# **QUAINTON PARISH COUNCIL**

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# Minutes of the meeting of the Council held at the Memorial Hall on 14th June 2018

## Present:

Councillors: Arthur Evans, Malcolm Wearn, John Knox, Nick Butler, Claire Lucas, Michelle Thompson, District councillor Scott Raven.

Members of the public -2

Invitees: Cheryl Snudden HS2 and Chris James, Nicola Gotzheim contractors Effiage Kier

# 1. Apologies for Absence

### RESOLVED c/2018/21 to accept apologies from Cllrs Janet Blake and Nick Heirons.

## 2. Declarations of Interests

2.1 Cllr Wearn regarding formal association with Quainton Royal British Legion - non pecuniary.

2.2 Cllr Thompson regarding personal associations with 29 Cautley Close planning application - non pecuniary.

### **3. Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the previous meeting had been circulated prior to the meeting, and duly signed by the chairman as a true and accurate record.

### RESOLVED c/2018/22 to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 10th May 2018

### 4. Representations from HS2 and Effiage Kier

- 4.1 Mr Chris James outlined the work joint venture Effiage Kier (EK) will undertake for HS2 along the Quainton section of HS2. They are the civil contractors and will prepare the line for handover to HS2 to complete the rail systems and associated works by 2022.
- 4.2 Currently ground investigation work will continue before the main construction takes place at present estimated to be early to mid-2019.
- 4.3 EK plan to re-use earthworks excavated as they go along the HS2 route to build embankments and bunds to reduce the need to bring materials to site. Oher construction elements will also be manufactured off site and re-assembled by the line route
- 4.4 There were several questions and issues that HS2 and EK will endeavour to provide answers to namely:
  - The use and upgrade of Snakes Lane during construction.
  - HS2 HGV traffic take into consideration the likely increase in lorry movements to and from the nearby Greatmoor Energy from Waste plant.
  - Will HS2 lorries be easily identifiable should they approach the village centre.
  - Concerns regarding the road spur to the Faccenda Foods and BRC being too tight for HGV heavy loaders
  - The new spur road will require a pavement for walkers and pedestrians for safe access towards and from Waddesdon.
  - Will EK works co-incide with planned electricity sub-station works by HS2 at Woodlands Edgcott.

## 5. Open Forum

No representations received from the public.

## 6. Reported Matters Outstanding

### 6.1 Village Post Office Proposal

The Waddesdon postmaster is still pressing to agree a second weekly session on Mondays which may present operational problems for the George & Dragon. The clerk will provide a further update on next course of action following further discussions with the PO Network Operations Manager.

Date:

Chairman's initials:

## 7. County and District Matters

- 7.1 Cllr Raven outlined latest news of interest from AVDC:
- 7.2 Following the £3.5 M investment in refuse and re-cycling, the collections dates are likely to be revised but no change in the frequency of bin collections.
- 7.3 The Council is now participating as a local partner in the Central Area Growth Board, responsible for strategic leadership as part of the Oxford-MK-Cambridge Growth Corridor. Having a vote on the board means AVDC will actively contribute to the agenda on strategic planning, economic development, and infrastructure planning.
- 7.4 The Council's Audit Committee has published a review into Aylesbury Vale Broadband (AVB), the high-speed broadband provider which the council voted to set up in 2015 but had to sell the assets to broadband provider Gigaclear at the end of 2017 at a financial loss. The review was conducted by independent auditors, and the Cabinet have accepted in their report that there had been errors and a lack of specialist knowledge at board level.

## 8. Planning Matters

### 8.1 Applications Pending or Recent Determination

Planning Ref	Details	Location	PC Comments/Status
18/02008/AOP	Outline application for 2 two storey detached dwellings	159 Station Road	Pending PC Comments. To further review
18/01802/APP	Two storey rear extension, single storey side extension and front porch	29 Cautley Close	Pending PC Comments. To further review
18/01796/APP	Part single, part 2 storey rear extension, addition of balcony, replacement doors and windows	50 Lower Street	Pending PC Comments. No objection
18/01687/APP	Two storey and single storey rear extension	5 The Green	Pending PC Comments. To oppose
18/01167/COUAR	Change of use of agricultural building to residential	Ladymead Farm Denham	Approved
18/01081/APP	Single storey rear kitchen extension	3 Church Street	Approved
18/00970/APP	Erection of farmhouse	Land at Doddershall Harpers Great Ground	Approved
18/00851/APP	Single storey extension to provide external stores for pre- school. Amended plans	Saye & Sele Hall 18 Lower Street	Approved
18/00768/APP 18/00769/ALB	Re-construction of Outbuildings Coach house, conversion to residential. Repair of garden walls and replace entrance gates.	Brudenell House 29 Church Street	No objection. Awaiting decision
18/00111/APP	Insertion of dormer window to rear	16 Church Street	Opposed. Awaiting decision
17/04695/APP	Two storey and single storey rear extension. New front porch	24 Cautley Close	Approved
17/03519/AOP	2.5km national cycling route	Lower South Farm Doddershall	No objection in principle
17/03253/APP	Erection of B1 new unit and regularisation for units 11, 12 and 13	Ladymead Farm Denham	Opposed. Awaiting decision by DMC
17/01264/APP	Erection of 2 detached dwellings with access, parking, and amenity space	52 Lower Street	Opposed. Awaiting decision
17/01265/APP	Change of use from A2	Swan & Castle	Approved
16/03886/A17	Certificate of Appropriate Alternative Development – 4	Melling Farm Station Road	No objection. Awaiting decision.

	dwellings		
15/04276/APP	Erection of 13 houses	Land south west of 62 Station Road	Granted subject to completion of the S106 Agreement.
15/00502/CON3	Alleged unauthorised siting of mobile home on site	Trail Flatt Farm Lee Road	Enforcement notice served. Appeal commenced.
18/00022/ENFNOT			

### 8.2 Planning Matters Outstanding

- Still awaiting a date for the Ladymead B1 unit application to go to Committee.
- Awaiting a further update on Orchard Farm from AVDC planning enforcement.
- The Trail Flatt enforcement appeal may be seen using ref 18/00022/ENFNOT on the AVDC planning portal (search under appeals). The grounds for appeal by the appellants is available to view, and AVDC's Statement of Case to be posted.

### 9. Clerks Report

### 9.1 Upcoming Dates and Deadlines

- TfB Conference 4 July
- Greatmoor incinerator meeting 28 June
- BCC supported Rural Bus Survey closes 20 July

#### 9.2 General Data Protection Regulation

- Councillor GDPR awareness session held on 24 May.
- The Privacy Statement has been approved and advertised.
- The clerk is assessing the new quainton.info email address system and so far, is working effectively. New email addresses for all councillors to be circulated.

#### 9.3 Quainton Windmill

The HS2 Community and Environment Grant has been approved for £9700. Quainton Windmill Society hope to commence the work to replace the external viewing gallery in August this year.

#### 9.4 Community Beacon

An AVDC New Homes Bonus micro grant for £900 has been awarded. The beacon was on display at the Royal British Legion event at Bucks Railway Centre on 10 June which raised over £5,000 for their organisation. RBL have also paid £1,000 to the parish council to use the beacon for their remembrance event on 11 November as part of the 'Battles Over' beacon lighting event.

Awaiting advice from AVDC planning regarding whether planning consent is required for the 11 November event.

### 10. Finance

10.1 Financial accounting packs were previously circulated to all councillors for review and to raise any queries before approval to forwarded to the external auditor. Having agreed the Governance statement, the Accounting statements were also duly approved. The notice to exercise the public right to inspect the accounts will be advertised on 18 June.

## RESOLVED c/2018/23 to approve the Accounting and Annual Governance Statements 2017/18

10.2 Payments pending previously circulated	10.3 Receipts reported
£ 1564.24 – Parish annual insurance	
£ 960.00 – Community Beacon basket	£ 0.93 – Bank interest (reserve account)
£ 244.58 – Clerks net salary	£ 1000.00 – RBL payments
,	£ 900.00 – AVDC NHB micro grant (beacon)
£ 163.20 – HMRC PAYE (May)	
£ 56.52 – Streetlight supply (May)	
£ 54.00 – Memorial Hall room bookings	
£ 75.00 – Allotment half year rent	
£ 180.60 – Annual RoSPA inspection reports	

### RESOLVED c/2018/24 to approve the payments pending as recorded above.

10.4 The bank reconciliation statements for period 5th April to 5th June 2018 were reviewed and duly signed as correct.

10.5 Further to item 13.4 from 10 May minutes Cllr Evan had circulated a recommendation regarding the clerk's remuneration package for approval following the release of new pay scales for 2018-2019 being:

- Uplift from SCP19 to SCP20 hourly rate from £10.10 to £10.30.
- An increase to the basic office expenses payment from £360.00 to £380.00 per quarter.

#### **RESOLVED** c/2018/25 to approve the increase to the clerk's remuneration for year 2018-19.

### 11. Correspondence

11.1 Berks, Bucks and Oxon Wildlife Trust (BBOWT) request to come talk about their Hedgerow Havens Project.

- 11.2 Letter from resident regarding HS2 grant opportunities.
- 11.3 Resident request for pre-application visit and advice on new office/garage
- 11.4 Resident email in support of The Green boundary project

### **12. Recreational Facilities**

12.1 The annual RoSPA inspection of Upper Street playground has highlighted concerns over the state of repair of the toddler swing and cableway. The clerk had previously circulated the price quote from supplier Kompan regarding a full maintenance visit which was approximately £1,274.00.

#### RESOLVED c/2018/26 to approve playground expenditure as per contractor quotation.

12.2 The Green boundary project is work in progress for update at the next council meeting.

#### 13. Roads Pavements and Streetlights

#### 13.1. Update on works with Transport for Bucks (TfB)

Station Rd Crossroads	Sign replacement. New signs on order
The Green 38	Drain Blocks in heavy rain
The Green	Kerbstones displaced

Lower Street Seye & Sele Hall	Grating subsiding
Junction Lower Street/Station Road	Blocked kerb weir
Winwood Drive	Subsidence on road reported
Winwood Drive	Awaiting drain jetting at bottom of road
North End Road	Micro surfacing planned March 2018
The Strand	Kerb Weirs and kerbstones
Upper Street	Kerbstones displaced
Townsend - N End Road - Klee Close	Flooding onto road
Church Street	Missing kerbstones
Station Road (108 – 110)	Broken kerbstone – re-inforcement wire exposed

# 14. Business for next meeting

Hedgerow Haven Project - Invitation for speaker from BBOWT to attend.

# Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on **Thursday 12th July 2018** in the conference room at the **Memorial Hall Station Road Quainton at 8pm**.

Being no further business, the chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.58 pm.