

Quinton Parish Council

Ordinary Parish Council Meeting

Tuesday 19th July 2022
Quinton Village Hall 7.30 pm

Present: Cllr Robert Spooner (Chairman)

Cllr Andy Smith

Cllr Paul Milliken

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: Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Edward Fitter.
2	Declaration of interests. There were no declarations of interest. The Chairman informed the Council that he would shortly become a Local Governor of Tudor Grange School.
3	Minutes of the previous meeting: The minutes of the meeting on the 24 th May 2022 were agreed as an accurate record and were signed by the Chairman.
4	Questions from the public: A member of the public raised the issue of overgrown hedges in the village. The Chairman said that the overgrown hedge on Goose Lane had been cut back this week. The hedge beside Corbett House was not owned by the Parish Council, nor was the one beside the bus stop. The Parish Council was still attempting to identify the landowners. The new footpath from Meon Vale will be under the ownership of Warwickshire County Council, who are also responsible for maintaining the stiles.
5	Councillor resignation: The Council noted with regret the resignation of Cllr Abigail Taylor.
6	Councillor co-option: It was unanimously agreed to co-opt Mr. James Mills to fill one of the vacant seats on the Parish Council. Cllr Mills signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office form in the presence of the clerk and councillors.

7	<p>Revised Preferred Options Site Allocations Plan: It was agreed to support the proposed reserve site plan as it was consistent with the Quinton Neighbourhood Development Plan which was now at the Examination stage. It was also agreed to support the proposal that BUABs in made Neighbourhood Development plans would override those in the Site Allocations Plan. However, the Council objected to the proposal to increase the number of houses that could be built on the Long Marston Airfield from 450 to 700. The traffic modelling used as evidence to support this proposal was flawed as it was based on historical data and did not take into account the Meon Vale development.</p>
8	<p>CCTV Monitoring: It was agreed that the Chairman should investigate the costs of permanent monitoring of the CCTV cameras. It was also agreed that the Council should investigate the costs involved in having mobile CCTV cameras in other locations in the village.</p>
9	<p>Replacement stolen No Dogs signs: It was agreed that the existing signs at the back of the Village Hall should be relocated in order to save expense. The police were investigating the damage to the signs at the entrance to the carpark.</p>
10	<p>Maintenance work at The Fordway: It was agreed to defer consideration of this item until a later meeting.</p>
11	<p>Insurance: It was resolved to renew the Council’s insurance with Gallagher Insurance Co. at a cost of £849.22.</p>
12	<p>Any matters from the Chairman: The Chairman reported that the Jubilee event on the playing field had been a great success. It had been preceded by a brilliant beacon on Meon Hill, courtesy of Ollie and John North. The stolen Speedwatch sign has been replaced, but there are still insufficient available volunteers to put it into use. The ditches on the western side of the Bromford site are overgrown. The contractor responsible for the care of the estate is unknown, but a resident will be asked for the name of the company they pay. The height of the northern boundary vegetation on Quinton Fields, whilst hiding some of the estate is restricting the post construction view of Meon Hill. The “landscaped” area of the estate, is in the Chairman’s view, as scrappy. Further fire damage has been found behind the mound and skate ramp raising concern of fire risk. Currently much of the grass area in the parish is bone dry and at risk of easy ignition. The same applies to surrounding crops. Thanks are due to Cllr Smith, who has primed and painted the horizontal bars between the new posts at the pond and they are looking so much better. Since the resignation of Cllr Taylor, the Chairman has had to take over her duties of playing field safety monitoring. We are looking for a volunteer to oversee the play areas; someone who could also further the project to redesign the play area, including removal of the ramp and mound as previously discussed. Whilst Cllr Watson and the Chairman were loading goods for Ukraine at Meon Vale School, the Chairman had a discussion with the principal about matters in the local area. At a further meeting with the Chair, deputy Chair of the Governors, the principal, police, a local governor and the owner of Londis, the Chairman was asked to consider becoming a local governor in the Tudor Grange Academy Group for Meon Vale and Haselor schools. The Academy strives to engage with the</p>

	<p>community and viewed the Chairman, with his extensive local knowledge, as a means of furthering that objective. The Chairman hoped that this might also benefit the Pavilion and the charity. In the past week the Chairman has been given two £1,000 cheques from Waitrose for the Pavilion Charity.</p> <p>The response to the social media offer of CPR/AED training was good. Marston Sicca was given the option of funding a half day on the same day which would have allowed flexibility for participants, but no response has been received. Quinton will therefore organise its own date.</p> <p>The Chairman has not yet been able to review the verges on Back Lane.</p> <p>Work is still ongoing on the new access drive to the new Henney's farmhouse which should remedy the flood problem on Back Lane. If the road should still flood after this work is completed, the Chairman has a solution in mind.</p>	
13	<p>District and County Councillors' reports:</p> <p>Cllr Seccombe said that at a recent meeting of Cabinet, it had been agreed to add two further educational programmes to the budget. These were an indoor sports hall at Shipston High School and an expansion of 300 places at Stratford High School, commencing in September 2024.</p> <p>There had been severe disruptions to the bus services. The Diamond Bus Service had taken over from Johnson Coaches, but as not all operatives had been transferred to the new service many drivers were unfamiliar with the school routes. The contract is now with Stagecoach and it is hoped that this will be an improvement.</p> <p>Work on the road beside the Garden Centre on the B4632 will start in August.</p>	t o
14	<p>Councillor updates:</p> <p>Cllr Milliken said the examiner has sent the report on the Neighbourhood Development Plan to Stratford District Council. Cllr Milliken is now waiting for SDC to inform the Steering Group of the next steps.</p>	
15	<p>Planning applications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) 22/01895/TEL28: BT installation of 2 x 10, wood pole at Sims Metal UK (South-West Ltd) Long Marston. Information noted. ii) 22/01575/FUL Field opposite the Bungalow and to the left of Homeleigh: proposed bigger entrance to accommodate larger farm machinery and for improved visibility. No objection was made to this application. iii) 22/00114/OUT Willicote Farm, Clifford Chambers: hybrid planning application for change of use of land from equestrian/employment use, to a wildlife park visitor attraction and.... Outline planning permission to enlarge the wildlife park visitor attraction. It was resolved to confirm the Council's holding objection. <p>The results of the following planning application were noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) 22/00857/FUL 58 St. Swithin's Drive, Lower Quinton: permission granted for roof extension with dormer windows to front and rear and new porch. 	
16	<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. The Chairman signed the supporting documentation.</p>	
17	<p>To receive any correspondence:</p> <p>There was no correspondence to be noted.</p>	

18 **Councillors' reports and items for future agenda.**

No items were noted.

19 **Accounts for payment and finance matters:**

The following payments were noted and approved:

- i) Clerk's salary - £**
- ii) HMRC (income tax) - £**
- iii) BT (broadband) - £64.50
- iv) Andy Smith (paint for pond) - £66.00
- v) HSBC (bank charges) - £8.00
- vi) Thomas Fox (grass cutting) - £1,543.74
- vii) Digital Bureau (website hosting) - £234.00
- viii) Thomas Fox (grass cutting) - £2,286.84
- ix) Robert Spooner (stationery) - £34.99
- x) Robert Spooner (memory sticks) - £30.79
- xi) Village Hall (hall hire) - £30.00

The meeting ended at 9.15 pm

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