

**Minutes of Quainton Parish Council Meeting  
Held at Quainton Village Hall, Station Road, Quainton  
On Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> August 2021**

**Attendees:** Councillors John Knox, Michelle Robinson Boyce, Nick Butler, Nicolette Smith, Parish Clerk, Anthea Cass, 4 members of the public including Brian Fludgate

**1 Apologies for Absence**

Councillors Lee Whitlock, Sue Welson, Ian Mcpherson

**2 Declaration of Interest in items on the agenda**

None

**3 To discuss Neighbourhood Plan**

Brian Fludgate distributed the hard copy of the proposed Quainton Neighbourhood Plan to each councillor. This copy will be sent to Bucks County Council to the examiner to ensure it meets all the conditions. If so, this will become part of the Bucks County Council plan.

Neighbourhood planning provides the opportunity for communities to set out a positive vision for how they want their community to develop over the next 10, 15, 20 years in ways that meet identified local need and make sense for local people.

The plan sets out future development for the village including outlining the permitted boundaries and protects the PC against speculative development.

Brian explained how it worked and answered questions raised by the councillors.

**All councillors resolved** to submit the Plan to Bucks Council for examination under Regulation 15 of the Neighbourhood Planning Regulations.

**4 Minutes**

The draft minutes previously circulated were approved and signed as a true copy by the Chairman.

**6 To receive County Councillor Briefings**

Councillor Ian Mchperson sent apologies but asked for the following to be raised:

He is having regular meetings with the LAT regarding the extremely poor road conditions especially within Quainton and would like the PC to produce a priority list of the work we need doing in the village. Bucks County Council have £24 million allocated towards highways and upgrading the conditions of the roads. It was recommended by councillors that the poor road surfaces in the Strand and North End area were addressed first. Cllr Knox to report back to Cllr Mcpherson.

**7 To appoint clerk and RFO**

**Councillors resolved** to appoint Anthea Cass as clerk and RFO

**8 Planning Applications**

None to approve

**9 Clerk's report and correspondence**

- Cllr Knox advised that VALP has almost been approved.

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- Cllr Robinson Boyce raised the question as to whether there were any local groups opposing the new prison at Grendon – it was advised there are details of groups on the noticeboard.
- Comment was made that more houses will be needed once the prison is built to accommodate employees and that the haul roads built by HS2 could easily be used for access roads for the new housing. Cllr Smith stated that Claydon house had sold many acres of land for building.
- Cllr Knox advised he had report from a resident regarding the skate park being used for a party for school leavers celebrating their exam results – there was worry that it could be dangerous for youths to walk home late at night in the dark.  
The Football Club has not been running this season. Grendon Football club has asked if they can use the pitch. They would need permission under the new lease. Clerk has new leases and will review this application.
- Clerk advised that she has produced a co-option notice for Facebook/website/noticeboard. - It has been agreed by all councillors to wait until September meeting.
- Cllr Knox asked if councillors would like to take part in the tree canopy for the Queen's Jubilee. Councillors suggested planting a tree on the green as one was lost there in previous years following the fireworks eve. Deadline is 18<sup>th</sup> August.

## 5 Matters outstanding

- The local PSCO will attend more of the PC meetings from September. With regards to vehicle theft, he has advised not to leave tools etc in vehicles overnight.
- Following the July meeting it was reported that it appears drug dealing is occurring in the layby by the church. The local PSCO will drive by of an evening and keep better eye on the area.
- It was agreed by all councillors that a new Facebook page should be set up. Clerk will look into this. She will also take over the maintenance of the website after 1<sup>st</sup> October.
- It was reported that the grass verges at the bottom end of Station Road are too overgrown, making the roads unsafe. Cllr Knox will instruct our contractor to trim that area.
- Fidlers Field will be closed for two weeks in September for HS2 work.
- Cllr Knox advised we have no powers to provide funding for the school. We can however advise them who they could apply to for a grant – Rothschild Foundation/ Heart of Bucks.
- Cllr Robinson Boyce asked if we could advertise Quainton School being under subscribed but cllrs advised that this is not necessary as this will be advertised from other sources.

## 10 To approve Bank Mandate

**Cllrs resolved** to remove old councillors from the bank mandate and to add the new councillors.

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### 11. To review Finance report and approve expenditure

Cllrs resolved to approve payments as circulated.

Ref	Payee	Description	Amount
DD	Eon UK	Streetlighting (June)	50.49
OLB500	Blades Turf Care Ltd	Village verge cutting July	599.20
OLB501	TEEC	Domain Name	7.19
OLB502	Reids Playground Maintenance Ltd	Repairs to Playpark	612.00
DD	BT	Phone Bill	125.88
DD	Castle Water	Allotment Water Supply	75.17
		Total	1,469.93

Youth café money now falls under sports money.

### 12 To receive reports on recreational facilities and activities reported by Cllr Butler

- Reids have completed all repairs to the park equipment.
- There is more than 5 years life left in the equipment so he will look at arranging for a contractor to paint and prime where needed.
- Councillors agree to unchain remaining park equipment as Covid regulations allow.
- Councillor Robinson Boyce has offered to liaise with a resident adjacent to the park to use her facilities and will jet wash the park equipment which has become dirty since being chained up.
- It was discussed that the skate park is in need of replacing. Funding avenues will be investigated including the possibility of any S106 moneys. Users of other large skate parks in the area will be consulted when agreeing the needs and the build.
- The copse at the wild-life meadow at the sports ground has been infilled with trees to form the community orchard. BBALK assisted in making good the ground. They have organised a bbq here on 4<sup>th</sup> September where they will offer gardening advice within the presentation.
- The Strand Memorial Garden – Claire and Michelle have organised a working party to clear up and prune the area. A final cut will be arranged. They have asked for a sign to be put up -Strand Wildlife Area without the QPC being mentioned so save any political rebuff. As the PC has overall responsibility of this area **councillors resolved** to put the QPC sign along next to the 'Strand Wildlife Area' sign.

### 13 To receive reports on HS2, Roads Pavements and Streetlights

- There is still a leak outside the house on Lower Street. Cllr Knox has asked Thames Water to dig the road up to make good but as yet no work has been done. There is work being done on Upper Street at Winwood Gardens. Could this leak be a natural spring?
- Cllr Butler asked if an illuminated sign could be purchased for the Cross Roads at Snakes Lane. Cllr Knox reported that this would not be agreed as the road will be redundant in two years due to HS2.
- Cllr Knox reported that the HS2 Webinar went well according to EKFB, although he had reports from residents confirming this was not the case.
- Finmere Wood substation is now situated behind the cable store. HS2 to install access road

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- The hedge facing Gosses Farm is to be taken out by HS2 – this under negotiation.
- It appears hedges in Station Road are being removed although no one knows why. Cllr Knox to investigate.
- The HS2 Marshall is now in place.
- Station Road will be closed now also at weekends until December, except on Buckinghamshire Railway open days.
- Snakes Lane/ Fiddlers Field will have road closure for two weeks in September.
- Bucks CC and HS2 will agree a base level to repair roads/pavements following HS2 work. Many pavements have been damaged by HS2 vehicles.
- It was suggested that there should be yellow lines on the roads in certain areas in the village – especially on bends where parking is dangerous. Comment was made that too many yellow lines could cause problems as the vehicles still need somewhere to park.
- Cllr Steve Broadbent confirmed that Napshill Road is a candidate for re-surfacing but Cllrs considered Lower Street to be priority.

**14 Further Public Comment**

None

**15 Items of business for next meeting**

None reported

Date and times of next meeting Thursday 9th September 2021

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