

**MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF QUINTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD
IN THE VILLAGE HALL, THE CLOSE ON THURSDAY 20TH MARCH 2014 AT
6.45PM**

PRESENT: MR. D. WHITE (CHAIRMAN), MRS.C.BARTON, MR.T. BATCHELOR, MRS.S.BRANSTON, MRS.A. TROUGHTON, MR.P. MAUNDRILL, COUNTY COUNCILLOR I.SECCOMBE, DISTRICT COUNCILLOR M. BRAIN AND THREE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

1. Apologies for absence, resignation of Mrs. Kumar, and any co-option to Parish Council
MRS. L. TAGGART (Family)
The resignation of Mrs. Kumar was noted - the vacancy had been advertised and the expiry date for requesting an election is 26th March 2014.
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 stage.
3. Acceptance of the minutes of the previous meeting (JANUARY 2014)
The Clerk had circulated the minutes which were accepted by those present. 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 (Mr.Vallendar) gave notice of a planning application he intended to submit for a small development at Upper Quinton consisting of 10 houses. The CHAIRMAN thanked him for his attendance and the information he gave to the members. When the application is submitted the Parish Council will consider the proposals.
Mr. Nicholls said that the waste bin had been taken from the playing field and could not be found.
5. Matters Arising from the minutes of the previous meetings:
 - (a) Any Meon Vale Developments
Councillor BRAIN advised the members that 20 new houses had been completed, 80 would be completed by the end of the year and another application was likely for a further 500 additional houses.
 - (b) Fordway Play area
MRS.BARTON said that the play area was in good condition, however one tree was now lying flat.
 - (c) VH Playing field play area

MRS. BARTON reported that the playing field was again in an untidy state with litter strewn everywhere. The situation was not helped by the waste bin being vandalised and removed. A discussion took place amongst members to find a solution to the problem but no real solution could be found. Meanwhile a notice would be put in the youth shelter again warning the users that if the litter problem did not improve, consideration would be given to removing the shelter.

(d) Flood Defence Report

The CHAIRMAN reported that there had been no problems despite the recent wet period.

(e) Speed Aware campaign on Main Road

The CHAIRMAN reported that the 6 volunteers continued with the speed checks in the village and that the police camera van had visited the village following a request at the last Forum meeting.

(f) Neighbourhood Plan

The CHAIRMAN said that a new chairman and members were urgently needed to re-generate the Neighbourhood Plan. The first action would be to set the boundary of the area to be covered by the plan.

(g) Village Hall report

No report was available.

(h) Neighbourhood Watch report

MRS TAGGART had reported that there had been no problems reported by the police in the area in recent times. A recent message involved a new scam by fraudsters that had been circulating in the area.

(i) Kier Homes adoption of POS Millfield Close

The Clerk reported that the transfer of ownership was progressing and both the Parish Council's solicitors and Kier Homes solicitors were communicating with each other.

(j) Oak Tree stump on Upper Quinton Village Green

The stump had now been removed

(k) Grass maintenance contract 2014

The contractors for all Parish Council grass cutting was now Thomas Fox Landscaping and Design who had now commenced operations.

(l) Superfast broadband project update

This seemed to be progressing quite quickly with Openreach working in the area to install the fibre cabling.

(m) Dog fouling problem

This is still a problem and it was suggested that more dog waste bins were needed.

MRS.TAGGART had volunteered to find suitable locations.

6. Any Matters from the Chairman:/Vice Chairman

(a) Parish Clerk vacancy

The CHAIRMAN reported that he would be interviewing two candidates in the forthcoming days. Members were asked if they also wished to be present at the interviews.

(b) Action Group funding

After a discussion it was agreed that the Action Group against the suggested Magdalen development would be funded up to a maximum of £400

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

Councillor BRAIN would give a full report for the year at the Annual Parish Assembly after this meeting.

Councillor SECCOMBE would also give a report for the year at the Annual Parish Assembly.

8. To receive any new planning applications
 - (a) 14/00022/OUT - orchard land adjacent to Quinavon, Upper Quinton - 2 houses. This application was to go to Committee and the officers had recommended it for approval. The CHAIRMAN will arrange to speak against the proposal.
 - (b) 13/03327/OUT - land adjacent 15 Edmonds Close - 2 houses with access off Tailors Lane - objection had been made to this application
 - (c) 13/03328/OUT - land at Edmonds Close, Upper Quinton - 5 houses - objection had been made to this application
 - (d) 14/00332/TPO - Long Marston storage depot - several tree matters.- no objection had been made

9. To receive any results of planning applications
 - (a) 13/02423/LBC - 19 Friday St, rebuild gable end - approved - was noted

10. To receive any correspondence
 - (a) Letter from Avon Rail Link Group
A letter from this Group asking for support to re-open the line from Stratford upon Avon to the new development at the former Army Camp was discussed. Members felt it is not a viable proposition and could not support the proposals.
 - (b) A letter from Mrs. Moore on behalf of the church was discussed. She asked that as the Meon News had ceased to operate, the funds that had been granted to the Meon News be diverted to the PCC to help with the newsletter they produced and circulated throughout the parish. Members agreed to support the PCC with their magazine.

11. Accounts for Payment and Finance Matters
 - (a) Clerks Salary £*** (BACS)
 - (b) Clerk's expenses incurred £***p (BACS)
 - (c) Payments to HMRC for tax on Clerk's Salary - £*** (BACS)
 - (d) Thomas Fox Landscapes - removal of stump Upper Quinton Green - £432 (BACS)
 - (e) Quinton Village Hall - meetings hire.£84
 - (f) D. White - expenses incurred - £47.50p
 - (g) T. Batchelor - tree removal in playing field - £60.
 - (h) Action Group printing - £71

12. Dates of meetings 2014
15th May (AGM)
17th July
18th September
20th November
Before closure of the meeting Councillor M.BRAIN on behalf of the members of the Parish Council thanked the Clerk for his service to the Parish over the past 14 years, a sentiment endorsed by the CHAIRMAN and members of the Parish Council. He was wished a happy and healthy retirement.
The CHAIRMAN closed the meeting at 8.10pm