

**MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF QUINTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD  
IN THE VILLAGE HALL, THE CLOSE ON THURSDAY 16TH JANUARY 2014 AT  
7.30PM**

**PRESENT:** MR D.WHITE (CHAIRMAN), MRS.C.BARTON, MRS.L.TAGGART, MRS.  
A.TROUGHTON, MR.T.BATCHELOR AND 20 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

1. Apologies for absence  
MR.P.MAUNDRILL (FAMILY), MRS.S.BRANSTON (HOLIDAY), DISTRICT  
COUNCILLOR BRAIN, COUNTY COUNCILLOR I.SECCOMBE  
Absent  
MRS.A.KUMAR
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 (NOVEMBER 2013)  
The minutes of the previous meeting had been circulated and were accepted as a true  
record. 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.)  
Several members of the public raised their concerns regarding the proposals to build  
houses off Goose Lane and at the Long Marston Airfield. The CHAIRMAN said that  
following a recent public meeting held to discuss the proposals for Goose Lane an  
action group would be formed. Other suggestions made included writing letters to  
the owners of the land, Magdalen College and the involvement of the local MP. As  
regards the Airfield development it was suggested that BARD be asked to become  
involved. Both sites should be kept as separate issues.
5. Matters Arising from the minutes of the previous meetings:
  - (a) Any Meon Vale Developments/additional street name  
An additional street name was required for this site, Members were asked to submit  
their suggestions to the CHAIRMAN as soon as possible.
  - (b) Fordway Play area  
Mrs.BARTON reported that the lettering on the sign has been replaced and that there  
was a loose bolt on the seesaw. The CHAIRMAN would have a look to see if he  
could tighten it.
  - (c) VH Playing field play area

The broken slabs had been replaced. Mrs.BARTON said that some tree stumps needed removing. There was a problem with the Little Hamlet and the warning sign needed attention. Mr.BATCHELOR would attend to these matters

(d) Flood Defence Report

Mrs.TAGGART reported no problems with the ditches and despite the recent persistent wet weather there had been no reports of flooding.

(e) Speed Aware campaign on Main Road

The CHAIRMAN reported that the team of volunteers continued the Speed Aware speed checks in the village.

(f) Neighbourhood Plan/resignation of Chairman of the group

The present Chairman of the group had tendered his resignation. The Council wanted to know if the Parish Council intended to continue with a plan. The CHAIRMAN said that the intention was to continue and he would look for someone to chair the group.

(g) Village Hall report.

There was no report

(h) Neighbourhood Watch report

Mrs.TAGGART reported no problems regarding reports of crime.

(i) Kier Homes adoption of POS Millfield Close

The Clerk reminded members that Kier Homes wished to transfer ownership to the Parish Council of two patches of grass on this Close. They offered a commuted sum of £15000 and would pay the legal fees of the Parish Council. He had obtained a quote for cutting the grass at a cost of £30 per cut for 17 cuts a year. Members agreed to go ahead with the transfer.

(j) Oak Tree stump on Upper Quinton Village Green/Quotation for removal

A quotation had been obtained for the removal of the tree stump and the removal of the three dead trees in the Fordway at a cost of £360. Members agreed to go ahead with this work.

(k) Grass maintenance contract 2014

The Clerk gave members a breakdown of the costs for grass maintenance for the forthcoming year having asked the current contractors Thomas Fox Landscaping for a quotation for all grass maintenance. Members agreed to accept the quotations and place all grass contracts with Thomas Fox Landscaping.

(l) Superfast broadband project update

The leaflets had been circulated.

(m) Dog fouling problem

A response had been received from the Dog Warden who had visited the village. The CHAIRMAN would conduct a survey of the village to see where more dog waste bins could be placed.

6. Any Matters from the Chairman:

(a) Magdalen College plans for new houses

This matter had been discussed under matters from the public.

(b) A letter had been sent to Councillor BRAIN from a resident of Goose Lane requesting trees to be planted on the verge. Members agreed the Clerk should write to the resident suggesting that the views of other residents be obtained in the first instance.

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

No reports had been submitted by either councillor.

8. To receive any new planning applications  
(a) 13/02423/LBC - Homelea, 19 Friday Street - rebuild Gable End wall  
No objections from members
9. To receive any results of planning applications  
(a) 13/02701/LBC and 13/02700/FUL - The Four Thatches - Lower Quinton  
Conversion and extension of existing shed -granted  
(b) 13/02653/FUL - Radbrook Farm - agricultural building
10. To receive any correspondence  
(a) Invite to Royal Garden Party was noted - no interest from members.
11. Finance Matters.  
(a) Setting of precept for 2014/15  
The Clerk produced a budget for the forthcoming year. Members unanimously agreed on a precept of £22000.
12. Retirement of Clerk from 31st March 2014  
The Clerk announced his retirement. It was agreed that notices advertising the vacancy would be posted on the notice boards and an entry made on the website. WALC would also be asked to advertise the vacancy. An advertisement would also be placed in the Stratford on Avon Herald newspaper in early February.
13. 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 - Fordway play area maintenance - £42  
(e) Quinton and Admington Village Hall meetings 21st and 27th November - £48  
(f) D.White - leaflet printing costs - £82.50p  
(g) M.P.Bloxsome - grass maintenance - £1332.94p
14. Closure of Meeting - there being no further business the CHAIRMAN closed the meeting at 9pm  
Dates of meetings 2014  
20th March, 22nd May, 17th July, 18th September, 20th November