

QUANTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council meeting held at the Memorial Hall on 8th September 2016

Present:

Councillors: Arthur Evans (chairman), Nick Heirons (vice chairman), John Knox, Claire Lucas, District Councillor Kevin Hewson, Brian Fludgate (clerk).

No members of the public were present..

1. Apologies for Absence:

RESOLVED c/2016/15 to accept apologies from County Councillor Janet Blake, Councillors Michelle Thompson, Malcolm Wearn and Nick Butler.

2. Disclosures of Interests:

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

3. Meeting Minutes:

Having been circulated prior to the meeting, the minutes of the previous meeting were duly signed by the chairman as a true and accurate record. On the request of the clerk, the word 'Minor' was deleted from item 3 section 9 Planning Matters.

RESOLVED c/2016/16 to approve the minutes of the meetings held on 1th August 2016.

4. Open Forum:

There were no representations from the public.

5. Reported Matters Outstanding:

Planting of an ornamental tree

Quinton Village Society have the agreement of all parties involved including the council, to plant a tree on the amenity land at the corner of White Hart Field and The Strand.

6. County Councillor Briefing:

Following an enquiry by the clerk as to the current performance of the Greatmoor Energy from Waste incinerator, Councillor Blake had provided a response from Bucks CC that stated it was working to 100% capacity.

7. District Councillor Briefing:

1. The District Councils have commissioned Deloitte, to undertake an independent review of current council structures.. This review has no pre-determined outcome and is looking at all possible options. AVDC expect the draft report from Deloitte's in late September. This should identify some of the key issues, which will then be shared with key stakeholders whose feedback will be important in helping to prepare the final report, which will be published in early Autumn. BCC are continuing their own discussions on possible unitary structures.

2. An update was also provided on current planning and enforcement issues issues (see Planning Matters).

3. Councillor Hewson suggested the council could host an AVDC Cabinet visit in April next year, and will report back if this may be possible.

8. Neighbourhood Plan (QNDP):

In response to the legal opinion put forward by Walsingham Planning, AVDC are to prepare a further SEA* Screening report on the referendum version of the plan to ensure there are no significant effects that are not mitigated by QNDP policies particularly Policy H1 on housing.. This will mean the plan cannot be 'made' until the SEA Screening is critically reviewed independently and then as per the regulations have a period of consultation with Natural England, Historic England and the Environment Agency. It is unlikely the plan will now be made before the end of October.

* Strategic Environmental Assessment

9. HS2 Developments:

No matters to report.

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

10. Planning Matters:

1. Applications Pending or Recent Determination

Planning Ref	Details	Location	PC Comments
16/02701/APP	Re-fenestration of Block 2 of school buildings exterior windows and doors	Quainton School Lower Street Quainton	No objection, waiting decision
16/03042/APP	Demolition of single storey side extension. Erection of 2 bedroom 2 storey side extension	52 Upper Street Quainton	To be opposed, waiting decision – see item 4.
15/03583/AOP	Development of 31 dwellings and associated infrastructure	Land south of The Strand Quainton	Opposed, waiting decision
15/04276/APP	Erection of 15 houses	Land south west of 62 Station Road Quainton	Opposed, waiting decision
16/02520/APP	Erection of 1 machinery store, 1 livestock store 1 poly tunnel for agricultural purposes	Orchard Farm Blackgrove Road Quainton	Refused 18 August.
16/02626/APP	Demolition of hay barn and trailer. Creation of manège and erection of stable building and barn/feed store. Change part of garden use from residential to agricultural.	Land adjacent to 6 Cautley Close Quainton	Comments submitted, waiting decision
16/02728/APP	First floor storey side extension	21 Cautley Close Quainton	Comments submitted, waiting decision
16/02763/APP	Erection of agricultural storage barn	Little Acorns Acorn Nurseries Station Road Quainton	Comments submitted, waiting decision
16/02304/ALB	Structural repairs to damaged areas.	28 Church Street Quainton	Approved 14 August
16/02367/APP 16/02369/APP	Erection of agricultural building Retention of existing mobile home for use as a temporary agricultural worker's dwelling	Trail Flatt Farm Lee Road Quainton	Opposed, waiting decision

2. Tree Works

Planning Ref:	Details	Location
16/01222/ATC	Remove T3 Wellingtonia tree	The Old School House 56 Church Street Quainton
16/02801/ATC	Fell Prunus Amanagowa	18 Church Street Quainton
16/02766/ATC	Fell 1 Western Red Cedar	Land adjoining to 15A Church Street Quainton

3. 15/03583/AOP – Land South of The Strand Quainton

The developer may appeal to the Secretary of State on the grounds of non determination by AVDC, although the submission of amended plans in August has needed more time for consideration.

4. 16/03042/APP – 52 Upper Street Road Quainton

The parking provision does not comply with QNDP Policy T1 on parking, and therefore the application cannot be supported. Vale of Aylesbury Housing Trust have also made an objection.

RESOLVED c/2016/17 to oppose the planning application 16/03042/APP

5. Trail Flatt Farm Lee Road Quainton

An AVDC Enforcement officer had visited the site on 23rd August to inspect the current building works and has reported back that the structure conforms to the building consent given for a stable block (Ref 07/01520/APP refers). It was agreed to continue to closely monitor developments on site and make further representations to AVDC if required.

6. Removal of Wellingtonia Tree – The old School House Church Street

The application is likely to go to the Development Management Committee on 22nd September. AVDC are awaiting a further structural report from the applicant's insurers. It is hoped a copy of the report will be available in advance of the DMC meeting so that the council may decide whether to make further representations in its opposition to the felling of the tree.

7. Proposed 3 bed cottage at Grange Farm Shipton Lee

Romark Homes had contacted the council seeking its support for an additional dwelling on a plot of land within the existing development of barn conversions.

It was agreed that the new building would not comply with Policy H1 of the QNDP on new housing in the open countryside. The council were appreciative that the developer had sought the views of the council in advance, instead of submitting a speculative planning application.

RESOLVED c/2016/18 to not support the proposal from Romark Homes for an additional dwelling at Grange Farm.

11. Clerks Report:

1. CiLCA (Certificate in Local Council Administration)

The clerk has gained the CiLCA accreditation which allows the council to resolve to adopt the General Power of Competence (GPC). The GPC provides more flexibility in how the council conducts its business and spends money. It enables councils to undertake initiatives any individual may do, provided it is lawful. It also gives the freedom for the council to operate outside of the parish.

2. Local Council Award Scheme

In the light of 1. above the council has agreed to register its interest in gaining the Gold award which demonstrates that a council is at the forefront of best practice and achieves excellence in governance, community leadership and council development.

RESOLVED c/2016/19 to register an interest in participating in the Local Council Award Scheme.

3. Defibrillator

It is hoped Quainton School will advise shortly what funding they may have for a new unit installed in the school grounds. A resident is to apply to be trained as a local responder, and South Central Ambulance Service have confirmed the person will be provided with their own equipment which will be in addition to the planned village based unit.

4. Resident Complaint to ICO and Appeal to the General Regulatory Chamber

The council were unable to agree with the appellant as to the final wording of the proposed amendment to the Decision Notice which would have avoided the appeal going to the GRC tribunal. The tribunal will therefore have to determine on the appeal.

5. Allotment Fencing

Agreement has been reached with the tenant(s) who rents the cattle field from the Winwood Trust as to fitting a straight line fence on the western edge of the allotment which will reduce the overall cost of installation.

6. Spare Allotment

An allotment holder has given notice on their half plot which will become vacant in November.

12. Representations from the Public (correspondence):

All correspondence had been circulated prior to the meeting:

- Letter from Romark Homes re Grange Farm (see Planning Matters)
- Email from resident on light aircraft nuisance – referred to CAA complaints procedure.
- Email from resident on lack of fibre broadband on Station Road – the council will investigate the broadband roll-out plans by BT.

- Request from the local ramblers association for financial help to install 2 new gates to replace stiles on the Hogshaw part of footpath QUA10A from Quainton. It was decided that on this occasion the council would not make a contribution towards the gate and install costs

13. Finance:

1. Payments pending previously circulated	2. Receipts reported
£ 228.50 – Clerk's net salary (August)	£ 0.99 – Bank interest
£ 16.74 – Courier charge (return of lockable posts)	£ 470.26 – Quainton Ball donation towards village defibrillator
£ 39.15 – Eon Energy Streetlight supply (Aug)	
£ 25.00 – Printing of VALP A5 leaflets	
£ 2727.14 – CU Phosco (The Green LED street lights)	
£ 57.30 – D. Carter (pavement weed spraying)	
£ 200.00 – Quainton FC (contribution towards replacement pavilion doors)	
Total £ 3293.83	

RESOLVED c/2016/20 to approve the payments as recorded above.

3. Bank Reconciliation

The bank reconciliation statement for period 5th August to 5th September 2016 was presented for review and approval.

RESOLVED c/2016/21 to approve and sign the bank reconciliation statement as correct.

4. Monthly Financial Report 2016/17

- All expenditure recorded to date is within the current budget limits.
- The current surplus remains at £956
- The main payment for the month was to CU Phosco being the balance of the LED street light installation cost now the lights on The Green had been replaced.

14. Recreational Facilities:

Current and Outstanding issues:

- The lockable posts have been returned to the supplier for a refund (less cost of courier).
- Awaiting cost quotes to remove the asbestos type material from the football ground.
- The skate park contractor to be asked to assess remedial work required to current damage to ramps.
- A recent viewing of the skate park has identified two small areas of damage on two of the ramps which will need addressing.

15. Roads, Pavements and Street lights:

1. LED Lights

- CU Phosco are still investigating the 'brightness' issue of The Green LEDs endeavouring to find a fix on site.
- Providing a cost quote for surveying all street light columns is work in progress.

2. Possible leak at the bottom of New Road to be reported.

3. Update on outstanding works with Transport for Bucks (TfB)

- Red tarmac on the 30mph marking on Lee Road is still to be completed.
- The white road markings outside the Upper Street playground need repainting
- Awaiting repair work required on damage to The Strand pavement.
- The tarmac trench across Lower Street outside the Swan and Castle has sunk and needs to be brought up to the level of the road.
- New yellow lines outside the school are scheduled to be painted.
- Other TfB remedial work previously recorded remains work in progress or awaiting scheduling .

4. Councillor John Knox provided a verbal report on matters discussed at the latest TfB Focus Group meeting.

16. Business for next meeting:

- Representatives from Bucks CC to attend to discuss proposals for streamlining local government in Buckinghamshire
- To review the clerk's salary following the award of the Certificate in Local Council Administration.
- To commence planning for the 2017/18 budget and precept process.

17. Date of Next Meeting:

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on **Thursday 13th October 2016** in the main hall at the **Memorial Hall Station Road Quainton** at **7.30 pm**.

Being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 10.10 pm.