

## QUANTON PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the ordinary meeting of the Council held at the Memorial Hall on 12th September 2019

#### **Present:**

Councillors: Arthur Evans (chairman), Nick Heirons, John Knox, Nick Butler, Claire Lucas, Brian Fludgate (clerk).

No members of the public were present.

#### **1. Chairman's Introduction**

The chairman welcomed all to the meeting.

#### **2. Apologies for Absence**

**RESOLVED c/2019/28 to accept apologies from County Cllr Janet Blake, District Cllr Scott Raven, Cllr Malcolm Wearn, Cllr Michelle Thompson**

#### **3. Declarations of Interests**

There were no declarations of interest,

#### **4. 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/2019/29 to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 8th August 2019**

#### **5. Public Forum**

There were no prior questions or issues raised by the public for attention.

#### **6. Reported Matters Outstanding**

##### **6.1 The Green Project**

Cllr Heirons provided a further update and is still awaiting advice from AVDC open spaces team on issues regarding the management and enforcement of existing byelaws associated with The Green.

##### **6.2 HS2**

Cllr Knox provided a report on the HS2 and main works contractor Eiffage Kier parish council presentations held at Waddesdon and Grendon Underwood. It was an opportunity to remind HS2 that planned public briefings planned for October would require a specific event for Quainton residents.

##### **6.3 Thames Water Main Replacement Works**

Due to the unsatisfactory responses from Thames Water regarding the parish council's compensation and remedial works request, Cllr Knox will draft a complaint letter to be sent to the Consumer Council for Water.

#### **7. County and District Matters**

7.1 Cllr Blake had forwarded a letter from John Bercow MP in response to her representations on behalf of the parish council regarding the impending vegetation clearance works in Quainton by HS2 contractor Fusion.

7.2 Cllr Raven had provided a written update on AVDC matters although the council is in recess. He urged that the parish council monitor activities on the new unitary authority by referring to the shadow authority website.\*

\* [www.shadow.buckinghamshire.gov.uk](http://www.shadow.buckinghamshire.gov.uk)

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## **8. Planning Matters**

### **8.1 Ref. 19/02447/APP Single storey side and rear extension, garage conversion – 2 Cautley Close**

No objections were raised to the application by the parish council, but it was noted there had been a resident objection.

### **8.2 Ref. 19/03143/APP Erection of 5 no. 3 bedroom dwellings – Land at Swan & Castle PH Lower Street**

An application has been submitted which replaces the previous granted application for 2 no. 5 bedroom houses. It was agreed to object to the new application as it conflicted with the policies in the Quainton Neighbourhood Development Plan.

### **8.3 Ref. 18/02380/APP Erection of 6 dwellings – North End Nurseries North End Road**

The application has still not been considered by the AVDC Development Management Committee, and the agent for the applicant had advised they would appeal to the Planning Inspectorate on the grounds of non-determination by AVDC as the local planning authority.

### **8.4 Trail Flatt Farm – Enforcement and Development Appeals**

The inspector has dismissed the appeal against the enforcement order to remove the mobile home on site, but allowed the appeal against the erection of a 4 bay portal frame barn.

### **8.5 QNDP Review and Modifications**

The clerk advised the amendments following a review of the modified Neighbourhood Plan had been completed. A copy has been sent to the AVDC Neighbourhood Planning Group for comment particularly on new settlement boundary policy QP1. The clerk also provided a brief on the forthcoming consultation on the final modifications to the emerging Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan (VALP).

## **9. Clerks Report**

### **9.1 Upcoming dates and deadlines**

- BCC/FCC Incinerator Liaison meeting – 26 September (Greatmoor)
- Waddesdon LAF – Wednesday 2 October (Waddesdon CC)
- Confirm continuance of Devolved Services Agreement to Bucks CC by 31st October

### **9.2 Correspondence**

- Email from resident regarding loose dogs on right of way
- Email complaint from resident regarding bonfires
- Email from resident regarding voting rights in any forthcoming general election
- The clerk had received a request from Quainton School asking the parish council to fund a new grit bin for the playground and car park. The request had no support from the councillors due to other pressing financial needs.

### **9.3 Village Website and Councillor Emails**

The new website domain [www.quainton.org.uk](http://www.quainton.org.uk) is now up and running with some modifications still required. New .org.uk email addresses had been provided to councillors with guidance on how to transfer over contact addresses from the .info mailbox and how to archive emails.

### **9.4 Allotments**

9.5 Further to previous reports several plots remain overgrown and will need clearing. The clerk recommended the purchase of a brush cutter so vacant plots may be kept in a reasonable condition and not get overgrown. A budget estimated at £170 was agreed.

9.6 The yearly plotholder rents are due on 1st October, and the clerk proposed the following increase this year with an option to further review next year.

	Current rent/charge £	New rent/charge 2019/20 £	Change £
Full plot	16.00	18.00	2.00
Half plot	10.00	12.00	2.00
Water subsidy	2.00	3.00	1.00

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**RESOLVED c/2019/30 to increase the allotment rents for year 2019/20**

#### 9.7 Community Assets – Right to Bid

The clerk had submitted new Right to Bid forms to AVDC regarding the George & Dragon PH, the Village Stores and the retail unit on The Green (former butchers). The original resolution in 2014 has been used but it was recommended the resolutions be updated.

**RESOLVED c/2019/31 to re-register the George & Dragon PH, Village Store and The Green retail unit as assets of community value.**

#### 9.8 Red Chestnut on The Green

The clerk is working to the action plan presented at the last meeting. The plan is to re-route and re-connect the electric feed at the tree before any tree works commence. An application for consent to remove the tree due to disease has been submitted to AVDC.

### 10. Finance

10.1 The September finance report had been previously circulated for review.

10.2 Payments pending previously circulated	10.3 Receipts reported
£ 800.00 – Skatepark painting	£ 3.60 – Bank interest (reserve account)
£ 161.00 – Neighbourhood Plan copies	
£ 1.76 – Allotment water supply (Sept)	
£ 270.48 – Clerks net salary (Aug)	
£ 180.00 – HMRC PAYE (Aug)	
£ 52.17 – Streetlight supply (Aug)	
£ 120.00 – Parish Mapping subscription	
£ 75.00 – Allotment half yearly rent	
£ 69.00 – QMH room bookings	

**RESOLVED c/2019/32 to approve the payments pending as recorded above.**

#### 10.4 Bank Reconciliation (£)

Brought forward 2018/19	26636.56	Reserve account	21905.73
Receipts to date	22255.00	Current account	14312.90
total	48891.56	total	<b>36218.63</b>
Less payments to date	12672.93	Less paid not drawn	0
<b>Bank balance at 5 September 2019</b>	<b>36218.63</b>		<b>36218.63</b>

### 11. Recreational Facilities

11.1 The recreational report had previously been circulated by Cllr Lucas covering the condition of facilities at the sportsground and playground.

#### 11.2 Upper Street playground works

The clerk presented the quote from Kompan for works regarding the dismantling and inspection of the play equipment at a cost of up to £1348 depending on what works could be carried out voluntarily. It was agreed to

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proceed with works but the clerk will seek comparative quotes.

### 11.3 **Upper Street playground lease**

Bucks CC have offered a new lease at an increased rent of £500 per annum plus legal costs. The clerk will discuss an increase in line with RPI and ascertain the exact cost of the legal work involved.

## **12. Transport and Infrastructure**

### 12.1 **Devolved Services – Grass Cutting**

There were 2 outstanding issues regarding resolution with the current devolution agreement with Bucks CC

- To decide to accept takeover the grass cutting of areas in Quainton formerly the responsibility of VAHT attached). An additional payment of £56.27 per annum will be paid by Bucks CC.
- To extend the current BCC agreement that ends in 2020 and receive payment of £1982.88 up to 2022 as detailed in the proposal from Bucks CC circulated 10th September.

<b>RESOLVED c/2019/33 to agree the new devolved services requirements from Bucks CC</b>
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### 12.2 **Other Matters**

- Transport for Bucks have still not carried out the drain jetting at Winwood Drive, and this will now be put forward in petition at the next Waddesdon Local Area Forum.
- It was noted that traffic lights had been erected near Grange Farm for Thames Water to repair the leak onto Lee Road, but no work had started.

## **13. Further Public Comment – Informatives**

None recorded.

## **14. Business for next meeting**

None recorded.

Being no further business, the chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.45pm.

## **Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on **Thursday 10th October 2019** at **8pm** in the conference room at the **Memorial Hall Station Road Quainton**.

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