

MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF QUINTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL, THE CLOSE ON TUESDAY 24 MARCH 2015 AT 6.45PM

PRESENT: MR.D.WHITE (CHAIRMAN), MRS C BARTON, MRS S BRANSTON, MR P MAUNDRILL, MR P MILLIKEN, DISTRICT COUNCILLOR MR M BRAIN AND FOUR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies had been received from MR T BATCHELOR and COUNCILLOR Mrs I SECCOMBE

2. Declarations of interests.

Members were 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. Acceptance of the minutes of the previous meeting of 21 January 2015

The minutes had been previously circulated by the Clerk and were accepted by those present as a true record of what had taken place. The CHAIRMAN signed the minutes book.

4. Any matters from the Public present at the meeting including any items on the agenda

The CHAIRMAN invited Mr M WALSBY who had attended the meeting to address the Parish Council. Mr Walsby expressed concerns, as a member of the flying club at Long Marston, regarding the planning application from Cala Homes (Agenda item 8e). Mr Walsby noted that the current application did not encroach upon the airfield but wondered whether future development of the site might result in its closure.

District Councillor BRAIN updated the meeting on developments with regard to Stratford District Council's (SDC's) Core Strategy and advised that the recently published Planning Inspectorate's report was now likely to delay the adoption of the Core Strategy by 12-18 months. This in turn might mean that Long Marston Airfield might come back into consideration as a strategic site and it was widely known that Cala Homes saw this application as the first phase of a development of 3,000 houses

5. Matters Arising from the minutes of the previous meetings:

(a) Maintenance of trees and hedgerows

There was nothing to report in respect of this item

(b) Pavement repairs in The Close

District Councillor BRAIN advised that he had met with Jeff Morris from Warwickshire County Council (WCC) and representatives from Biffa to discuss the damage caused to footways and verges by bin wagons. A new procedure had been agreed to prevent any

future damage and WCC had committed to undertaking the pavement repairs in The Close.

District Councillor BRAIN went on to advise that he had also taken the opportunity to discuss with WCC the potential of installing a school crossing on Main Road and prohibiting HGV traffic on Taylor's Lane. He added that WCC had funding available for traffic and road safety projects within the county which amounted to over £6,000

(c) Back Lane traffic and resurfacing

The PARISH CLERK advised that WCC had estimated that the installation of "unsuitable for HGVs" notices would take place in late April / early May 2015 but that payment for the works would be required in advance. A cheque for £550 had therefore been prepared for signature at the end of the meeting

(d) Lower Quinton Village Green and Main Road kerbstones

The PARISH CLERK advised that Jeff Morris of WCC had confirmed that the repair and replacement of the setts in this area was in the schedule of works to be undertaken.

(e) Meon Vale developments

District Councillor BRAIN advised that the play area and allotments had now been completed

(f) Fordway play area

There was nothing to report in respect of this item

(g) Village Hall playing field play area

Mrs BARTON expressed concerns regarding the refuse which had accumulated around the teen shelter, in particular the number of broken glass bottles, one of which had been deliberately smashed around the skateboard area.

The Parish Council discussed the advisability of maintaining the shelter, together with the suitability of the adjacent refuse bins and the option of installing CCTV in the vicinity.

It was agreed that additional signage for the bins should be explored, together with the option of an alternative site for the shelter within the playing field area which would be open to greater public surveillance. The CHAIRMAN and Mrs BARTON agreed to undertake an inspection of the site with a view to bringing back recommendations to the next Parish Council meeting on 20 May 2015

RESOLVED THAT:

The CHAIRMAN and Mrs BARTON will undertake a site inspection of the teen shelter

(h) Flood Defence Report

The CHAIRMAN advised that, following the Parish Council meeting of 21 January 2015, Mr BATCHELOR had managed to identify a surveyor within Orbit Housing who had acknowledged ownership of the retaining wall behind the Village Hall. Orbit had requested the Parish Council's permission to cross Parish Council land to access the wall and undertake the necessary repairs and the PARISH CLERK had now written to Orbit to grant such permission

(i) Speed Aware campaign on Main Road

There was nothing to report in respect of this item

(j) Neighbourhood Plan

The CHAIRMAN reported that he had spoken to Julian Davies regarding the possibility of Mr Davies undertaking the role of Chair of the Neighbourhood Plan Committee but that Mr Davies had declined to do so due to his other commitments

District Councillor BRAIN advised that a Neighbourhood Plan had quite recently been used to good effect in a local planning appeal and therefore urged the Parish Council to continue in its efforts to form a Committee in spite of the apparent lack of interest

(k) Village Hall report

There was nothing to report in respect of this item

(l) Neighbourhood Watch progress report

Mrs BRANSTON advised that she had been attending regular local community safety meetings but there was nothing specific to report in relation to Quinton, other than the recent damage to the skateboard area.

(m) Dog fouling problem

The PARISH CLERK reported that SDC had now provided prices for the installation of a dog waste bin (£250) but had indicated that it would prefer that in the majority of cases a dual bin was installed at a cost of £320. SDC would only consider the installation of a dog waste bin if it were in a remote location which was very unlikely to have much litter. The annual cost of emptying the bin would also have to be taken into account at £100.07 p.a. but this would rise with RPI in April 2015.

Mr MILLIKEN advised that he had as yet been unable to identify a suitable location in Friday Street which met with universal approval.

District Councillor BRAIN stated that there was now a significant problem with dog fouling in the vicinity of the bungalows in Goose Lane at the rear of Meon Medical Centre and that this would be a suitable site for a dog waste bin. He also advised that if was provided with evidence of dog fouling he would ensure that the perpetrators were prosecuted.

It was agreed that this area of Goose Lane would be an appropriate site for the installation of a dog waste bin and that the Parish Council should ask SDC to pursue this. Any decision on the installation of a bin in Friday Street should be deferred until a suitable site could be identified.

RESOLVED THAT:

The PARISH CLERK will contact SDC to request the installation of a dog waste bin in the area of Goose Lane identified by District Councillor BRAIN

(n) Parish Emergency Plan

The PARISH CLERK reported that a new template for Parish Council plans had now been issued by Coventry, Solihull and Warwickshire Resilience Forum and she would now proceed to update the plan in line with the new model document

(o) Playdale Contract

The CHAIRMAN advised that Mr. BATCHELOR had now instructed Playdale to undertake the annual playground inspection and that this was provisionally scheduled for 18 May 2015.

(p) Nomination to John Cooper Foundation

The PARISH CLERK reported that, following the meeting on 21 January, Mr. R Spooner had undertaken further investigation into his appointment to the John Cooper Foundation and had in the event decided that he did not wish to proceed.

Mr. MILLIKEN advised that he was willing to be the Parish Council nominee and it was agreed to nominate Mr. MILLIKEN to this office

RESOLVED THAT:

The Parish Council will nominate Mr. MILLIKEN as its representative on the John Cooper Foundation and the PARISH CLERK will advise the Foundation Chairman of this nomination

6. Any Matters from the Chairman:

(a) Parish Council Precept 2015-16

The PARISH CLERK advised that the Parish Council's precept form had been hand delivered and emailed to SDC on 26 January 2015 and it was noted that the Parish Council precept had been included in the recently issued Council Tax Demand Notices.

(b) 2015 Election timetable

The PARISH CLERK briefed Council members on the timetable and procedures for the Parish Council elections on 7 May 2015 and advised that she had nomination packs and a copy of the electoral roll should any councillor wish to obtain copies of this documentation

(c) Quinton website

The PARISH CLERK advised that a preview site for the updated quintonweb was now available and requested that Council members forwarded any comments on the site to her so that these could inform any additions or amendments to the final site.

(d) Grass cutting contract

The PARISH CLERK circulated a summary of the tenders submitted in respect of this contract. It was noted that 5 potential contractors had expressed an interest in the contract but that in the event only 4 had submitted tenders.

The CHAIRMAN confirmed that after a detailed evaluation of the tenders the contract had been awarded to Thomas Fox Landscaping for a 3 year period.

7 Any matters from the District Councillor or County Councillor.

District Councillor BRAIN noted that he had already updated the meeting on SDC's Core Strategy and went on to advise that he had recently received a communication from a developer who was proposing to submit an application in respect of land between Quinton House Nursing Home and the Campden Road.

8. To receive or note any new planning applications submitted since the last meeting
Parish Councillors noted the following planning applications submitted since the last Parish Council meeting.
- (a) 14/01443/FUL - The Moat, Campden Road, Lower Quinton – Change of paddock to touring caravan park (27 pitches)
Appeal and resubmission of 13/01519/FUL
 - (b) 14/03522/FUL – Cotswold End, 30 Upper Quinton - Demolition of existing dwelling and garage. Construction of replacement dwelling and garage together with associated works.
 - (c) 15/00159/TPO – 4 Gundulf Road, Meon Vale – Cherry Tree, remove one low branch
 - (d) 15/00115/FUL – Park View, Lower Clopton, Upper Quinton - Erection of a two storey outbuilding to provide ancillary accommodation and a single storey link building (revisions to 07/00664/FUL)
 - (e) 14/03579/OUT - Long Marston Airfield (predominantly the south eastern corner), Campden Road, Lower Quinton - Outline application (with all matters reserved (access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale) for future determination) for the erection of up to 400 dwellings
OBJECTION SUBMITTED BY PARISH COUNCIL 12 MARCH 2015
9. To receive any results of planning applications
The Parish Council noted the following planning decisions which had been notified since its last meeting and the CHAIRMAN advised that he had attended SDC's Planning Committee to object to the Edmonds Close applications (agenda items 9h and 9i).
- (a) 14/03035/FUL – Upper Clopton Farm, Mickleton – Use of outbuilding as a single, permanent dwelling
REFUSED 9 JANUARY 2015
 - (b) 14/03422/FUL – The Fordway, Lower Quinton – Single storey rear extension
PERMISSION GRANTED SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS 28 JANUARY 2015
 - (e) 14/03337/FUL – Radbrook Farm, Preston on Stour – Erection of agricultural worker's dwelling, cattle building, hardsurfacing, paving and timber fencing
WITHDRAWN 25 FEBRUARY 2015
 - (d) 14/03432/FUL – 2 Hill Lane, Upper Quinton – Proposed first floor rear extension
PERMISSION GRANTED SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS 28 JANUARY 2015
 - (e) 14/03203/LBC – Dinwoodie, Upper Quinton – Two storey side extension with canopy porch to the front.
PERMISSIONS GRANTED SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS 23 JANUARY & 12 FEBRUARY 2015
 - (f) 14/03132/FUL – The Stores, Goose Lane, Lower Quinton – Change of use from retail shop (Use Class A1) to hot food takeaway (Use Class A5)
REFUSED 2 MARCH 2015
 - (g) 14/03522/FUL – Cotswold End, 30 Upper Quinton – Demolition of existing dwelling and garage. Construction of replacement dwelling and garage together with associated works.
PERMISSION GRANTED SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS 10 FEBRUARY 2015
 - (h) 14/03234/OUT – Land adjacent 15 Edmonds Close, Upper Quinton - Outline application for 3no. dwellings (matters of appearance and landscaping reserved)
PERMISSION GRANTED SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS 6 MARCH 2015

(i) 14/03236/OUT – Land at Edmonds Close, Upper Quinton - Outline application for the erection of 5no. dwellings (matters of appearance and landscaping reserved)

REFUSED 6 MARCH 2015

(j) 15/00115/FUL – Park View, Lower Clopton, Upper Quinton – Erection of a two storey outbuilding to provide ancillary accommodation and a single storey link building (revisions to 07/00664/FUL)

PERMISSION GRANTED SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS 5 MARCH 2015

10. To receive any correspondence

(a) Letter from Stratford upon Avon Citizens Advice Bureau

It was noted that the Parish Council had received a letter from Stratford upon Avon Citizens Advice Bureau, reporting on its activities in the previous 12 months, together with an analysis of the work undertaken on behalf of Quinton residents and requesting that the Parish Council give consideration to making a donation towards its activities.

District Councillor BRAIN stated that Quinton had relatively high levels of deprivation within the District and as such its residents benefited from the advice and support offered by the Bureau. After further discussion, it was resolved that a donation of £200 should be made to the Bureau

RESOLVED THAT:

A donation of £200 should be made to Stratford upon Avon Citizens Advice Bureau in recognition of the work undertaken on behalf of Quinton residents

(b) Email from Graham & Denise Wheeler

The PARISH CLERK reported that she had received a further email from Mr. and Mrs Wheeler expressing disappointment that the Parish Council, at its meeting on 21 January 2015, had not thought it appropriate to implement a 20mph speed limit on the residential section of Back Lane or to install additional "unsuitable for HGV" signage on this section of Back Lane.

District Councillor BRAIN observed that it would prove extremely difficult to impose a 20mph speed limit on this section of road or to install a chicane as suggested by Mr. and Mrs Wheeler. However, Councillor BRAIN did reiterate his comments earlier in the meeting relating to new funding available from WCC for road safety projects amounting to £6,000 or more.

Mrs BRANSTON suggested that this funding might be appropriate to fund speed warning signs on Main Road and that possibly this could be developed as a package of measures which could include the additional Back Lane signage.

It was agreed that this should be pursued and that the Parish Council should identify a series of road safety improvement measures to form a grant funding application to WCC.

RESOLVED THAT:

A package of road safety measures will be identified by Quinton Parish Council for submission to WCC to access the funding identified by District Councillor BRAIN

11. Accounts for Payment and Finance Matters

The Parish Council noted that the following payments had been made since its meeting of 21 January 2015

- (a) Clerk's salary December & January - £***(BACS)
- (b) Payment to HMRC for tax on clerk's salary - £*** (BACS)
- (c) T Batchelor, Councillor – Expenses incurred - £170.22
- (d) Thos Fox Landscaping
 - Fordway (17619) - £84.00
 - Playing Field (17619) - £102.00
 - Verges (17619) - £414.00
 - Playing Field (17769) - £102.00
- (e) Buildbase (STR/349818) – post mix & gravel - £48.60
- (f) Mr. S Boddington – Misc Works including Portakabin removal - £390.00
- (g) St Swithin's Church – Repayment of Global Gathering cheque - £500.00
- (h) Mr. R Nicholls – Reimbursement of cricket pitch mowing costs 2014 - £500.00
- (i) T Batchelor, Councillor – Expenses incurred - £33.74
- (j) Quinton Village Hall – January meeting – £24.00
- (k) D White, Chairman, - Expenses incurred – £121.20
- (l) RJ Kingston Engineering – Playground bins (SLO30098) – £972.00
- (m) Staples – Stationery account (9822636) - £38.85
- (n) Staples – Stationery account (9824401) - £22.23
- (o) E Neal, Parish Clerk – Expenses incurred - £65.66
- (p) E Neal, Parish Clerk – Expenses incurred - £33.10

12. Meeting dates 2015:

It was noted that the remaining Parish Council meetings in 2015 would take place at 7.30pm on the following dates:

Wednesday 20 May
Wednesday 22 July
Wednesday 16 September
Wednesday 18 November

The meeting closed at 8.00pm

Signed E Neal, Clerk to the Parish Council