

QUANTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held at the Memorial Hall on 11th February 2016

Present:

Councillors: Arthur Evans (Chairman) Nick Heirons (Vice Chairman), John Knox, Nick Butler, Claire Lucas , Michelle Thompson, Malcolm Wearn, County Councillor Janet Blake, Brian Fludgate (clerk).

Also Present: Five members of the public.

Apologies for Absence:

District Councillor Kevin Hewson

Disclosures of Interests:

There were no declarations of interest in relation to the agenda items.

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Having been circulated prior to the meeting, the minutes of the previous meeting were duly signed by the Chairman.

Open Forum

No representations were received.

County Councillor Briefing:

Budget

The BCC 2016/17 budget will be discussed w/c 15th February, and while there has been transitional relief from central government, it is likely a council tax increase of 3.99% will be passed. Major resources will be focussed on Adult and Child social care. The freeze on non essential spending is still in place.

Future of LAFs

The ending of Local Area Forums and associated funding has been considered, but no decision has been made in regards to their future.

HS2

Cllr Blake will look into the council's concern that HS2 mitigation seemed to be focussed on the Chilterns and Claydons, and not areas like Quanton, particularly over the alternative route proposal for the Station Road bridge in the council petition.

District Councillor Briefing:

Due to his absence Cllr Hewson had provided the council with a written brief on:

Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan

- 900 responses received after the public consultation which will be put on the AVDC website with AVDC answers to issues raised.
- After further consultation the Draft Local Plan will be submitted to the Secretary of State by January 2017. Local Plans must be submitted to Government no later than March 2017.
- The number of member councils who may want AVDC to take their unmet housing demand is increasing and may even include London. No district /council to date has been able to quantify their unmet demand figure.

Budget

AVDC met on 3rd February to agree it's 2016/17 budget. £2.8M of efficiency savings and income generation have been identified. However there will still be a funding gap which will have to be met through increased commercial activity, and a council tax increase of 1.99%.

Speaker:

Stephen Cartwright, Central Bucks Ambulance Service addressed the meeting in regards to the possible procurement of a Defibrillator.

A number of examples were quoted as to the benefit of having an immediate response to a cardiac arrest when a defibrillator is in place. When it is to hand within 300 metres of an incident and with CPR also being performed , the chances of survival is increased by up to 75%.

The units are very easy to use by laypeople, no special training is required, and are very safe for both patient and user in all weather conditions.

The cost to buy is approximately £1400 plus £300 for a 10 year contract which covers the battery and pads replacement.

The options discussed were whether to purchase a village defibrillator and install at a convenient site (possibly the Memorial Hall) or to support a trained First Responder who would be equipped with a unit. If the latter option is chosen there may be a possibility of the defibrillator purchased some years ago being retrieved from the local NHS.

It was agreed that two councillors will investigate the options and resident opinion, and come back with a recommendation as to next steps.

Reported Matters Outstanding:

Devolution Planning

Work to list and record what village groups and organisations do today is nearly completed. There was no specific devolution projects put forward at the BCC Parish Liaison meeting on 31st January 2016.

BCC are seeking an expression of interest from parishes to operate a community minibus, and a meeting to discuss further is planned for 3rd March.

Thames Water

The re-instatement of the road at Church St/New Road has been completed.

Vale of Aylesbury Housing Trust

Meeting took place with councillors and VAHT Director Dean Gill on 8th February. The meeting concentrated on the issues the council had raised regarding the performance of VAHT sub contractor Apollo in carrying out satisfactory maintenance and repairs.

It was recorded that VAHT intended to bring such works 'in house' and be more sympathetic to their residents' needs. Customer liaison will also be improved to co-ordinate repairs and installs more effectively.

HS2 Petition:

The formal response to the council's petition from the HS2 Select Committee is still awaited, but the report is expected to be released by 22nd February.

A local landowner appeared before the Select Committee on 20th January in respect of Additional Provisions concerning their property, and was also able to raise the issue of the Station Road bridge again.

HS2 Ltd are proposing to recruit community engagement specialists to liaise with people along the route affected by the project.

Note: A map of the HS2 route past Quainton, and the full HS2 Petition is available to view online at www.quainton.info

Quainton Neighbourhood Development Plan:

The level of response to the stage consultation which ended on 9th February was very encouraging. AVDC had posted 81 comments so far on their website, and more are expected to be added.

The council wished to record its thanks to all residents who responded and especially to the Quainton Village Society for their support during the consultation process, and their many members who submitted positive comments.

The NDP advisory group have taken advice from their consultant in regards to the comments from AVDC Forward Planning on the Settlement Boundary and Local Green Spaces designation. It is planned to write to the independent examiner setting out the council's position that the basic conditions have been met.

Further DCLG funding is available for neighbourhood planning, and it was agreed to bid for a top up of project funds to cover the cost of possible amendments to the plan, and preparations for the referendum.

Note: Information on the QNDP and the Conservation Area Review are available online at www.quainton.info

Planning Matters:

Previous Applications

Ref:	Details	Location	Date for comments or PC position
AOC/0002/1634	Measures to ensure waste is residual pursuant to condition 34 of the Planning Permission 11/20000/AWD	Greatmoor Farm, Calvert Landfill Site Brackley Lane	No objection

New Applications

16/00060/APP	Demolition and replacement of windows and doors	Quainton C of E Combined School	No objection
16/00252/ACL	Re-surface existing driveway and extend existing dropped kerb to 2 car widths	13 Pigott Orchard Quainton	Refer to details at AVDC website
16/00336/AGN	Erection of building for storage of agricultural machinery and equipment	Acorn Nurseries Station Road Quainton	10th March

Applications for Tree Works

Ref:	Details	Location
16/00282/ATC	Fell Ash Tree note: to be amended to reduce height	13 Church Street Quainton
16/00541/ATC	Ash Tree – reduce crown by 30%	Glebe Cottage 5 Upper Street Quainton

Applications Approved

Ref:	Details	Location
15/03929/APP	Alterations to first floor layout to create additional bedroom at first floor. Enlarged windows in modified openings at ground floor	Unit 2 Grange Farm Shipton Lee

15/03583/AOP - Land South of The Strand

The council has written to both AVDC and the developer to request the removal of 3 signatories from the petition to support the application which has been posted on the AVDC planning portal. The residents concerned have insisted that they believed they had signed to oppose the development.

15/03719/ATC - Remove Lime Tree at 56 Church Street

The council is disappointed that despite objecting to the application, the removal may proceed, and disagrees with the case officer judgement that the tree afforded no amenity value within the conservation area.

15/00404/APP - 2 The Strand

The council have been advised by a resident that they are concerned that the works carried out do not conform to the submitted plans, and they intend to raise an enquiry direct with AVDC Planning.

Clerks report:

Queen's Birthday Beacon 21st April 2016

The Firework Committee are taking this project on, and have met to start the planning. The location of the beacon may be either Quainton Hill or Mill Hill. There was a possibility the Quainton event could have been organised in association with AVDC, but they have since chosen Waddesdon Manor as their preferred beacon venue.

Windmill Restoration Project

Meetings were held with QWS and contractor Premier to agree the scope of works and timescale to replace the dome metal sheeting. The LAF grant of £2500 has been paid to the council in order to contribute towards the work due to be completed by the end of February.

Saye & Sele Hall

AVDC have approved £5000 from the S106 fund towards the project to restore the hall for a possible re-introduction of a pre-school. A start to the project is still subject to additional grant funding to be secured by the S&S trustees.

Representations from the Public (correspondence):

All current written correspondence had been circulated in advance of the meeting. The following representations were made since the last meeting:

- Invitation to comment on DCLG New Homes Bonus consultation by 10th March
- Advance warning of cycle race Sunday 17th April

Finance:

Payments Authorised previously circulated	Receipts reported
£ 217.09 – B. Fludgate clerk's net salary (Jan)	Nil
£ 3763.10 – AVDC Conservation Area work	
£ 20.00 – Bucks Playing Fields Assoc annual subscription	
£ 37.50 – Fresh Printers 250 NDP sheets	
£ 58.80 – S Pelling wildlife garden mower service	
£ 660.00 – Maverick skatepark ramp repair	
£ 400.00 – BCC Upper St Playground annual rent	
£ 40.00 – R Bleasdale web hosting fee	
£ 7.09 – Thames Water allotment supply	
£ 39.15 – Eon Energy Streetlight supply (Jan)	
£ 47.98 – L Richards re-imburse Xmas tree lights cost	
£ 230.00 – Fresh Printers 400 NDP sheets	
£ 174.00 – S137 G&D PO expenses	
£ 35.76 – B Fludgate re-imburse litter pick invoices	
£ 167.56 – BT Parish phone bill	

Recreational Facilities:

The tennis club require bags of aggregate to fill the holes in the football track to the courts. An estimate of the cost to be provided to the council as their contribution to the work.
The sports committee is to convene for a meeting in March.

Roads, Pavements and Street lights:

LED Lights

Awaiting a date from contractor CU Phosco to install the new lights for The Green. It is hoped to co-ordinate the repair of lights at Pigott Orchard and North End Road, and the change of light opposite 77 Station Road at the same time.

A resident asked about the possibility of installing an additional light near to the Upper Street Playground to overcome a 'black spot' for pedestrians at night. The clerk will investigate the feasibility and cost.

Update on outstanding works (TfB)

- 18 potholes had been reported to BCC, some repaired or white lined for action.
- Snakes Lane surface is unrepaired in places with some serious camber and roadside subsidence.
- Edgcott Road continues to deteriorate with no remedial action.
- Other remedial work previously recorded remains work in progress or awaiting scheduling .

Business for next meeting:

No items put forward at this stage.

Date of Next Meeting:

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on **Thursday 10th March 2016** in the committee room at the **Memorial Hall Station Road Quainton** at **8 pm**.

Being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9:42pm.