

QUANTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council meeting held at the Memorial Hall on 13th April 2017

Present:

Councillors: Arthur Evans (chairman), Nick Heirons (vice chairman), Michelle Thompson, Malcolm Wearn, Nick Butler, John Knox, Claire Lucas, County Councillor Janet Blake, District Councillor Kevin Hewson, Brian Fludgate (clerk).

Members of the public – 8

Invitees – David Campbell, Jane Vowles (Anstiss Bequest trustees), Bruce Mullet (Bruce Architecture)

Annual Meeting of the Parish

The meeting commenced with the chairman reading out his annual report to the parish which covered the council's activities over the last 12 months, and thanked the councillors, volunteers, and clerk for their efforts throughout the year. There followed a session for parishioners to ask questions on the report and raise matters of interest.

The full report is available from the clerk or to view online at www.quanton.info/parish-council/information-we-publish/

Parish Council Meeting

1. Apologies for Absence

None

2. Declarations 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.

RESOLVED c/2017/11 to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 9th March 2017

4. Anstiss Bequest – Development of Bones Close

Mr Campbell of the Anstiss Bequest provided a briefing on the proposal to sell Bones Close with planning permission for housing in the area situated off Church Street in Quanton as part of a wide consultative process. The Bequest owns Bones Close and its trustees have an obligation to achieve best value on any sale to financially support Holy Cross and St Mary's Church.

It was envisaged the development could generate substantial funds to maintain and develop facilities at the church which over time may amount to a requirement of up to £400,000. Architect Mr Mullet provided architectural plans of the development which proposed the building of 9 two storey 2/3 bedroom houses with parking and access.

There followed a Q&A session with the councillors and the public present. The Bequest acknowledged the development would need to satisfy local and national planning conditions, and the sensitivities of building on a green space within the village conservation area. The position of the parish council was being sought before submitting a pre-planning enquiry to the local planning authority AVDC.

The chairman thanked the Bequest for the information provided, and that the councillors would respond to in due course.

5. Reported Matters Outstanding

1. Station Road Broadband

Still awaiting further response from Connected Counties although AVDC may now be the main financial contributor to the venture and not Bucks CC.

A list of names and addresses of residents in Station Road is being collated to possibly submit an application to the BT Community Fibre Partnership scheme. This would entail raising half of the installation cost to match BT's contribution and as much as £30,000 may need to be found.

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2. George & Dragon Advertising Sign on the Green

Cllr Heirons is still investigating the legal position with AVDC as to what and by whom may be sanctioned on The Green, and will report back on the findings.

3. Village Emergency Plan

Cllr Lucas advised the plan was now complete and a copy forwarded to Bucks CC. The plan will need to be reviewed on an annual basis.

6. County and District Councillor Briefings

Cllr Blake was advised of the outstanding works with Transport for Bucks in regards Cautley Close and Lee road (see section 13.3 of minutes), and will make enquiries as to progress.

Cllr Hewson updated the council on the current position of the draft Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan. The next public consultation period will commence in July after the full District council have considered the revisions to the plan.

7. HS2 and East West Rail

HS2 Community Information Event was held in Quainton on Sat 25th March. The HS2 Community and Environment Fund (CEF) was highlighted for communities directly affected by HS2 to apply for funding of local projects. The clerk will investigate and advise if any of the council's identified initiatives may qualify.

BALC & HS2 council update event was also held in Quainton on Thurs 30th March, and focussed on the highway route approvals for construction traffic.

Network Rail intend to enter the next consultation phase for the East West rail project and have published public meeting dates and venues.

8. Planning Matters

1. Applications Pending or Recent Determination

Planning Ref	Details	Location	PC Comments/Status
17/01188/AHR	Removal of 5m section of hedgerow	Land off Carters Lane Quainton	No objection. Awaiting decision.
17/00964/APP	Construction of dormer window on rear slope of single storey side extension	54 Upper Street Quainton	No objection. Awaiting decision (see note 2 below)
17/00858/APP	First floor extension to front and rear	137B Station Road Quainton	No objection. Awaiting decision.
17/00647/APP	Single storey side and front extension	6 Winwood Drive Quainton	Approved 3 April
16/04392/APP	Retention of Units 11, 12, &13. Change to B2 Unit 13 and joinery extension.	Ladymead Farm Denham	New applications pending following advice joinery business to close.
16/03650/APP 16/04098/AGN	Change of use of land for siting of a mobile home. Creation of 88m long access track to link to new agricultural buildings	Orchard Farm Blackgrove Road Quainton	Opposed. Awaiting rural consultant's report.
16/03860/APP	Erection of one detached dwelling with access	Land at 36 Upper Street Quainton	No objection. Awaiting decision (see note 3 below)
16/03886/A17	Certificate of Appropriate Alternative Development – 4 dwellings	Melling Farm Station Road Quainton	No objection. Awaiting decision.
15/03583/AOP	Development of 31 dwellings and associated infrastructure	Land south of The Strand Quainton	Planning enquiry scheduled to be heard in July (see note below)
15/04276/APP	Erection of 13 houses	Land south west of 62 Station Road Quainton	Revised plans awaited - No objection (see note 4 below)
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 Quainton	Refused 3 February. Awaiting enforcement action

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Tree Works			
17/01199/ATC	Trimming of False Pear Tree	3 Klee Close Quainton	No objection. Work will go ahead if Tree Preservation Order not served by 11th May

2. 17/00964/APP – 54 Upper Street

The council have no objection to the application but is conditional on the proposed 3 parking spaces not compromising space required for the new extension and parking planned for 52 Upper Street.

3. 16/03860/APP – Land at 36 Upper Street

A revised plan with a larger access, change to new parking spaces and turning point has been submitted by VAHT. Highways have agreed the changes subject to certain conditions before occupancy can be made. The council to support the revised plan.

4. 15/04276/APP – Land South West of 62 Station Road

Awaiting further response and further revised plans as to changes required by Highways to parking on site in regards turning arrangements. The council to make further comments once plans are available.

9. Clerks Report

1. Village Defibrillator

The replacement external cabinet should be available in 7 – 10 days' time.

2. Allotments

The new perimeter fence adjacent the cattle field has been completed.

3. Windmill Restoration Project

The held grant monies (£2,500) to be paid to the contractor on behalf of Quainton Windmill Society so they may place an order for the artificial panels for the replacement dome cap.

10. Representations from the Public (correspondence)

No correspondence was required to be circulated.

11. Finance

1. Payments pending previously circulated	2. Receipts reported
New financial year 2017/18	
£ 75.00 – Allotment half year rent	£ 0.19 – Bank interest
£ 117.00 - Memorial Hall room bookings	£ 250.00 – LAF sports grant (tennis club)
£ 203.92 – BMKALC annual subscription	£ 1982.88 – BCC Devolution payment
£ 2246.20 – PWLB loan payment (Memorial Hall)	£ 100.00 – Hay field cut monies
£ 45.48 – Eon Streetlight supply (March)	
Year end 2016/17	
£ 299.79 – Clerk's net salary March)	
£ 199.60 – HMRC PAYE (March)	
£ 416.56 – office expenses Q4	
£ 169.20 – J Godfrey village litter collection	
£ 300.00 – QPCC Burial Ground donation	

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£ 570.00 – Sparkx Ltd streetlight column inspection	
£ 11.27 – Allotment water supply	
£ 1379.38 – Salix LED loan payment	

RESOLVED c/2017/12 to approve the payments pending as recorded above.

3. Bank Reconciliation

The official bank statement for period 3rd March to 5th April was presented for review and duly signed as correct.

4. Monthly Financial Report – Year End 31st March 2017

- All expenditure recorded to date is within the current budget limits.
- Unspent budget is £13,373 and the forecast net bank surplus to carry over after March expenditure to the new financial year is estimated at £7,400. This remains sufficient to maintain the 2017/18 budget set.

	Balance £
Unspent budget	13,373
Less lighting column provision £4,000	9,373
Less BCC devolution payment (already allowed for in 2017/18 budget)	7,390

12. Recreational Facilities

- The sports committee will identify likely expenditure on facilities over the next 12 months to include in the budget setting process.
- The clerk to investigate an accumulation of rubbish and materials at the allotments.
- Health and Safety report forms circulated to councillors to conduct inspections at public amenity sites.

13. Roads Pavements & Street lights

1. General

Seat at the top of Winwood Drive to be repaired. Cllr Heirons will instigate.

2. Thames Water Replacement Mains Work

Meeting arranged in Quainton for residents on 19th April to review works planned at Lower Street, Church Street and Station Road.

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

- Station Road crossroads white road markings continues to be a priority for re-painting.
- Red tarmac on the 30mph marking on Lee Road is still to be completed and awaiting capital funding.
- Awaiting start date for Cautley Close road re-surfacing

14. Business for next meeting

None.

Date of Next Meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on **Thursday 11th May 2017** in the conference room at the **Memorial Hall Station Road Quainton** at **8pm**. To include the Annual Council Meeting.

Being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.55pm.

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