

**MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF QUINTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN
THE VILLAGE HALL, THE CLOSE, LOWER QUINTON ON THURSDAY 21ST
NOVEMBER 2013 AT 7.30PM**

PRESENT: MR. D.WHITE (CHAIRMAN), MRS.A.KUMAR, MRS. C.BARTON,
MRS.S.BRANSTON, MRS.A.TROUGHTON, COUNTY COUNCILLOR I.SECCOMBE AND
5 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

1. Apologies for absence
Mr.P.MAUNDRILL (Business), Mrs.L.TAGGART (Family), Mr.T.BATCHELOR
(Illness)
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.
No declarations were made at this point.
3. Acceptance of the minutes of the previous meeting (SEPTEMBER 2013)
The minutes having been circulated, were accepted as a true record of the meeting, 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.)
A member of the public spoke of his recent request to remove the stump of the vandalised
oak tree on the green at Upper Quinton.
A member of the public asked for financial support for the cricket team to meet the costs
of extra grass cutting in the playing field.
A member of the public spoke of his previous concerns regarding the overgrowing hedge
and shrubs in Aystone Close. The County Council had cut them back but not very far
back and residents had cut them back even further but he asked that regular maintenance
be carried out on them to allow the grass cutting contractors to cut the grass.
5. Matters Arising from the minutes of the previous meetings:
 - (a) Meon Vale Developments - nothing to report
 - (b) Fordway Play area
Mrs BARTON reported that the signage at the play area has worn away and needs
replacing. Three trees have died and need removing. Two trees need re-staking.
 - (c) VH Playing field play area/Youth shelter painted

Mrs. BARTON reported that the Youth Club had made a nice job of painting the shelter. The broken paving slabs had been replaced. The warning sign needs concreting into the ground and there are two trees that need removing as they could present a danger. Some wood chippings need replenishing.

(d) Flood Defence Report

Mrs TAGGART had checked the ditch in Aylestone Close which was running freely and was to look at the ditch at the Stileman Close area as this had caused problems in the past.

(e) Speed Aware campaign on Main Road.(Mr Sievier concerns)

It was reported that a police officer had been seen carrying out a speed radar check in the village recently. The CHAIRMAN reported that he now had 6 volunteers operating the Speed aware camera. Mr.Sivier's concerns were noted. It was suggested attendance at the forthcoming Community Forum meeting in the Village Hall at Lower Quinton would help to bring the police to the village more often. Members and the public would be encouraged to attend the meeting to boost the vote for Quinton.

(f) Neighbourhood Plan/Grant query from SDC

The District Council had asked the current state of affairs with regard to the Neighbourhood Plan. It was agreed that until the District Core Strategy had been published no progress could be made as this strategy could impact on any plan for Quinton.

(g) Village Hall report.

Nothing to report

(h) Neighbourhood Watch report

Nothing to report

(i) Kier Homes adoption of POS Millfield Close

The Clerk had approached the Council contractors for a price to carry out fortnightly cuts in this area. To date no response had been received.

(j) Oak Tree stump on Upper Quinton Village Green/letters from residents

The Clerk reported that he had received several letters from residents of Upper Quinton requesting that the stump of the vandalised oak tree be removed. After a short discussion the members unanimously agreed that it should be removed.

(k) Grass maintenance contract 2014

Thomas Fox andscapes, one of the current contractors, had been asked to quote for all the grounds maintenance in the Parish.

(l) Broadband update

Mrs KUMAR gave an update on the present situation regarding the Superfast Broadband project. It was agreed that some letters would be produced to encourage more people locally to press the authorities to improve the service to Quinton Parish.

6. Any Matters from the Chairman:

The CHAIRMAN reported that irresponsible dog owners were allowing their dogs to foul in the village and were not collecting it up and using the dog waste bins. Several areas were identified by members as being particularly bad. The CHAIRMAN would arrange a survey of the areas concerned to consider the places of signs warning dog owners of the fine that can be imposed for failing to clear up after their animals. Meanwhile the Dog Warden would be asked to make visits to the village.

The CHAIRMAN also sought guidance regarding calling out the contractor for snow

clearing this winter. Members agreed that the CHAIRMAN would have the responsibility for this particular function.

7. Any matters from the District Councillor or County Councillor.
District Councillor BRAIN had sent a report concerning his attendance at the Codex planning application and his response to the Mickleton application for 70 houses. He also brought a matter from a resident of Goose Lane who requested an extra street light in the footpath at the rear of the Doctors' surgery. County Councillor Seccombe would follow this up but meanwhile wondered if Orbit Housing had any interest in the area concerned.
County Councillor SECCOMBE told members that following a complaint from a resident in Upper Quinton regarding damage to the roadside verges in Tailors Lane, she had spoken to the Highways Department to see if anything could be done to alleviate the problem. Members also told her of potholes in Back Lane which prevented the pull-ins being used by motorists.
8. To receive any new planning applications
 - (a) 13/02653/FUL - Radbrook Farm - agricultural building.- no comment
 - (b) Cotswold District Planning application - 70 Houses, Dr's Surgery at land adjacent to Arbour Close and Cotswold Edge, Mickleton -consultation from SDC and Cotswold DC.- after discussion it was decided to make no comment.
 - (c) 13/02701/LBC and 13/02700/FUL - The Four Thatches - Lower Quinton Conversion and extension of existing shed - no comment
9. To receive any results of planning applications
 - (a) 13/02307/FUL - 1 Upper Quinton - single storey extension APPROVED
10. To receive any correspondence
 - (a) Phil Ward Housing Enabler Officer - does Quinton wish to do another housing survey?
Members did not wish to conduct another housing needs survey
 - (b) Police and Crime Commissioner Safety Ambassadors
The communication from the newly appointed ambassadors was noted.
11. Finance Matters.
 - (a) Pay Award for Clerk.
The Clerk gave details of the recent pay award for Clerks backdated to April 2013. He would now be on SCP25. Members agreed to these increases in the Clerk's salary..
 - (b) New Mandate for Bank Account.
Two new signatories, Mrs.KUMAR and Mrs.BARTON were approved by members
12. Accounts for Payment
 - (a) Clerks Salary £*** (BACS)
 - (b) Clerk's expenses incurred £*** (BACS)
 - (c) Payments to HMRC for tax on Clerk's Salary - £*** (BACS)
 - (d) Thomas Fox Landscaping - verge and Fordway play area maintenance - (15829) -

£246 (15832) - £138 (15897) - £168 (15988) - £138
(e) Quinton and Admington Village Hall - September £30
(f) Youth Club - £500 second half of annual grant
(g) CHAIRMAN course expenses - £30
(h) Staples Accounts £74.70p and £21.79p
(i) Grant Thornton - Audit fee £360

13. Dates of meetings 2014

16th January
20th March
22nd May
17th July
18th September
20th November