

Quinton Parish Council

Ordinary Parish Council Meeting

Tuesday 29th August 2017
Quinton Village Hall 7.30 pm

Present: Cllr David White (Chairman)

Cllr Caroline Barton

Cllr Paul Milliken

Cllr Phil Maundrill

Cllr Chris Watson

Mrs M Norman (Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer)

Also present: Cllr Mike Brain and 5 members of the public

1	Apologies: Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Izzi Seccombe.
2	Declaration of interests There were no declarations of interest.
3	Minutes of the previous meeting: The minutes of the meeting of the 4 th July were agreed as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.
4	Matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting: There were no matters arising.
5	Questions from the public: A member of the public drew the Council's attention to hedge maintenance issues which required attention. The hedges along the back of the village hall were overgrown as well as those alongside the playing field. The header wall beside the ditch was on the point of collapse. The Chairman noted that maintenance of the header wall was the responsibility of Orbit Housing. Another member of the public believed that some of the trees beside the Nursing Home had preservation orders on them, and queried why these had been felled. The Chairman confirmed that the trees had been legitimately removed as they were diseased. It was also pointed out that Thomas Fox, the grass contractors, were not cutting the grass far enough back to the ditches. The Chairman said that the current contract with Thomas Fox would expire in October. The grass cutting contract was now out for tender and the new contractor would be asked to ensure that the grass was cut back to the ditches. The Chairman and Cllr Milliken were to walk around the village, noting hedges and footpaths which required attention.

6	<p>Any matters from the Chairman:</p> <p>The Chairman reported on a meeting that had been held with Rosconn, the property developers, who had shown them an outline plan of a proposed development alongside Swithin's Wood. Stratford District Council wished to identify reserve sites for development in case the 5 year land supply for housing did not prove adequate. With this eventuality in mind, Rosconn proposed to extend the Swithin's Wood development, but this would depend on whether Stratford DC called for reserve sites to be utilised. The Chairman stressed that any application for development would be far in the future.</p> <p>Cllr Watson said that in the light of this possible development, it was even more imperative that a Neighbourhood Plan should be undertaken.</p> <p>The Chairman also reported on the Stakeholders' Meeting with regards to the South Western Relief Road. Warwickshire County Council's plan is that the relief road should run from the Shipston Road to Clifford Chambers then south of the race course through Luddington, to join with the new Shottery relief road. The construction would take place in conjunction with the airfield development. The infrastructure is to be in place before the development of the Garden Village.</p> <p>The meeting was essentially a briefing exercise. No opinions were solicited from either Stratford District Council or any the local Parish Councils. The Chairman did not believe that the South Western Relief Road would add any improvement to the B4362.</p>
7	<p>Any matters from the District or County Councillors:</p> <p>Cllr Brain reported that he and Cllr Seccombe had managed to obtain funding for a school crossing over the B4362. They are proposing to create a footpath to link up to the island as both remain very concerned about the high numbers of traffic accidents along this road.</p>
8	<p>Speed Visors:</p> <p>Cllr Watson reported that he had been in touch with the Highways Department regarding the installation of the speed visors. The latest information was that the visors should be installed by the 30th September.</p>
9	<p>Clerk's updates:</p> <p>i) First registration of Village Greens: Shakespeare Martineau were proving dilatory in dealing with this matter. The latest progress report was that the solicitors were waiting for Land Registry compliant maps to be drawn up before submitting the application for first registration.</p> <p>ii) Adverse possession: The clerk had notified the Land Registry of the verbal agreement reached with the owners of Kingzett. Until the Land Registry received formal notification of this agreement the matter was still liable to be referred to the Land Tribunal for consideration.</p>
10	<p>Landscaping works playground:</p> <p>It was resolved to accept the quotation from Vale Forestry for £2015 to cover the tunnel and landscape the area. Cllr Barton reported on further vandalism to the paving slabs on the playground. It was agreed that Cllr Barton should request an estimate from Vale Forestry for the cost of repairing these.</p>
11	<p>CCTV:</p> <p>After discussion, it was resolved that the Council would proceed with the installation of CCTV, subject to the permission of the Village Hall Committee, in an effort to halt the persistent vandalism that was taking place. Cllr Watson reported that the preliminary research he had</p>

	<p>undertaken indicated that the cost was likely to be in the region of £10,000. Cllr Brain mentioned that the County Councillors' Grant Fund was still open, and it was agreed that the clerk should make an application for help with funding for the CCTV project.</p>
12	<p>Planning applications</p> <p>Parish Councillors noted the following planning applications submitted since the last Parish Council meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) 17/02054/DEM11 Garage Blocks, St. Swithin's Drive: Prior notification of proposed demolition of 21 vacant garages at St. Swithin's Drive, Lower Quinton. <p>It was resolved to make no representation with respect to this application.</p> <p>To receive any results of planning applications:</p> <p>The Parish Council noted the following planning decisions which had been notified since its last meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) 17/01229/FUL Clifford Farm, Clifford Chambers: permission granted for erection of 2 dwellings (alternative to extant planning permission 13/00091/FUL). ii) 17/01653/TEL56 Old Bakery Farm, Upper Quinton: Prior approval refused for installation of 22.5m high CU Phosco Phone 45. Monopole with 3 antennae fixed to the headroom and 2.03m dishes fixed to the monopole. 2 Ericsson RBS6102 cabinets and 1 TSC equipment cabinet. iii) 17/01354/FUL 17, Edmunds Close, Upper Quinton: permission refused for demolition of existing garage and erection of detached dwelling. iv) 17/00902/FUL The Moat, Campden Road, Lower Quinton: permission granted for change of use of land for the siting of temporary building to provide warden's security office and accommodation to serve the touring caravan park approved under 14/01443/FUL (part retrospective). v) 17/01848/VARY 28 The Close, Lower Quinton: application withdrawn for variation of condition 2 of planning permission 16/03971/FUL. vi) 17/00772/REM Meon Vale, Campden Road, Long Marston: details approved for Reserved Matters relating to Phase 4A of outline planning permission 14/01186/OUT. Reserved Matters to consist of appearance, landscaping, layout and scale for 149 dwellings. vii) 17/01400/FUL 5 Dobbie Road, Upper Quinton: permission granted for proposed two storey side extension.
13	<p>Reports from Council members on outside bodies:</p> <p>No meeting had been held by the John Cooper Foundation.</p>
14	<p>To receive receipts and payments records for the quarter.</p> <p>The Council received the receipts and payments records previously circulated and agreed them as an accurate record.</p>
15	<p>To receive any correspondence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Request from the Chairman of the Village Hall Committee to make a contribution to the damaged gate post. It was agreed to contribute the sum of £40. ii) To note the Village Hall's proposal to erect signs warning users of the village hall car park that they do so at their own risk. It was suggested that the clerk advise the

- Committee of the suppliers the Parish Council had used for the laminated signs on the playground equipment.
- iii) An enquiry from a prospective purchaser of Trinity House, Old School, regarding the ownership of the grass verges either side of the drive and around the corner of Back Lane. It was agreed that maintenance of the verges were the responsibility of the Parish Council. Cllr Brain offered to investigate whether the verges were in the ownership of the District or County Council.
 - iv) A similar query had been received from the planning consultants employed by the owners of The Coach House, Lower Quinton. This land, too, was believed to be owned by the District Council. It was agreed that for reasons of highway safety this strip of verge should remain in situ and could not be enclosed.

16 **Councillors' reports and items for future agenda**

CCTV cameras; updates on tenders for the grass maintenance contract; estimates for repairs to paving slabs on the playing field.

17 **Accounts for payment and finance Matters**

The certified Annual Return was received by the Council. It was noted that in the opinion of the external auditors, the information in the Annual Return was in accordance with proper practices and no other matters had come to their attention giving cause for concern that relevant legislative and regulatory requirements had not been met.

The following payments were noted and approved:

- i) Thomas Fox (grass cutting) – £2,097.00
- ii) Zurich Municipal (insurance) - £794.00
- iii) Digital Image Bureau (website hosting) - £144.00
- iv) Clerk's salary - £**
- v) S. Upstone (planters) - £100.00
- vi) Stratford District Council (new litter bins) - £408.00
- vii) R. Freeman (tree surgery) - £310.00
- viii) HMRC (income tax) - £**
- ix) Quinton Village Hall (hall hire) - £24.00
- x) WALC (publication) - £5.00
- xi) Quinton Village Hall (hall hire) - £42.00
- xii) Stratford District Council (emptying litter bins) - £126.90
- xiii) M. Norman (map photocopying) - £27.00
- xiv) St. Swithin's Church (donation) - £500.00

The meeting closed at 9.25pm.

Date of next meeting Tuesday 24th October 2017

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