

**MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF QUINTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN
THE VILLAGE HALL, LOWER QUINTON ON THURSDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER AT
7.30PM**

PRESENT: MR.D.WHITE (CHAIRMAN), MRS.L.TAGGART, MRS. S.BRANSTON,
MR.P.MAUNDRILL, MR.T.BATCHELOR, DISTRICT COUNCILLOR M.BRAIN AND 3
MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

1. Apologies for absence
Mrs.A.Kumar, Mrs.C.Barton
Filling of vacancy by co-option
The CHAIRMAN proposed that Mrs.A.Troughton be co-opted to the Parish Council to fill one of the current vacancies. MR.BATCHELOR seconded this proposal and Mrs. Troughton was unanimously elected and took her seat at the meeting.
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 at this point.
3. Acceptance of the minutes of the previous meeting (JULY 2013)
The Minutes had been circulated and with one minor amendment 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.)
A member of the public spoke of the overgrown hedgerows in Ailstone Close which were overhanging the road. He had been in touch with the County Highways and had a reference 346535 but no action had been taken He asked for the Parish Council help in resolving this issue.
5. Matters Arising from the minutes of the previous meetings:
 - (a) Long Marston Camp Developments
District Councillor BRAIN gave a brief report on the progress with the site. The island had been built, houses were being built and the 'Hub' was well under way as well.
 - (b) Fordway Play area/matting
Mrs. BRANSTON reported in the absence of Mrs.Barton that the matting had been repaired and the area was now safe.
 - (c) VH Playing field play area

Mrs. BRANSTON reported in the absence of Mrs. Barton that there were several broken paving slabs. Mr. BATCHELOR had the matter in hand and it was agreed that the slabs should be replaced.

(d) Youth Shelter painting - there was no progress with this matter.

(e) Flood Defence Report/Ditch in playing field

Mrs. TAGGART reported that the Goose Lane ditch had been cleared by Orbit Housing and was now running freely. The WCC had offered some more sandbags but she was not aware whether anymore was needed at present. Further enquiries would have to be made.

(f) Speed Aware campaign on Main Road.

The CHAIRMAN reported that there were now 5 volunteers trained to use the equipment. He was hoping to recruit some more in due course.

(g) Neighbourhood Plan

The CHAIRMAN said that there had been no progress with the Plan. Councillor BRAIN urged the members to continue with the plan as it formed an important part of any further developments in the parish. The CHAIRMAN would consult with Mr. J. Davies, the Plan Committee Chairman.

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

The Clerk reported that the phone and broadband connections had now been removed from the village hall..

(i) Neighbourhood Watch progress report

Mrs. TAGGART said that there had been no reports of any crimes in the parish recently.

6. Any Matters from the Chairman:

The CHAIRMAN advised members that a cheque for £500 had been received from the Global Gathering management to provide picnic tables in the playing field. After a short discussion it was agreed that Mr. BATCHELOR would make enquiries to see if a metal table could be obtained.

The CHAIRMAN also had received a report that there was a cherry tree by the church that was in bad condition and probably needed removing. It was not clear however, whose responsibility it was to remove the tree. He would consult with Mr. Moore.

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

Councillor BRAIN gave details of grants that are available to parishes from the County Council. He also spoke of the distribution of monies given by the organisers of the Global Gathering. £8500 had been given to local Quinton groups and a total of £21250 in total around the district. He had had a meeting with the WCC officers regarding the school and speeding vehicles. They had agreed that the road signage would be repainted but other than that it was not considered to meet the criteria for a school crossing patrol.

8. To receive any new planning applications

No comments had been made on the following applications:

(a) 13/01650/FUL - Long Marston Storage Depot - Electricity Substation and Gas Governor

(b) 13/01937/FUL - 12 The Close, Lower Quinton, single side extension.

9. To receive any results of planning applications
The following results were noted:
 - (a) 13/01017/REM - Long Marston Storage Depot - reserved matters - Approved
 - (b) 13/00126/OUT - 4 arm roundabout - Granted
 - (c) 13/01519/FUL - The Moat, Campden Road - change of use - Withdrawn by applicant
 - (d) 13/01650/FUL - Long Marston Storage Depot - Electricity Substation and Gas Governor -Granted

10. To receive any correspondence
 - (a) Kier Homes - adoption of Public Open Space in Millfield Close
The Clerk gave a brief history of this area regarding the grassed areas. In 2001 it was estimated that the commuted sum would be £12,861. Kier homes now offered £4974. Members agreed that this offer should not be accepted. The CHAIRMAN said that as the grass cutting contracts were due to be reviewed this year then this should be separately priced and Kier homes advised of the costs involved for further negotiation. Members agreed with this course of action.
 - (b) Mr McDonald - old oak tree on Upper Quinton Green
The tree on the green that had been vandalised was growing again. Mr.McDonald had written to the Council asking for it to be removed. Members agreed that consultation with other Upper Quinton residents should take place before any action is taken.
 - (c) Windows XP support withdrawal
The Clerk reported that support for windows XP would be withdrawn next year. The computer owned by the Parish Council was now 6-7 years old and needed replacing. He suggested that a new machine be considered at the end of this financial year. Members agreed. He also advised members that the printer owned by the Parish Council had developed a fault and needed replacement. Members agreed he should purchase a new printer as repairing the broken one was not economical.
 - (d) WCC Chairman's Open Evening 21st September 2013 was noted. The CHAIRMAN would not be attending.

11. Accounts for Payment and Finance Matters.
The following accounts were passed 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 - (15557) - £96, (15463) - £168. (15475) - £828 - (15570) -£210, (15580) - £1242
 - (e) Quinton and Admington Village Hall - July, 2013 - £30
 - (f) Plusnet final payment £26.73p
 - (g) MP Bloxome - village greens and playing field maintenance - £2410.29p
 - (h) Venture Play - repairs to matting Fordway play area - £420.00p
 - (i) The Training Partnership (Course for Chairman) - £30

12. Dates of meetings 2013/14
21st November
16th January

20th March

22nd May

17th July

18th September

20th November

The meeting was closed at 9.12pm.