

Minutes of the ordinary meeting of the Council held on 10th December 2020.

The meeting was held remotely via video and audio conferencing as allowed under The Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police And Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020.

Present

Cllrs Arthur Evans (chairman), Malcom Wearn, John Knox, Michelle Thompson,
Claire Lucas, Nick Heirons, Tony Pacetti (clerk)

Buckinghamshire Council:

Invitees: Nicolette Smith, Iain Macpherson

Members of the public 0.

1. Chairman's Introduction

The chairman welcomed all participants and directed how the meeting would be conducted.

2. Apologies for Absence

Nick Butler, Dany Fahey

3. Declaration of Interests

Cllr Claire Lucas re HS2 re-affirmed

4. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting had been circulated prior to the meeting and duly signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record. Those Parish councillors present confirmed they had been both seen and heard.

RESOLVED c/2020/37 to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 12th November 2020

5. Public forum and correspondence

There was no direct correspondence.

The consultation period for the new prison at Grendon Underwood had been extended.

The grit bins had been filled.

Councillor Thompson indicated that the street lighting problem discussed at length in the previous meeting was now satisfactory.

Traffic Calming.

The SID had been set up in Lower Street.

Training in the use of this technical equipment was to be undertaken by Councillors. The manual application of the SID equipment once its attendant computer operation had been mastered would facilitate an accurate and comprehensive production of data.

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It was agreed that the PC would apply for HS2 finance on behalf of the windmill for necessary renovation work

6. Review of reported matters outstanding

None were outstanding.

7. Transport and infrastructure matters

Councillor Knox reported on various transport issues. Station Rd bridge was to be subject to an immediate 3 ton weight limit, at first temporary but to be made permanent.

Iain Macpherson entered this discussion offering himself as a conduit among interested parties.

It was hoped this would bring some order and method into the ongoing development.

In most cases decisions about road closures were made without any reference to P. C.

It was also noted that the faulty VAS sign on Station Road remains unrepaired despite promises by TFB.

Many of the applications for information concerning traffic movements were not satisfactorily answered by TFB leading to much frustration at the QPC level.

8. Buckinghamshire Council matters

There were no matters to report.

9. Consideration of current planning applications and related matters

The P C response to the application for a new barn at Ladymead had been placed on the Planning Portal but had not reached the relevant planning officer. In future the Parish Liaison officer should also be notified of any planning responses P C makes.

Broadband.

Much work has been undertaken by Cllrs Lucas and Thompson in respect of leafletting and bringing to the attention of residents in Station Road; informing them that grants may be available from funding administered by BC on behalf of **HMG** to upgrade the poor quality of broadband roll out in this area. It was hoped that sufficient applicants came forward to take advantage of this enterprise.

A personal report was made to QPC for any assistance that could be given to the Aylesbury Gardenway Community Engagement Campaign. The Chairman responded by indicating he would publicise the Campaign in the January issue of the Quainton News. He particularly approved of an intended cycleway to circle Aylesbury, allowing people to cycle from various parts of the Vale to link with it.

Neighbourhood Plan

The Updated Neighbourhood Plan had been forwarded to Councillors prior to the meeting held on 10th December. There is a consultation period in relation to the subsequent acceptance of the modified plan which covers the period 18th December 2020 to 19th February 2021. The modification can be seen on the Quainton Parish Website. There is also a separate email for comments to be made, which can be found online.

Relevant Documents include:

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1. Pre-Submission consultation document
2. Quainton modification proposal statement
3. Quainton modification proposal schedule.

A letter is currently being printed for parish residents and will be distributed before 18th December.

RESOLVED c/2020/ 38 that the modification to the Neighbourhood plan was fully supported by the Council, and that the Regulation 14 Pre-Submission consultation was to start.

10. Clerk's Report

The comprehensive insurance cover for the allotments had been renewed to cover the annual premium effective from 1st January 2021.

11. Finance. £'s

The December finance report has been previously circulated for review.

<u>Items of Expenditure</u>		Receipts	
Already Paid		Bank interest	0.19
For authorisation	OLB438 External audit fee	240.00	
	OLB439 Groundworks	2388.00	
	OLB440 BCC lease	690.00	
	OLB441 Waterproof socket unit	33.59	
	OLB442 Water surface box	16.24	
To be paid			
For authorisation	OLB443 Winwood Trust	* 240.00	
	OLB444 Clerk salary Nov	* 305.12	
	OLB445 PAYE Nov	* 76.40	
	OLB446 Maintenance works	* 52.12	
Total		4,041.47	0.19

RESOLVED c 2020/39 to approve list of payments shown.

Bank Balances		Beginning of year balance	
Current Account	(13,204.12)	bf balance 2019/20	(26,594.15)
Business Reserve	<u>(21,939.63)</u>	Receipts to date	<u>(32,106.13)</u>

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Sub total	(35,143.75)	Sub total	(58,700.28)
Payments not drawn	.00	Payments to date	23,556.53
Receipts not banked	.00		
Closing Bank Balance	<u>(35,143.75)</u>		<u>(35143.75)</u>

The suggested budget for 2021, entailing a 2% increase in precept, was approved, as was a proposal to purchase a new computer for the Clerk.

RESOLVED c/2020/40 to adopt the budget as presented.

12. Report on recreational facilities and activities

Recreation report

Upper Street Park

Cllr Lucas informed the meeting that the right side of the park was very boggy without drainage. The problem would be relieved with the onset of dry weather. Rocker caps had arrived and would be fitted by Brian Fludgate. All the equipment seemed to be in good order though somewhat muddy from usage. The concern over the rust on the frame of the toddler swings will need to be resolved in the spring. The sanitiser bottle was not working properly – people were advised to bring their own.

The equipment had been disinfected regularly.

Skate Park

The holes were found to be back on The Ramps. These will be fixed at the next service.

A grant to improve drainage by digging out a ditch was still awaited.

13. Items of business for the next meeting

PC to consider help for vulnerable local families.

The next meeting would be held on 14th January, 2021.

The meeting closed at 9.10.

Chairman's Signature:

Date: