

QUANTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Council held at the Memorial Hall on 14th March 2019

Present:

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

Members of the public – 7

Invitees: Cheryl Snudden (HS2), Lorraine Kelly, Paul Armit (Fusion), Nicola Gotzheim, David Newcombe (Eiffage Kier).

1. Chairman's Introduction

The chairman welcomed all to the meeting and explained the meeting process particularly the format for making representations from the floor.

2. Apologies for Absence

None received.

3. Declarations of Interests

None received.

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/2019/07 to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 14th February 2019

5. HS2 Presentations

The presentations covered the following items regarding the forthcoming construction of the railway line through Quanton by contractors Fusion and Eiffage Kier. Main works to commence this year with completion in 2024 when the line will be handed over to HS2.

- Enabling works by contractor Fusion to be carried out in advance of the main construction
- A41/Station Road junction improvements
- Diversion of Thames Water mains on Station Road
- Station Road re-alignment and overbridge works
- Haul road methodology
- Traffic management and proposed road diversion at Snakes Lane
- Public engagement plan during construction works

The next HS2 information event for the public will be held in Quanton on Saturday 6th April 2019.

6. Public Forum

A Q&A session followed regarding the HS2 works where several concerns and issues were raised, and a request to revise the format of the forthcoming information event.

7. County and District Matters

- 7.1 Cllr Blake provided details of a petition being raised by Anti HS2 – Save Our Countryside group regarding the environmental damage caused by the works carried out to construct the Infrastructure Maintenance Depot in North Bucks.
- 7.2 The parish council requested Cllr Blake to intervene in getting Bucks CC support in controlling HS2 enabling works around Quanton which has resulted in issues such as footpath closures, unnecessary night lighting and excessive road signage, and a request for better consultation with the parish before any works are sanctioned or commenced.

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8. Planning Matters

8.1 Ref. 17/A3253/DIS Submission of details pursuant to Conditions (various) – Ladymead Farm Denham

The parish council to review matters of how slab levels, landscape, noise levels and surface water drainage will be met, and to ensure nearby residents are aware of the information available for comment.

8.2 Ref. 18/04441/APP Conversion of existing barn to habitable unit – 2 Lower Street

The parish council supports the request from AVDC Heritage for a Design & Access statement to be able to review the application properly.

8.3 Ref. 18/03062/ACC Increase in daily HGV movements – Calvert Waste management Complex

Cllr Blake reported the application had been approved at the Bucks CC Development Committee meeting on 25 February.

8.4 Ref. 19/00657/APP Erection of agricultural building - Willows Farm Blackgrove Road

Having consulted with the owners of nearby residential properties, the parish council has no objections to the application.

8.5 Ref. 18/00040/REF Erection of up to 40 dwellings – 151 and land to the rear of 151 Station Road

The clerk provided an overview of events at the planning enquiry which lasted 4 days. The Quainton Neighbourhood Development Plan Policy H1 on housing came under intense scrutiny, and the clerk will set out proposals to review the policies and wording in the current version of the QNDP taking account of the emerging Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan.

9. Finance

9.1 Payments pending previously circulated	9.2 Receipts reported
£ 19.08 – Road sign decal	£ 3.36 – Bank interest (reserve account)
£ 7.99 – Office expenses	
£ 30.29 – Allotment water supply	
£ 63.03 – Eon Energy (Feb)	
£ 281.05 – Clerks net salary	
£ 187.60 – HMRC PAYE (Feb)	

RESOLVED c/2019/08 to approve the payments pending as recorded above.

9.3 Bank Reconciliation (£)

Brought forward 2017/18	23554.04	Reserve account	21883.77
Receipts to date	47668.53	Current account	6259.35
total	71222.57	total	28143.12
Less payments to date	43079.45	Less paid not drawn	0
Bank balance at 5 March 2019	28143.12		28143.12

10. Clerks Report

10.1 Upcoming Dates and Deadlines

- B&MALC Unitary Liaison Meeting at County Hall - 21 March
- Bucks CC Minerals & Waste Local Plan consultation – closes 25 March
- Bucks Rights of Way Improvement Plan consultation – closes 31 March
- TFB Conference at AVDC offices The Gatehouse - Weds 26 June

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10.2 Quainton Beacon

The PC Fireworks Committee have produced a draft survey paper to be sent to all Quainton residents with Quainton News.

The paper has been sent to Cllr Heirons and QVS chairman Martin Jacobs to assist in completion the case for keeping the beacon as a temporary structure with a request to return the paper to the clerk by 2nd April.

Once the template is fully drafted it will available for review at the 11th April parish council meeting.

10.3 Village Maintenance Co-ordinator

The clerk has been compiling a list of repairs by location in preparation to advertise for a volunteer to assist in getting outstanding minor but essential works completed around the village.

10.4 Correspondence

- Email from resident regarding parking and electric car charge points.
- Copies of correspondence to HS2 from local landowner.
- Notice of HS2 public event Saturday 6 April 2019
- Cllr Wearn had received notice the free Tesco bus service to the village is to stop at the end of March.

11. Reported Matters Outstanding

11.1 The March report from the Sports Committee had been circulated.

11.2 It was agreed to help fund additional stone scalping for the sports field track.

11.3 The Holm Oak has not yet arrived, and Cllr Evans will pursue with the resident concerned.

11.4 Update on works with Transport for Bucks (TfB):

Station Rd Crossroads	Sign replacement. New signs on order
44 Lower Street	Grate cover in road loose
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	Awaiting drain jetting at bottom of road
The Strand	Blocked kerb weirs
Upper Street	Kerbstones displaced
Church Street	Missing kerbstones
Station Road (108 – 110)	Broken kerbstone – re-inforcement wire exposed
Station Road (48A – 52)	Farm trailer damage to road surface
George & Dragon The Green	Blocked storm drain
3 Winwood Drive	Spring leak onto pavement
Winwood Drive corner by cul de sac	Raised ironwork from drain cover

11.5 Thames Water Mains Replacement Works:

The Green	Mains pipes to be connected to a point under The Green – postponed awaiting new date
Church Street	Last phase of mains replacement scheduled for completion 15 March.

11.6 A second letter to the CEO of Thames Water regarding ongoing issues and to seek compensation was sent, but no response to date.

11.7 Other Works:

- Planning permission to cut back the conifer tree on The Logs footpath had been submitted to AVDC.

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- Cllr Heirons will liaise with builder regarding forthcoming construction work at 5 The Green who is seeking a works area outside on The Green.
- Cllr Lucas had received an offer to donate a cheery tree to the village.

12. Business for next meeting

To discuss the Quainton Beacon (see 10.2)

Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be the **Annual Meeting of the Parish** to be held on **Thursday 11th April 2019** at **7.30pm** in the conference room at the **Memorial Hall Station Road Quainton**.

Being no further business, the chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.35pm.

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