

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF QUINTON PARISH  
COUNCIL HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL, THE CLOSE ON THURSDAY 16TH  
MAY 2013 AT 7.30PM**

**PRESENT:** MR.D.WHITE (CHAIRMAN), MRS.S.ANGUS (VICE-CHAIRMAN), MRS .S.BRANSTON, MRS.L.TAGGART, MR. P. MAUNDRILL, MR.T.BATCHELOR, DISTRICT COUNCILLOR M.BRAIN AND ONE MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC.

1. Apologies for absence/Vacancy for Parish Councillor  
MR.A.STEPHENS, COUNTY COUNCILLOR I.SECCOMBE
2. Declarations of interests.  
Members are reminded that, unless they have been granted a dispensation, if they have a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in any matter as defined by Regulations made by the Secretary of State where the interest is theirs, their spouse's or civil partner's, or is an interest of somebody with whom they are living as a husband or wife or as if they were civil partners, they may not participate in any discussion of or vote on the matter and must also leave the room for the duration of the matter. They must also disclose the interest if it has not yet been entered on the Authority's register unless it is a sensitive interest.  
No interests were declared and no dispensations sought.
3. Election of Officers and Representatives of the Parish Council for 2013/14  
Chairman - Mr. David White re-elected, proposer Mrs.S.Angus, seconded Mrs.L.Taggart  
Vice-Chairman - No nominations received, vacant  
Responsible Finance Officer - Mr.M.Moody  
Internal Auditor - Mr.M.Ashton  
Village Hall Representative - Mr.T.Batchelor  
Neighbourhood Watch Representative - Mrs.L.Taggart  
Ditch and Drainage Representatives - Mrs.L.Taggart, Mr.A.Stephens  
John Cooper Foundation Representatives - Mr.D.Peregrine  
Quinton School Governor - Mr.P.Maundrill, Mrs.L.Taggart, Mr.T.Batchelor  
Playground Inspections - Mrs.S.Branston  
Quinton and Admington Charities - Mr.D.Peregrine
4. Acceptance of the minutes of the previous meeting (MARCH 2013)  
The Clerk had circulated the minutes which were accepted as a true record by those present. The CHAIRMAN signed the minutes book.
5. Any matters from the Public present at the meeting including any items on the agenda (Members of the public are limited to 3 minutes each.)  
Mr. R.Nicholls spoke of the poor work carried out by the grass cutting contractors for the playing field and the fact that the paint was peeling off the skate ramp.
6. Matters Arising from the minutes of the previous meetings:
  - (a) Long Marston Camp Developments/Street naming (15) - Councillor BRAIN updated the meeting on the present situation regarding the naming of the streets, which was in progress.
  - (b) Fordway Play area/inspection

Mrs. S.ANGUS reported that the play area was in good order. The Clerk reported that the company who normally carried out the inspections had now ceased trading and another company was needed. The insurance company had recommended a company and members agreed to that company being asked to carry out the inspection of both play areas.

(c) VH Playing field play area/inspection

Mrs.S.ANGUS reported that the equipment was in good order.

(d) Youth Shelter painting scheme - there had been no progress

(e) Flood Defence Report - Mrs.TAGGART said there had been no reports of any problems.

(f) Speed Aware campaign on Main Road

The CHAIRMAN reported his difficulties in obtaining training for the new volunteers and that he would pursue the matter.

(g) Neighbourhood Plan Mr.MAUNDRILL said that there had been delays in having a meeting but hopefully a meeting would be held early in June.

(h) Village Hall report - Mr.BATCHELOR reported that the hall was in good shape and that ballroom dancing was starting on Saturday evenings.

(i) Neighbourhood Watch report - Mrs.TAGGART reported that it was fairly quiet.

(j) Community Governance Review

The Clerk reported that following the review there would be no change at present to the parish boundary.

(k) Life belt positioning at the pond

The life belt had been repositioned.

7. Any Matters from the Chairman:

(a) The CHAIRMAN had been approached by a resident of Aylestone Close re the lack of verge cutting. Councillor BRAIN told the meeting this was the responsibility of the developer of the site.

(b) The CHAIRMAN had been approached by a resident of the Orchard regarding a tree that was allegedly causing problems. He could not find the tree. The Clerk said the Parish Council had no responsibility for the Orchard trees.

8. Any matters from the District Councillor or County Councillor.

Councillor BRAIN, on behalf of Councillor Seccombe, reported that following the County Council elections, no party had overall control. Councillor Seccombe was now leader of the Conservatives on the County Council.. Councillor BRAIN advised members that the Core Strategy Document was progressing, the figures for housing had now increased from 8000 new homes to 9500 in the district following advice. He spoke about the recent fires at Simms Metal works, there had been 5 such fires in recent months. He finally thanked those people who turned out to litter pick in Quinton recently.

9. To receive any new planning applications

(a) 13/0696/AGNOT - Radbrook Farm, Preston on Stour-erection of Portal Frame Building - no comments made

(b) 13/01029/TPO - 20 The Firs - sycamore - reduce upper canopy by 20% - no comments made

(c) 13/00873/OUT - Nursing Home outline planning for 4 dwellings

Members objected to this application which was in a wildlife habitat and a blanket TPO was in force..

- (d) 13/01017/REM - Long Marston Storage Depot - referred matters re layout - no comments made
10. To receive any results of planning applications  
(a) 13/00476/REM - Long Marston Storage Depot - referred matters APPROVED.  
(b) 13/0696/AGNOT - Radbrook Farm, Preston on Stour-erection of Portal Frame Building - APPROVED
11. To receive any correspondence  
(a) Letter from Mrs Dudman re Upper Quinton Green maintenance  
Following a complaint about the standard of work by MP Garden Services, the Clerk had written to the contractor expressing concerns.  
(b) Letter re increase in number of pupil intake from September 2013 at Quinton School was noted.
12. Presentation and Acceptance of Annual Accounts 2012/13/Review of Internal Audit Procedures/Receive any comments from Internal Auditor.  
The Clerk presented the annual accounts which had been audited by the Internal Auditor. He had made no comments and had signed the declaration. Members reviewed the procedures for payments and audit and were satisfied with the current arrangements. The CHAIRMAN signed the declaration on behalf of the Parish Council members.
13. Accounts for Payment and Finance Matters.  
(a) Clerks Salary £\*\*\* (BACS)  
(b) Clerk's expenses incurred £\*\*\* (BACS)  
(c) Payment to HMRC for tax on Clerk's Salary - £\*\*\* (BACS)  
(d) Steve Carter and Associates - domain and hosting of website - £36  
(e) Thomas Fox Landscaping - verge maintenance & Fordway - (14901) £678 (14989) £1038  
(f) Quinton and Admington Village Hall (21st March) - £30  
(g) WALC - annual subscription - £521  
(i) Eon - electricity to Phone Box - £26.09p  
(j) Came and Co (Broker Network) - Annual Insurance - £1264.23p  
(j) Staples - Stationery account - £30.70p  
(k) Meon News grant £500 (half year)
14. Dates of meetings 2013  
Before the meeting was closed MRS.S.ANGUS submitted her resignation as a Parish Councillor.  
The CHAIRMAN expressed his sadness at her decision and thanked her for her service as a Parish Councillor. The Clerk would arrange for the required notices to be prepared to fill the vacancy.  
There being no further matters the CHAIRMAN closed the meeting at 9.30pm  
18th July  
19th September (new date required)  
21st November