Quinton Parish Council

Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council

Tuesday 25 February 2025

Present:

Clr Spooner

Clr Sean Edmunds

Clr Watson

Clr Bartlett

Stand in secretary: Geoff Scopes

Warwickshire County Councilor Izzy Seccombe

Warwickshire Police and Crime Commissioner Philip Seccombe

1. Apologies:

Parish Clerk Georgie Tindall - apology received

Parish Councilor Suzie Edmunds - apology received

District Councilor Stuart Keighley - apology received

District Councilor Dominic Skinner – no reply received

1. Declaration of interest: none
2. Minutes to be approved: minutes of the Parish Council meeting on Tuesday, 25 February 2025 were discussed and amended. Subject to amendment proposed by the Chairman regarding excess data to be removed they were agreed.  ***ACTION: CLERK***
3. Questions from the public: The Chairman stated that agenda allows public three minutes to talk, no decisions taken unless already on agenda, but items raised can be considered for next agenda. Pat McIlroy raised bus stop request for residents of Marston Edge over 50s residential area. Three other attendees present in support of request. Average age of residents 75-78, several single ladies, one resident currently paying £200 on taxi fares each month. The Chairman stated this request is domain of Warwickshire County Council, as acknowledged by Councilor Izzy Seccombe who discussed with the residents further in private. The Chairman noted Parish Council meeting dates would be available on the website as soon as venue confirmed***. ACTION: DATES TO BE UPDATED ON WEB SITE BY PARISH CLERK***
4. District report from Councilor Keighley circulated prior to the meeting. No report received from Councilor Skinner.
5. Discussion with Warwickshire Police and Crime Commissioner Philip Seccombe. Described QPC meeting as very good forum to hear what people have to say re: policing and crime. QPC submitted 15K grant for youth activities to help prevent crime but not awarded. Crime Commissioner stated £0.5 million has been provided in grants, however £1 million worth grant applications had been submitted. Grant available for South Warwickshire Community partnership but questioned how the right cohort and right people are identified. The Chairman described Constable Hammond as a sterling police officer, diligent and fair, has dealt with many issues, including arson in playing field and toilets, duck shot with crossbow bolt, incident at College Arms. With over 1000 new residences there has been a large increase in youth presence in the area. There are few youth activities available locally, the Parish Council is planning to arrange boxing lessons at the village hall and rugby training on the playing fields, supported by Parish Council and County Councilor funding. Crime Commissioner stated his grants are for one off projects, recommended to try community safety partnership for further funding. Crime Commissioner described new crime plan to address challenges and priorities of policing in Warwickshire stating
6. police officers are as efficient and effective as they can be with regard to equipment and training.
7. Enhance neighbourhood policing with 33 safer neighbourhood teams. Money from government to fund 4 year neighbourhood policing scheme. Want victims to have confidence to report crimes to police, improve experience of victims.
8. Safeguarding public from violent crime: make public spaces as safe as possible. Tackle abuse and exploitation of vulnerable individuals and children. Mental health is a big issue now, mental health nurses go on patrol. Other priorities are to reduce reoffending, rehabilitation of criminals into society, domestic abuse, reducing road casualties with road safety partnerships. Protecting communities including Quinton particularly with respect to farming communities, cybercrime and fraud. With regard to theft, every case where offender gains entry will have a police visit. There is now a rural team with access to drones and night vision. Will be as robust as possible with respect to anti-social behaviour. Fly tipping does not seem to be major issue, mainly tends to be Coventry and Birmingham.
9. PC Hammond: gave 60 day report on theft, violent crime etc: 1 attempted burglary, 1 theft. Quinton does not seem affected by car key burglaries, which can be mitigated with Krooklok and use of Faraday key containers. Anti-Social behaviour: there has been a rise in knock door and run type activity, cursing, youths with little better to do and lack of parental control. Road Safety: The Chairman reported that our speed camera is not calibrated, Speedwatch signs unfortunately had been stolen but others now available. Cameras do not necessarily need to be calibrated, not used for prosecution but data from Speed Watch can be used to justify police Speed Van attendance. Operation SNAP: dashcam footage can be used to prosecute dangerous driving. Councilor Sean Edmunds mentioned problem of dangerous overtaking on Campden Road to general agreement. PCSOs: community support officers serve as local problem solvers. Councilor Sean Edmunds also mentioned videos of suspicious activity on FB and from doorbell cameras which get sent to neighbourhood watch and that he receives the MV resident E-Mails.
10. Resident attended meeting to comment on agenda item regarding issue of mobility pathways in LQ and the path state outside his property. General problem with condition of pavements from Seaspray to the churchyard. Chris Watson: do parish councillors wish to take on remedial work? First requirement is assessment of needs. The Chairman raised possibility of using reserves money, will write to Izzy Seccombe to arrange meeting to walk route and assess requirements. ***ACTION: CHAIRMAN TO WRITE TO COUNCILLOR SECCOMBE***

County Councillor Report:

* Email from Corbett House requesting dedicated parking space for emergency vehicles. Now underway, the Chairman had asked manageress to be given warning to leave space free for work to take place.
* Current reorganisation plans, elections are in May. All 2 tier areas will become single tier
1. Neighbourhood Watch and ASB: Councillor Sean Edmunds: Neighbourhood watch in Meon Vale activities increasing. Hasn’t been so much antisocial behaviour, some incidents of doors being tried, door bell camera footage has been provided.
2. Shackleton Village Update. Councillor David Bartlett stated that the development seems on track towards final stages. All Bovis properties sold. There have been reports of vehicles driving along link road, potentially to recover scrap metal from old airfield. Cala have installed barriers. Parish council noticeboard installed. Discussion of defibrillator installation.
3. Chairman’s Report. The Chairman updated that the 20mph Zone light in Goose Lane still broken, despite multiple visits and is awaiting manufacturing attendance. Hedges: meeting had taken place with Warwickshire County Council to discuss the principle of which hedges should be cut back and who is responsible. Youth activities: rugby coach from Shipston may train U16s using touch rugby. Boxing: confirmation of dates awaited. Dogs on Park: regular repeat offender walking three dogs on the park. Letter will be sent. Village Green grass badly damaged by massive tyre tracks. Ongoing barn building works is causing problems for buses turning at the green which used to stop in Back Lane. Long term it would be preferable to move the bus stop to a different location.
4. Bank Mandate. Cllr Sean Edmunds and Cllr David Bartlett will be signatories for the Parish Council bank account, Chris Watson is actioning this and said it will take approximately 10 days. ***ACTION: COUNCILLOR WATSON***
5. Payroll services. Deferred ***ACTION: CLERK TO RE-INTRODUCE***
6. Bleed Control Cabinet and kit at Quinton Village Hall beside Defibrillator. SE recommended same facility should be provided alongside defibrillators at Meon Vale and Shackleton village/Fernleigh Park. ***ACTION: CHAIRMAN TO ORDER CABINET AND TRAINING MATERIALS FOR OUTSIDE QUINTON VILLAGE HALL.***
7. Lollipop person: request had been made to Councillor Sean Edmunds who will explore further. ***ACTION: COUNCILLOR SEAN EDMUNDS***
8. Planning Applications: The Moat Campden Road. Response confirmed.
9. Tree Removal: damaged tree in playing field will be removed FOC. ***ACTION: CHAIRMAN TO CHECK TPO THEN REQUEST REMOVAL***
10. Thomas Fox: voted to accept Thomas Fox contract quote for grounds maintenance. ***ACTION: CHAIRMAN TO INFORM THOMAS FOX***
11. To receive any correspondence.
12. To receive receipts and payments for the quarter. None presented due Clerk’s absence. Items to be confirmed by Chairman. ***ACTION: CHAIRMAN***
13. Councillors report and items for future agenda. BT Direct Debit for £45 per month cancelled

Meeting ended at 21.55

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