

## Quinton Parish Council

### Ordinary Parish Council Meeting

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2019  
Quinton Village Hall 7.30 pm

Present: Cllr Robert Spooner (Chairman)

Cllr Caroline Barton

Cllr Rob Clark

Cllr Edward Fitter

Cllr Paul Milliken

Cllr Rebecca Hall

Cllr Chris Watson

Mrs M Norman (Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer)

Also present: 3 members of the public

1	<b>Apologies:</b> Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Claire Scopes and Cllr Izzi Seccombe and were accepted by the Council.
2	<b>Declaration of interests</b> Cllr Hall declared an interest in respect of item 20 (v).
3	<b>Minutes of the previous meeting:</b> The minutes of the meeting of the 14 <sup>th</sup> May 2019 were agreed as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.
4	<b>Questions from the public:</b> A member of the public commented on item 9 of the agenda. He queried whether there was a real need to create a wildflower area, given that members of the public and dog walkers would presumably need to be excluded from it at certain times of the year. He also suggested that the canopy of the trees on the green at Upper Quinton be raised to provide shade. Other comments included concerns about the deteriorating standards of the grass cutting and strimming.
5	<b>Any matters from the Chairman:</b> The Chairman had met the Community Development Worker together with local volunteers. The volunteers are looking for a permanent place in which to store the food boxes they prepare for distribution to those in need.  The Chairman continues to pursue the issue of estate agent signs. Most agents remove the signs promptly when asked; the real problem lies with the large signs on Meon Vale, the Bromford signs on the main road, and those for Marston Edge. Cllr Fitter confirmed that he would support any request by the Parish Council to the District Council to have inappropriate signs removed.  Londis have agreed to have a notice board placed outside their shop on Meon Vale. Cllr Watson

	<p>had agreed to install it, together with another Parish Council notice board alongside the new pathway into Lower Quinton.</p> <p>The Parish Council had applied to the Police and Crime Commissioner's Road Safety Grant fund for a grant to install a pedestrian crossing outside Quinton Primary School. The result of the application would be known around the middle of July.</p> <p>The investigation into the Marston Edge development was still in progress. The Chairman hoped to have news of its conclusion by September.</p> <p>The Chairman would monitor the progress of repairs to the house on Goose Lane which had caught fire. There appeared to be significant progress on the new pathway from Meon Vale.</p>	
6	<p><b>Any matters from the District or County Councillors:</b> Cllr Fitter reported that one of the Executive Directors of Stratford District Council had resigned. He had requested that the dog warden visit the village. This visit had taken place and a number of new stickers warning of the penalties of dog fouling had been placed around the village.</p>	
7	<p><b>Insurance:</b> After discussion, it was resolved to accept the quotation from Inspire for a three year fixed term policy at an annual cost of £657.39.</p>	
8	<p><b>Review of financial regulations:</b> The Council reviewed its financial regulations and agreed that Phil Maundrill should be removed as one of the signatories on the Council's bank accounts.</p>	
9	<p><b>Wildflower area:</b> A member of the public had requested that the Council consider setting aside part of the green in Upper Quinton to create a wildflower meadow. It was noted that many district Councils were now establishing wildflower areas along grass verges in order to reduce the mowing costs. After further discussion it was agreed not to pursue this matter any further.</p>	
10	<p><b>Celebration of VE Day 8<sup>th</sup> May 2020:</b> The Chairman proposed setting up a working party to explore ideas for the celebration of VE Day. Cllr Fitter volunteered to join him.</p>	
11	<p><b>Drainage ditches:</b> Some of the drainage ditches in the village, notably those on the east side of Goose Lane are in need of clearance. The Chairman would like to have all the drainage ditches inspected. Cllr Fitter was asked to contact Cllr Seccombe for her assistance in ascertaining who had responsibility for these ditches.</p>	
12	<p><b>Damaged grass areas:</b> The clerk had been notified by Warwickshire County Council that the logs placed alongside the lay bys needed to be removed as they were a safety hazard. The Council would now need to review what other anti parking measures could be taken.</p>	
13	<p><b>Councillors' updates:</b> <b>Cllr Clark</b> had spoken to most of the residents of The Orchard. Only a few residents were troubled by inconsiderate parking. Cllr Clark also informed the Council that even if yellow lines were to be painted along the road, it would be impossible to enforce any infringement.</p>	

	<p><b>Cllr Barton</b> said that following a meeting with the School Governors, she had been informed that the Walking Bus to the school would not go ahead as there was insufficient interest from parents. A breakfast club, open at 8.00 am, was due to start soon and it was hoped that this might help to resolve some of the parking issues.</p> <p><b>Cllr Watson</b> said that no further response had been forthcoming from the Community Police Officer with regards to the CCTV.</p> <p><b>Cllr Milliken</b> said that the Neighbourhood Plan group were finalising their draft. This would be presented to the Parish Council at its next meeting, prior to embarking on the next stage of the consultation process. He also said that the summer planters had now been filled, though one of the boxes was in need of repair. Once the summer plants are over, a repair could take place.</p> <p><b>The Chairman</b> said that the Safer to School project had funds in place for an uncontrolled crossing outside the school. There will be a further road closure once the resurfacing and extension of the footpath takes place. The various flooding problems in the village had all been photographed and the evidence sent to the Highways Department of Warwickshire County Council.</p> <p><b>Cllr Fitter</b> said that two speed watch sessions had been held in the village and he felt that the impact had been beneficial. The traffic through the village had slowed down considerably. He requested more volunteers for the project, as this would enable the group to hold more speed watch sessions. On the whole, members of the public had been very supportive of the project.</p> <p><b>The Chairman</b> said that only five members of the public had turned out for the litter pick. Between them they collected two bags of rubbish. As there had been such a poor turn out of volunteers the Chairman would not at this stage recommend that the Council purchase its own litter picking equipment.</p> <p><b>Cllr Hall</b> said that there were no issues to report from Meon Vale.</p>	
14	<p><b>Can recycling:</b> After discussion, it was resolved that the issue of can recycling and its profits would be better handled by the school. Cllr Barton would raise the matter with the school governors.</p>	
15	<p><b>Paving slabs Village Hall:</b> Cllr Barton said that she was experiencing great difficulty in getting quotes for installing new paving slabs at the Village Hall. She would continue to pursue contractors and inform Councillors as soon as she received some definite prices.</p>	
16	<p><b>Phone box:</b> It was agreed to defer this item until a subsequent meeting.</p>	
17	<p><b>Hard standing:</b> It was agreed that an area of hard standing at the bus stop opposite Seaspray would provide a more welcoming environment for bus users. The clerk was asked to contact Warwickshire County Council and request them to install hard standing.</p>	
18	<p><b>Duck warning signs:</b> It was agreed that duck warning signs beside the pond would be beneficial. Cllr Fitter was asked to organise the signage at a cost of £62.00 per sign.</p>	
19	<p><b>Quinton and Admington Playing Field Committee:</b> It was agreed that the Chairman and Cllr Milliken would propose themselves as members on the Playing Field Committee.</p>	

20	<p><b>Planning applications:</b> The following planning applications were considered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) 19/01422/AGNOT Pinwall Farm, Hidcote Road, Lower Quinton: proposed new building for machinery and livestock. <b>No objection</b> was made to this application.</li> <li>ii) 19/01324/AGNOT Pinwall Farm, Hidcote Road, Lower Quinton: proposed new building for livestock. <b>No objection</b> was made to this application.</li> <li>iii) 19/00756/FUL Meon Vale Business Park, Lower Quinton: proposed material change of use of land to develop hard standing to provide commercial vehicle storage. It was resolved to <b>object</b> to this application.</li> <li>iv) 19/01575/FUL Cherry Lodge, Lower Quinton: proposed construction of single storey office building. <b>No objection</b> was made to this application.</li> <li>v) 19/01426/FUL The Orchard, Meon Hill, Lower Quinton: proposed change of use from pastoral agricultural to use for dog day care (for up to 6 dogs). Having declared an interest in relation to this application, Cllr Hall withdrew from the Council chamber during discussion of this item. <b>No objection</b> was made to this application.</li> <li>vi) 19/01477/TPO 14 Edmonds Close, Upper Quinton: proposed crown lift. <b>No objection</b> was made to this application.</li> <li>vii) Proposed Telecoms installation Campden Road lay by, Lower Quinton: pre consultation letter. <b>No objection</b> was made to this location.</li> </ul> <p>And to receive the results of any planning applications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) 19/00550/FUL 4 New Road, Lower Quinton: permission <b>granted</b> for two storey rear extension.</li> <li>ii) 19/00936/FUL 29 Edmonds Close, Upper Quinton: permission <b>granted</b> for single storey rear extension.</li> <li>iii) 19/00914/FUL The Bungalow, Friday Street, Lower Quinton: permission <b>refused</b> for extension to bungalow.</li> </ul>	
21	<p><b>Reports from Council members on outside bodies:</b> There were no reports to be made.</p>	
22	<p><b>To receive receipts and payments records for the quarter:</b> The Council received the receipts and payments records previously circulated and agreed them as an accurate record.</p>	
23	<p><b>To receive any correspondence:</b> No correspondence other than that notified under previous items had been received.</p>	
24	<p><b>Councillors' reports and items for future agenda.</b> No items were noted.</p>	
25	<p><b>Accounts for payment and finance matters:</b> The following payments were noted and approved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) BT (broadband) - £64.68</li> <li>ii) Clerk's salary - £**</li> <li>iii) HMRC (income tax) - £**</li> <li>iv) P Milliken (NP expenses) - £249.00</li> <li>v) R Spooner (expenses) - £16.52</li> </ul>	

- vi) E Fitter (expenses) - £14.97
- vii) M Norman (expenses) - £7.32
- viii) R Freeman (tree surgery) - £290.00
- ix) Thomas Fox (grass maintenance) - £1,531.40
- x) S Carter (website service) - £24.00

The Chairman and Vice Chairman signed the supporting documentation.

The next meeting would take place on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September at 7.30 pm.

The meeting closed at 9.38 pm.

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