllr Kathy Clarke Mrs M Norman (Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer)

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

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1	Apologies: Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Edward Fitter, Cllr Andy Smith and Cllr Abbie Taylor.
2	Declaration of interests . Cllr Spooner asked the Council to note that he was now a trustee of The Pavilion Charitable Trust.
3	Minutes of the previous meeting : The minutes of the meeting on the 19 th October 2021 were agreed as an accurate record and were signed by the Chairman.
4	Questions from the public: A member of the public spoke about how dangerous it was to drive out of Friday Street because of its poor visibility. A driver had to move forward into the road before he could see whether the road was clear to turn. An accident had occurred there only a few days previously during which one of the cars was badly damaged. He asked that the mirror which the Parish Council had previously bought should be fitted onto a tree as soon as possible. Cllr Milliken replying, said that the Highways Authority was strongly averse to the use of mirrors. They had looked at this junction during an earlier visit to the village and were not in favour of placing a mirror there. The Parish Council had already agreed with the Highways Authority on additional signage on the roads which it was hoped would encourage drivers to slow down through the village. After further discussion the Chairman proposed that the Council vote on whether to attach the mirror to a tree. The vote was lost.
5	Neighbourhood Plan: Cllr Milliken said that the draft plan had now been lodged with Stratford District Council. They were experiencing a backlog with processing draft plans but would soon be in a position to proceed

with the Regulation 16 requirements. Following that the plan would be submitted for external examination followed by a referendum.

The Chairman varied the order of the agenda to hear item 9:

9 District and County Councillors' reports:

Cllr Seccombe said that the Cabinet had put forward an action plan for climate change. Projects planned include Green Shoots and Switch and Save. The County Council is also looking at its own estate and planning ways in which it can become greener. Solar panels are being explored for installation on the 5,000 acre County Council estate. Tree planting for every resident in Warwickshire is also taking place and there has been a 31% reduction in the county's carbon footprint since the pandemic started. £1 million has been set aside to encourage community groups. The rewilding of Meon Vale is one of the projects that has been supported. The County Council remains committed to protecting vulnerable people and regenerating business as well as working towards a sustainable future in the light of climate change.

8 Any matters from the Chairman:

The Chairman expressed his concerns about the roundabout beside Tailor's Lane which had not been built to the required design. Cllr Seccombe said the developer would be required to instal it in accordance with agreed plans. The Chairman was also concerned about the newly built tactile crossing beside Corbett House which is still being hit by traffic. The anticipated closures of Goose Lane did not take place, perhaps due to the Chairman's complaints. The broken fence panel on the new path has still not been repaired and it transpires that neither the Highways Authority nor the Footpath Team are willing to take responsibility for it. The Village Hall in Meon Vale is trying to establish a Village Hall Committee. St. Modwen's continue to be very supportive of this and other projects on Meon Vale. The Pavilion has now been granted charitable status and the trustees are seeking more funding for it. The Pavilion is hoping to offer children's meals to those in need over the school holidays.

6 **Renovations to the pond:**

It was resolved to approve the replacement fence for the village pond at a cost of £1,800.

7 Draft precept:

The Council began preliminary discussions on the precept. Various projects were discussed including improvements to the playground beside the Village Hall. A final decision on the sum to be levied would be made at the meeting in January.

10 **Planning applications**:

There were no planning applications to be considered.

The results of the following planning application were noted:

i) 21/03107/OUT Land off Tailor's Lane, Upper Quinton: permission **refused** for a phased development of eight serviced self-build plots, public open space in the form of a grassland field and community orchard and associated works.

11 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. The Chairman signed the supporting documentation.

12	To receive any correspondence : Clifford Chambers Parish Council – The Parish Council had appealed against Stratford District Council's decision not to order an Environment Impact Assessment for the proposed relocation of All Things Wild to Willicote Farm, Clifford Chambers. The Appeal was refused.
13	Councillors' reports and items for future agenda . There were no reports to be noted.
14	Dates of future meetings: The following dates were set for future meetings: 25 th January 2022 8 th March 2022 19 th April 2022 24 th May 2022
15	Accounts for payment and finance matters: The following payments were noted and approved i) Clerk's salary - £** ii) Marston Sicca Parish Council (grant) - £1,500.00 iii) Thomas Fox (grass cutting) - £1,291.56 iv) E Edmunds (pond renovation) - £108.00 v) HMRC (income tax) - £** vi) Shakespeare Martineau (Land Registry application) - £1,242.00 viii) BT (broadband) - £64.50 viii) BT (broadband) - £10.30 x) M Norman (stationery) - £10.30

