

Quinton Parish Council

Ordinary Parish Council Meeting

Tuesday 14th May 2019
Quinton Village Hall 7.30 pm

Present: Cllr Robert Spooner (Chairman)

Cllr Rob Clark

Cllr Edward Fitter

Cllr Rebecca Hall

Cllr Claire Scopes

Cllr Chris Watson

Mrs M Norman (Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer)

Also present: Cllr Izzi Seccombe and 6 members of the public

1	Election of Chairman: Cllr Robert Spooner was nominated as Chairman by Cllr Watson and seconded by Cllr Scopes. Cllr Spooner was unanimously elected as Chairman of the Parish Council.
2	Apologies: Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Caroline Barton and Cllr Paul Milliken and were accepted by the Council.
3	Declaration of interests There were no declarations of interest.
4	Declarations of acceptance of office: All councillors present signed the declaration of acceptance of office in the presence of the clerk. Cllr Barton and Cllr Milliken had signed their forms in the clerk's presence prior to the meeting.
5	Election of Vice Chairman: Cllr Fitter proposed Cllr Barton as Vice Chairman, seconded by Cllr Hall. Cllr Barton was unanimously elected as Vice Chairman.
6	Minutes of the previous meeting: The minutes of the meeting of the 5 th March 2019 were agreed as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.
7	Questions from the public: Rosaline Anscombe, the Community Development worker from Warwickshire County Council introduced herself to the Parish Council. Her remit was to get to know the community and provide help and support to those members in need. Miss Anscombe was about to begin a Bird Survey project in the village, sponsored by the British Ornithology Trust. Residents wishing to take part in the survey would be provided with bird feeders and bird food. A leaflet advertising the survey

	would shortly be distributed.
8	<p>General Power of Competence: It was agreed and resolved that the Parish Council met the criteria for eligibility to exercise the General Power of Competence as defined under s1(1) of the Localism Act 2019. All eight members of the Council had been elected at the last election, and the Council had a CiLCA qualified clerk.</p> <p>The Chairman varied the order of the agenda in order to discuss item 14:</p>
14	<p>Rubbish Friends Association: Cllr Scopes reported that the organisation has 27 satellite groups, each organising monthly litter picks. The scheme has proved very successful in Stratford. Any new satellite group will be provided with the necessary equipment, with the exception of gloves, though at a later stage the group would need to buy its own equipment, at an estimated cost of £500. The litter will be collected by Biffa and taken for disposal or recycling, as appropriate. Cllr Scopes proposed a trial run of the scheme, possibly towards the end of June, to see how much interest was generated locally. This was agreed to by the Council. Cllr Watson would advertise the scheme on Facebook.</p>
9	<p>Annual Governance and Accountability Return Part 3:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) The Council noted and approved the internal audit report. b) The Council approved the Annual Governance Statement which was signed by the Chairman. c) The Council approved the Accounting Statements prepared by the Clerk and these were signed by the Chairman. <p>Copies of these documents, together with a bank reconciliation, explanation of significant variances and Notice of Public Rights and Publication of unaudited Annual Governance and Accountability Return would now all be sent to the external auditors. Copies of the documents would also be posted on the Council's website.</p>
10	<p>Any matters from the Chairman: The Chairman drew the Council's attention to the request from the landlord of The College Arms to place permanent tables and chairs on the village green. He also advised that the Parent Teacher Association of Quinton Primary School was proposing to host an event on the green.</p> <p>Concerns were also expressed about the lack of provision of allotments on Meon Vale, as well as problems with the pavilion. Numerous estate agent signs were still being displayed on grass verges and the Chairman was urging the estate agents to have these removed as soon as possible.</p> <p>Netting had been renewed around the duck pond. The tree stumps to be placed on the verges beside the lay bys would be arriving shortly. All relevant updates in relation to rural crime are placed on social media. Unfortunately, there has been no uptake in the plans for the walking school bus. More road works were scheduled for the village. These would be notified in due course.</p> <p>Cllr Scopes left the meeting at 8.30.</p>
11	<p>Community First Responders: After discussion, it was resolved to donate the sum of £1,000 towards equipment needed for the responder vehicle.</p>

12	<p>No parking signs: It was resolved to purchase No Parking signs to be displayed on the green in Upper Quinton.</p>
13	<p>PCC Road Safety Fund: After discussion, it was resolved to apply to the PCC Road Safety Fund for funding for a pedestrian crossing outside Quinton Primary School.</p>
15	<p>Neighbourhood Plan: Cllr Watson said that the Open Day for the Neighbourhood Plan had attracted over 90 members of the public over the course of the day, demonstrating good community engagement. The Open Day presentation had focussed on maintaining the green open spaces within the village. A draft report on the results is being prepared and will be completed shortly.</p>
16	<p>Clerk's updates: The clerk reported on the meeting held in Meon Vale to listen to issues raised by some residents. Cllr Hall had also attended, together with Mrs Woodliffe, the clerk for Long Marston Parish Council and Cllr Peter Barnes. Residents were concerned about lack of accessibility to the allotments and the state of the pavilion. Mrs Woodliffe had been in discussion with the manager of St. Modwen's about the allotments and had made some progress in resolving this issue. All residents were concerned about speeding traffic on the estate, in particular along Wellington Avenue. Cllr Brain had monitored the situation some time previously, and was aware of the many traffic violations that were occurring on a daily basis. However, until the Highways Department of Warwickshire County Council adopted the roads, no agencies had the power to enforce traffic regulations. A possibility that residents may want to consider is establishing a Parish Council of their own. The clerk had offered to investigate the procedure for this. Mrs Woodliffe would organise a meeting with St. Modwen's to discuss residents' concerns.</p>
17	<p>Notice board: It was resolved to purchase a notice board, at an approximate cost of £250, to be placed on the fence alongside the footpath to Meon Vale.</p>
18	<p>Notice board Meon Vale: It was agreed to purchase a notice board to be placed outside the Londis shop on Meon Vale. The cost of approximately £250 would be shared with Long Marston Parish Council.</p>
19	<p>National Joint Council for Local Government Services: The Council noted the nationally agreed pay scales for Local Government Services effective from the 1st April 2019.</p>
20	<p>Review of Financial Regulations: It was agreed to defer this item until the next meeting.</p>
21	<p>Planning applications: The following planning applications were considered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="331 1758 1474 1892">i) 19/00935/FUL 11 Gundulf Road, Meon Vale: to remove existing garden wall and replace with new garden fence and concrete posts to include land to the side of the property which is already enclosed by metal railings all within the land boundary of the property. It was resolved to make no objection to this application. <li data-bbox="331 1904 1474 1993">ii) 19/01035/FUL Meon Hall, Quinton: proposed single storey extension to rear to form enlarged family kitchen and utility. It was resolved to support this application.

- iii) 19/01046/FUL Garage Block, Lower Quinton: proposed construction of three dwellings and associated works. It was resolved to **object** to this application.
- iv) 19/00058/ADJCON Sim's Metal UK, Long Marston: revised site layout plans. **No representation** was made with regards to this application.
- v) 19/00936/FUL 29 Edmonds Close, Upper Quinton: proposed single storey rear extension. It was resolved to make **no objection** to this application.
- vi) 19/00779/AGNOT Vicarage Farm, Lower Quinton: proposed general purpose agricultural building. **No objection** was made to this application.
- vii) 19/00550/FUL 4 New Road, Lower Quinton: proposed two storey rear extension. **No objection** was made to this application.
- viii) 19/00914/FUL The Bungalow, Friday Street, Lower Quinton: proposed extension to existing bungalow. **No objection** was made to this application.
- ix) 19/00833/OUT Land adjacent to Quinton House: outline application for erection of 1 dwelling with some matters except access and landscaping reserved. An **objection** was made to this application.

And to receive the results of any planning applications:

- i) 17/03258/REM Long Marston Airfield (predominantly the south eastern corner) Campden Road, Lower Quinton: **details approved** for the above development.
- ii) 18/02378/VARY Radbrook Pastures, Preston-on-Stour: **permission refused** for variation of conditions 2 and 4 of planning permission APP/J3720/W/16/3164711

22 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.

23 To receive any correspondence:

A resident of Meon Vale had expressed concerns about speeding traffic on Wellington Avenue.

24 Councillors' reports and items for future agenda.

Speedwatch programme.

25 Accounts for payment and finance matters:

The following payments were noted and approved:

- i) CCTV Maintenance - £220.00
- ii) Clerk's salary - £*
- iii) BT (broadband) - £64.68
- iv) St. Swithin's (grant towards newsletter) - £1,200.00
- v) Thomas Fox (grass cutting) - £1,109.58
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- viii) BT (broadband) - £64.68
- ix) Neighbourhood Plan expenses - £50.00
- x) WALC (subscription) - £614.00
- xi) E Neal (internal audit) - £120.00

The Chairman and Cllr Fitter signed the supporting documentation.

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Dates of future meetings:

2nd July 2019

3rd September 2019

15th October 2019

3rd December 2019

21st January 2020

10th March 2020

The meeting closed at 9.50 pm.

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