

**MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF QUINTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN
THE VILLAGE HALL, THE CLOSE, ON THURSDAY 18TH JULY 2013 AT 7.30PM**

PRESENT: MR.D.WHITE (CHAIRMAN), MR.P.MAUNDRILL, MRS. S.BRANSTON,
COUNTY COUNCILLOR I.SECCOMBE AND FIVE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

1. Apologies for absence
Mrs L.TAGGART, Mr.T.BATCHELOR, COUNCILLOR M.BRAIN
Resignations of David Peregrine and Andrew Stephens
Filling of vacancies by co-option
The CHAIRMAN introduced Mrs.Caroline Barton and Mrs. Angela Kumar and proposed that they both be co-opted as members of the Parish Council to fill the current vacancies. Mrs.BRANSTON seconded the proposal and they were both duly co-opted and took their seats at the meeting..
2. Declarations of interests.
Members are asked to declare interests in items on the Agenda:
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.
3. Acceptance of the minutes of the previous meeting (MAY 2013)
The minutes had been 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 (Members of the public are limited to 3 minutes each.)
Mr. Nicholls spoke of the increasing number of potholes in St.Swithen's Drive. Councillor Seccombe made a note and would deal with this matter. He also spoke of a problem with a ditch in the playing field which needed clearing out as it is badly overgrown. This matter was later dealt with on the agenda. A hedge along the main road needed cutting but as this is a field hedge the Clerk explained that farmers are not allowed to cut their hedges until the end of July.
5. Matters Arising from the minutes of the previous meetings:
 - (a) Long Marston Camp Developments/Street naming (15)
The CHAIRMAN gave details of the names that had been agreed with the developers, Marston Sicca PC, District Councillor BRAIN and the District Council.
 - (b) Fordway Play area/inspection
Mrs.BRANSTON reported that there is a large area of matting that needs replacing. New member Mrs Barton agreed that she would undertake the supervision of play areas

from Mrs.BRANSTON and would enquire with suppliers to have the matting replaced. An inspection of the equipment had been carried out by a qualified company.

(c) VH Playing field play area/inspection

Playdale had carried out an inspection of the equipment they had supplied and the other company had carried out an inspection of all the equipment.

(d) Youth Shelter painting scheme.

(e) Flood Defence Report/Flood defence scheme 2013 SDC

It was agreed that a quote should be obtained to clear the ditch in the playing field and to apply for a grant from the District Council.

(f) Speed Aware campaign on Main Road/Complaint from resident.

A complaint had been received from a resident about the speed of the traffic through the village on the main road. The CHAIRMAN said that he was now working with PCSO Stevenson at Shipston on Stour in the hope of training 4 volunteers to man the Speedwatch camera. He was surprised that more people had not come forward to help with the scheme. Members agreed to try and encourage more volunteers. The CHAIRMAN also hoped to have the police camera car visit the village on occasions. The various schemes outlined and provided by the County Council had been tried before in 2011 and have not proved that successful and do involve a cost to the PC.

(g) Neighbourhood Plan - this is still on hold pending the publication of the Draft Core Strategy

(h) Village Hall report/phone and broadband connection.

Several faults with the hall building were reported to the Chairman of the Village Hall following information from Mrs.BRANSTON. The Clerk had enquired of the Chairman of the Village Hall and the Youth Club organiser, Mrs. Belcher about the need for the telephone and broadband connection in the hall. Both had agreed that there was no need for either and the members decided to have them taken out of use.

(i) Neighbourhood Watch progress report

In the absence of Mrs.TAGGART there was no report.

6. Any Matters from the Chairman:

(a) Grass cutting contracts

The CHAIRMAN reported that there had been several complaints regarding the shoddy cutting of the village greens and play area. The contractors had been written to twice to improve their standards but to little avail. The grass cutting contracts would be reviewed at the end of the current season. Meanwhile Thomas Fox Landscaping would carry out a one off cut to the village green at Upper Quinton.

(b) Commemoration 2014 (Start of WW1)

The CHAIRMAN had been approached by Mr. D.Sully to ask if the PC would be commemorating the 100th anniversary of the start of WW1 in 2014. It was agreed that the PC should wait to see what the Government/County Council/District Council might suggest before any action is taken.

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

County Councillor SECCOMBE spoke in the absence of District Councillor BRAIN and told the meeting that the draft core strategy was now published and would be approved by

the full council before going to the Secretary of State for approval. This would take until October when after another period of consultation it would be approved.

She then spoke of her efforts to get Superfast Broadband to the area. She outlined the work that had taken place to date and the large amount of money that had been raised for the project. BT were to undertake the work involved. Extra monies had been raised to bring it to the more rural areas such as her electoral area. She asked if anyone would volunteer to be the local 'Champion' for the scheme and Mrs.Branston and Mrs.Barton agreed to receive further details.

8. To receive any new planning applications
 - (a) 13/01076/FUL 23 Edmonds Close, change of flat roof on garage to pitched roof
 - (b) 13/01407/AGNOT - Old Bakery Farm - steel portal building
 - (c) 13/00873/OUT - Planning Appeal - land next to Quinton Nursing Home
 - (d) SDC/13CC016 - Quinton Primary School - proposed 3 classroom and administration extension incorporating internal works.
 - (e) 13/01519/FUL - The Moat - Change of use of paddock for caravan park (27 pitches and ancillary works) - this did not appear to be very different from the previous application and it was decided to object on the same grounds as previously agreed.
 - (f) 13/01241/FUL - The Chesnuts, Upper Quinton - new dwelling in garden of existing. - Members discussed this application and no objections were raised.

9. To receive any results of planning applications
 - (a) SDC/12CM013 - International Metal Recyclers, Long Marston Airfield - change of use of land - Granted
 - (b) SDC/12CM015 - Hillicote Buildings, Long Marston Airfield - use of land for ELV's - Granted
 - (c) 13/00873/OUT - Quinton House Nursing Home - 4 new homes - Refused
 - (d) 13/01029/TPO - 20 The Firs, reduce canopy of Sycamore - Refused
 - (e) 12/00734/VARY - Hodges, Long Marston Airfield, variation to previous application to allow 2 motor sports per annum to continue after 6pm with pa system - Granted.
 - (f) 13/01407/AGNOT - Old Bakery Farm - steel portal building - Granted
 - (g) 13/01076/FUL 23 Edmonds Close, change of flat roof on garage to pitched roof - granted

10. To receive any correspondence
 - (a) Queen's Award for Voluntary Service
Details of this award scheme were noted by members.

11. Accounts for Payment and Finance Matters.
 - (a) Clerks Salary £*** (BACS)
 - (b) Payments to HMRC for tax on Clerk's Salary - £*** (BACS)
 - (c) S Upstone - Village Planters - £100
 - (d) Thomas Fox Landscaping - verge maintenance - (15306) - £1116 (15185)- £996
 - (e) Quinton and Admington Village Hall - 16th May, 2013 and resubmit invoice 49 - £78
 - (f) Staples Account £33.00
 - (g) Playdale - inspection of their equipment -£210

(h) D.White - expenses incurred for litter pick - £12.16p

12. Dates of meetings 2013

The CHAIRMAN closed the meeting at 9.15pm

12th September

21st November