

QUANTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held at the Memorial Hall on 14th January 2016

Present:

Councillors: Arthur Evans (Chairman) Nick Heirons (Vice Chairman), John Knox, Nick Butler, Claire Lucas , Michelle Thompson, District Councillor Kevin Hewson, Brian Fludgate (clerk).

Also Present: Two members of the public.

Apologies for Absence:

County Councillor Janet Blake, Councillor Malcolm Wearn

Disclosures of Interests:

Councillor Nick Heirons continues to declare ownership of property in Mallets End which is in close proximity to the proposed development south of The Strand.

Open Forum

No representations were raised by the members of the public.

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

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

Reported Matters Outstanding:

Councillor casual vacancy

The vacancy had been advertised, and the clerk had received one application in writing by the deadline date of 5th January.

The council unanimously agreed to co-opt Michelle Thompson as councillor which includes full voting rights and the authority to approve business payments.

Devolution Planning

Councillors were identified to progress the work to list and record what village groups and organisations do today, identify the gaps and look to how to support or improve the activities.

Councillors were also due to attend a Bucks CC sponsored Community Transport workshop on 19th January and will report back on what transport services are under threat of closure, and what may be taken up directly by parish councils.

Village Twinning Proposal

Two residents have expressed an interest in forming a group to pursue the details of how the twinning with St Medard-en-Forez in France would work in practice, and what resources may be needed. This development will be highlighted in Quainton News to garner more local resident support. The clerk will act as the council point of contact for the twinning group.

HS2 Petition:

The formal response to the council's petition from the HS2 Select Committee is still awaited.

A local landowner has been invited to re-petition to the select committee, which will also provide an opportunity to press the case for the Station Road alternative alignment proposal.

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 Plan:

The independent inspector has been nominated to examine the plan on close of the AVDC consultation period in February.

It was agreed it was important to urge residents to comment again after the first consultation phase in August last year. It was also suggested that other parish councils are asked to comment, particularly Local Area Forum members.

A public meeting on the consultation process has been scheduled for am Saturday 23rd January, and a leaflet drop to all residents has been be organised to advertise the event.

Note: Information on the QNP 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
15/03836/APP 15/03837/ALB	Removal of chimney stack and erection of single story rear extension. Remove section of front boundary and create wider vehicle access with dropped kerb.	Townsend Cottage 8 Townsend Quainton	No objection
15/03893/APP	Conversion of garage to a garden room and erection of garden shed	Townsend Farm Townsend Quainton	No objection
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	No objection

New Applications

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	02/02/16
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Applications Approved

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Applications Refused

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None		

15/03583/AOP - Land South of The Strand

The council noted feedback from members of the Quainton Village Society and others in regards to the door to door petition organised by the developer in support of the application. It was agreed to raise the matters of concern with AVDC at an appropriate time in their determination process.

Trail Flatt Farm

Following representations from residents, AVDC Enforcement had reported back that a breach of the enforcement notice had occurred, and that the new owners had been given a 28 day time period to put forward proposals as to how they wish to resolve this.

Other Planning Matters

The clerk will investigate a councillor concern that applications for tree work in the village particularly when involving the removal of trees, were not being flagged automatically to the council as part of the Consultee Access process.

The re-planting of the hedgerow at Grange Farm has been done, although an area may have been missed. It was agreed to keep a watching brief to ensure the work will be fully completed.

District Councillor Briefing:

The Government's funding intentions in regards to its effect on the AVDC budget setting for 2016/17 was not as bad as expected, however current spending needs up to 2020 will produce a deficit of up to £5M which will have to be offset by new commercial initiatives, and/or charging for some services currently offered within the rates.

Clerks report:

Pavement Hedges

The clerk will raise this matter again in Quanton News in regards to land owners having a responsibility to keep the highway free from overhanging trees and hedges. Resident feedback had identified several areas in the village that may need attention.

Budget and Precept for 2016/17

The precept of £23,960 has been submitted to AVDC. The 2015/16 spend against the budget is likely to end with no more than a £66 surplus.

Saye & Sele Hall

The chairman had been approached by the Saye & Sele trustees to support a re-submission of grant funding for a restoration and extension of the hall to attract back use by local community groups. The project will cost at least £150,000 and the council's contribution as a 3rd party funder will be £5,000 as previously committed (minutes 14th August 2014 refer). The clerk has submitted a case to AVDC to use monies from the Section 106 settlement from the Grange Farm development.

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:

- Request for funds for equipment to support a Community First Responder . It was agreed to postpone any decision on the request until the discussions on a village defibrillator take place at the next council meeting..

Finance:

Payments Authorised previously circulated	Receipts reported
£ 198.76 – B. Fludgate clerk's net salary (Dec)	£ 2.88 – Bank interest
£ 400.01 – AVDC dog waste services	£ 3.96 – Cancelled cheque 1927 (Youth Cafe expenses)
£ 443.05 – B Fludgate quarterly office expenses	
£ 50.00 – Community Impact Bucks annual subscription	
£ 235.00 – Fresh Printers NDP colour copies	
£ 292.80 – ACE Services Xmas tree electrics	
£ 6300.00 – Reg Porter groundworks 2015	
£ 177.85 – ASK Services sports pavilion repairs	
£ 103.00 – SLCC annual membership	
£ 351.00 – QMH room bookings Oct to Dec	
£ 39.15 – Eon Energy Streetlight supply (Dec)	
£ 488.40 – HMRC Q3 Paye & Nics	
£ 44.00 – DigiPrint – A5 NDP Flyers	
£ 72.00 – Bluefin allotments insurance	

Recreational Facilities:

The insurance claim for the ramp damage at the skate park had been submitted and approved by the insurer. (Cost £550 plus vat with £125 excess).

Roads, Pavements and Street lights:

Update on outstanding works (TfB)

- The work to fix the leakage problem at North End Road was completed.
- There may be another leak affecting a property further down towards Townsend.
- Drain to be flushed at Townsend which caused flooding including Klee Close.
- Potholes continue to be of concern around the village particularly those that have deteriorated into large hazards (e.g. Church Street, Snake Lane).. It was agreed to get as many as possible reported into TfB.
- The dip in the pavement outside the school previously reported continues to be a hazard for a resident in a mobility scooter.

Other remedial work previously recorded remains work in progress or awaiting scheduling .

Thames Water

A meeting took place with TW representatives including the Regional Performance Manager on 12th January. All the problem areas were discussed ,and a visit to see the state of the non re-instatement of the tarmac at Church St/New Road (which is planned to be attended to 16th Jan).

Key messages from the meeting were:

- Quainton is scheduled over the next 2 years to have mains renovation and replacement at Station Road, Church Street, The Strand and Lower Street.
- A dedicated Customer Liaison Representative has been appointed to be a single point of contact to escalate issues to.
- TW are to change their relationship with their 3rd party contractors who will work under Thames Water direction and be paid on results, but also share in the cost of poor or repeated works.

Other Matters:

It was reported by a councillor that VAHT had refused to repair an outside light on one of their properties in Upper Street (which they had previously fitted to replace the tenant's own light). To be raised with the VAHT team concerned.

Business for next meeting:

Presentation and a discussion on the provision of a village defibrillator.

Date of Next Meeting:

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on **Thursday 11th February 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 9:58pm.