

Quinton Parish Council

Ordinary Parish Council Meeting

Tuesday 13th February 2018

Quinton Village Hall 7.30 pm

Present: Cllr David White (Chairman)

Cllr Rebecca Hall

Cllr Phil Maundrill

Cllr Edward Fitter

Mrs M Norman (Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer)

Also present: Cllr Mike Brain, Cllr Izzi Seccombe and 18 members of the public

1	<p>Apologies: Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Paul Milliken, Cllr Caroline Barton and Cllr Chris Watson and were accepted by the Council.</p>
2	<p>Declaration of interests There were no declarations of interest.</p>
3	<p>Minutes of the previous meeting: The minutes of the meeting of the 23rd January 2018 were agreed as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.</p>
4	<p>Questions from the public: A resident mentioned that the missing sign on Goose Lane had still not been replaced. Comments were also made about the number of potholes along the road from the Post Office to the church. Residents were reminded that a pot hole reporting service was available on Warwickshire County Council's website.</p>
5	<p>Matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting: There were no matters arising.</p> <p>The Chairman suspended Standing Orders to enable members of the public to comment on item 6. Planning Appeal. Residents were unanimous in their opposition to the appeal against Stratford District Council's refusal to allow installation of a 22.5 monopole on The Old Bakery Farm. Cllr Brain congratulated residents on their staunch opposition to the appeal and for the numerous objections lodged with the Planning Inspectorate.</p> <p>On resumption of Standing Orders, the Council moved to discuss item 6:</p>
6	<p>Planning appeal: APP/J3720/W/3191627 It was unanimously resolved to object to the appeal. The clerk was asked to submit the Council's objection to the Planning Inspector.</p>

7	<p>Chairman's reports: There were no matters to report from the Chairman.</p>
8	<p>Any matters from the District or County Councillors: Cllr Brain reported that designs for the footpath were being drawn up. This was a joint project between the District and County Councils.</p> <p>Cllr Seccombe referred again to the stringencies of the budget, with children's services being the most difficult to fund adequately. On a positive note, business productivity in Warwickshire shows the fastest growth nationwide.</p>
9	<p>Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group: Cllr Milliken had sent a brief report on the progress of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group. A flyer had been prepared and would be circulated to residents within the next two or three weeks. The Steering Group was also organising an event in the Village Hall, to be held over two days, to enable residents to express their views. This event would take place after Easter. The main source of information on the Neighbourhood Plan is its website www.quinton-plan.org which is now available to view.</p>
10	<p>Clerk's updates: The clerk had now received a final copy of the Statutory Declaration to be submitted to the Land Registry, together with the amended plans of the greens in Lower Quinton. The Council confirmed that it approved these plans.</p>
11	<p>Maintenance issues: Orbit had accepted responsibility for the overgrown footpath at the back of the Village Hall, and had agreed that contractors would be sent to cut back the overgrowth. The District and County Councils had both been contacted regarding the obscured speed limit sign and the missing sign for Goose Lane. Cllr Seccombe had been in touch with the Highways Department regarding the proliferation of hoardings and signs on the road sides and Highways had promised to investigate. The resident who had requested a dropped kerb leading off Goose Lane had provided further information regarding the exact location. The Chairman agreed to visit Goose Lane to view the area for himself.</p>
12	<p>Hedge cutting estimates: The Council discussed the estimates provided. It was resolved that Vale Forestry would be asked to carry out the work at Millfield Close and the pond. Robin Freeman would be asked to deal with the other two areas.</p>
13	<p>Land ownership outside Meon Cottage, Hill Lane: The Council discussed the piece of land in question and confirmed that the land was not owned by Quinton Parish Council. The clerk was asked to write to the resident confirming this.</p>
14	<p>Grant award policy: The Council approved the grant award policy. It was agreed that a copy of the policy and the grant application form should be placed on the Parish Council website.</p>

15	<p>Grant applications: The Council had received a request for assistance with the publication costs of St. Swithin's Newsletter. It was resolved to donate the sum of £1,000 towards the cost of publishing the newsletter, to be paid in two separate instalments of £500 to coincide with the payment of the precept received from Stratford District Council.</p> <p>The Council also considered a request for funding for the Holiday at Home project, and resolved to grant £500 for this purpose.</p>
16	<p>Quinton Rail Technology Centre: The Council noted the community consultation on the proposed development of Quinton Rail Technology Centre, on Station Road, Long Marston.</p>
17	<p>Recording of footpaths and bridleways: The Definitive Map for Warwickshire contains entries of all known footpaths and bridleways in the county. Entry on the definitive map ensures that these footpaths will remain open to the public in perpetuity. There may be other footpaths known to local users, which do not feature on the Definitive Map. The last opportunity for recording these will be in 2026. It was agreed that an item would be placed on the website, inviting residents who know of any such paths or bridleways to contact the Parish Council.</p>
18	<p>Pull in beside allotments: The Council noted the request to provide a gravelled surface on the pull in beside the allotments, but said that this was not an officially designated area for stopping. The Council believed that the site would be the property of Warwickshire County Council and felt it unlikely that they would be prepared to fund such a scheme. The Chairman offered to make further enquiries.</p>
19	<p>Community Cafe: Cllr Hall said that planning permission had been applied for a community pub to be situated beside the gym on Meon Vale. Residents would prefer to have a community cafe on the site. The Chairman advised Cllr Hall to contact St. Modwen's to enlist their support for a potential cafe.</p>
20	<p>Planning applications: The results of the following planning applications were noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) 17/035353/FUL Access land off C117 Quinton to Hidcote Road. Permission granted for new field access from the public road. ii) 17/03257/VARY Twiga House, Lower Quinton. Permission granted for variation of conditions 2, 3, 4 and 11 (approved plans, approved materials, soft landscaping and hedge protection).
21	<p>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.</p>
22	<p>Reports from Council members on outside bodies: There were no reports to be made.</p>
23	<p>To receive any correspondence:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) A letter had been received from Rosconn requesting a further meeting with the Parish Council. It was decided not to organise a meeting at this stage as the position of the

- Parish Council remained the same as at the previous meeting.
- ii) A request had been received from a resident concerning his proposed planning application for an extension to his bungalow on Friday Street. Cllr Milliken had visited the site and advised the resident to approach his neighbours before submitting an application.

24 **Councillors' reports and items for future agenda.**
The signage for the CCTV system had been ordered.

25 **Accounts for payment and finance matters:**
The following payments were noted and approved:

- i) Quinton Village Hall (hire of hall) - £96.00
- ii) BT (broadband connection) - £43.68
- iii) Clerk's salary (December) - £**
- iv) HMRC (income tax) - £**
- v) Clerk's salary (January) - £**
- vi) P Milliken (NP expenses) - £25.95
- vii) D White (expenses) - £16.99
- viii) P Milliken (expenses) - £23.21
- ix) M Norman (expenses) - £30.00

The meeting closed at 9.10 pm.

Date of next meeting 10th April 2018

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