

**MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF QUINTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD
IN THE VILLAGE HALL, LOWER QUINTON ON THURSDAY 17TH JULY 2008
AT 7.30PM**

PRESENT: MR.M.WALSBY OBE (CHAIRMAN), MR.M.HOWSE (VICE CHAIRMAN), MR.A.CARTER MR.R.HARRISON, MRS.S.TAYARA, MRS.J.MOORE, MRS.G.PEARSON, MRS.A.GILMAN, DISTRICT COUNCILLOR M.BRAIN AND 6 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

1. Apologies for absence
COUNTY COUNCILLOR I.SECCOMBE.
Resignation of Parish Councillor D.Sully
The CHAIRMAN advised members of the letter of resignation received from Mr.SULLY. The notices advertising the vacancy had been displayed. If 10 electors request an election then an election would take place to fill the vacancy otherwise the Parish Council will be able to co-opt a new member.
2. Declarations of interests.
Members are asked to declare interests in items on the Agenda in accordance with the following provisions:
(a) Parish Councils (Model Code of Conduct) Order 2001
Members are reminded that the code of conduct provides that should they have a prejudicial interest in any matter under discussion they should withdraw from the room and not seek improperly to influence a decision about that matter.
No declarations were made at this stage.
3. Acceptance of the minutes of the previous meeting (MAY 2008)
The Clerk had circulated the minutes which were accepted with one minor addition - to include Mr. Carter as a Parish Council representative on the John Cooper Foundation - by those present. The CHAIRMAN signed the minutes book.
4. Any matters from the Public present at the meeting including any items on the agenda (Members of the public are limited to 3 minutes each.)
One member of the public expressed concern at loud explosions which appeared to be coming from the former army depot at Long Marston. She asked if the Parish Council knew what they were caused by. The CHAIRMAN said that he had heard the noise during the last few days and understood it to be setting off of munitions. District Councillor BRAIN said that he understood the police had been carrying out an exercise at the depot and may have been responsible.
5. Matters Arising from the minutes of the previous meetings:
(a) Long Marston Camp - proposed ECO Town update -
Mr.HOWSE updated the members and the meeting of the work of the protest group - BARD - of which he was a member of the committee, representing the Parish Council. He asked that it be recorded in the minutes the hard work that both the District and County Councillor had put into the campaign. A sustainability report had been prepared

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by BARD and had been delivered to the House of Commons. There had been a demonstration outside Parliament which was quite well attended. Currently a Judge is to decide if there is a need for a Judicial Review. All the local county and district councils within the surrounding area which would be affected by such a development are opposed to the proposals. Four of the original 15 preferred sites have been withdrawn from the list. A public meeting had been held in Quinton which was quite well attended. Councillor BRAIN added that Caroline Flint MP is to visit the site privately on 24th July 2008 and will meet with local representatives, including Parish Councillors. He also mentioned a meeting that is to be held in Stratford Town Hall on 30th July 2008. Councillor BRAIN also spoke of the hard work of Mr.HOWSE in this campaign. Details of a meeting to be held in the District Council offices on 22nd July 2008 were read out and the CHAIRMAN and Mr.HARRISON would attend on behalf of the Parish Council.

(b) Fordway Play Area update

Councillor BRAIN said that he had heard from WIMPEY's representative but that the matter was still being considered by the company.

(c) Play Area at Playing Fields

The CHAIRMAN told the members that two panels in the teen shelter had been replaced following damage and he had advised the users of the shelter that if further damage was caused the Council would have to consider its future. The Spring Duck had been repaired and new bushes had been put onto the chains of the swings. Mrs.GILMAN asked if she could have some help with regard to the inspections that she carried out on behalf of the Parish Council for insurance purposes. A member of the public kindly offered her help.

(d) Ditch at rear of Stileman Close/Flood Defence reports

Mr.CARTER informed the members that he was still awaiting to hear when the ditch would be cleared by the District Council. He had also made a claim for financial assistance under the scheme being run by the District Council for flood relief help.

(e) Pond Clearance

Quotations had been obtained for clearing out the pond and some necessary tree maintenance. Mr.HOWSE was to produce a schedule of work required and Mrs.MOORE would obtain a further quotation for the tree maintenance work.

(f) Training day at Alderminster Village Hall September

Any member wishing to attend this course on September 13th should advise the Clerk so that a place can be reserved and paid for.

6. Any matters from the District Councillor or County Councillor.

Councillor BRAIN spoke of his disappointment at the closure of the Out of School group and hoped that something else would replace it. He spoke of the problems with the issuing of the new waste bins. There is to be a 50 mph along the length of the B4632, this is going through the consultation period at present. He gave details of reduced ticket prices for the forthcoming Global Gathering event at Long Marston and the fact that there would be a high police presence for the Bulldog Bash in August.

7. To receive any new planning applications

(a) WCC ref S4510/08CM023 - Stratford Agripark, Wincot Lands - Animal Waste Transfer Station

The CHAIRMAN and councillors had visited the site and apart from suggesting that there is a back up power supply to the premises and that the gate onto Back Lane is closed, there were no objections.

(b) 08/01453/LBC - Manor Cottage, Upper Quinton - internal alterations to a listed building

(c) 08/01451/FUL - Manor Cottage, Upper Quinton - internal alterations to a listed building

There were no objections to either of these applications

8. To receive any results of planning applications

(a) 08/00975/FUL - Colemans Hill Farm, Mickleton - extn to side - GRANTED

(b) 08/01451/FUL - Manor Cottage Upper Quinton - internal alterations - Planning Permission not required.

9. To receive any correspondence

(a) Decorum Magazine was noted - there was no enthusiasm for training courses or a visit to the Parish Council from a committee member.

(b) Stopping up Order for parts of former Bastyan Avenue from WCC was noted

(c) Closure of Post Offices in Warwickshire consultation was noted - Lower Quinton Post Office was not on the closure list

(d) WCC Parish Communications Grant Scheme was noted. The CHAIRMAN would apply for a grant towards the running of the Meon News.

(e) BT proposals for removal of Telephone Kiosks was noted. Members had no objection to the removal of the phone box at Lower Quinton or the phone service at Upper Quinton but would like the box at Upper Quinton to remain in situ as it is part of the local environment and has been for a great number of years.

(f) Consumer Council for Water Central public meeting 22nd July at Coventry was noted.

10. Accounts for Payment and Finance Matters.

(a) Clerks Salary for June and July 2008 - £627.19p

(b) Clerk's expenses incurred £57.73p

(c) Chairman's incurred expenses £25.71p

(d) Thomas Fox Landscaping - (10399) £768.46 & (10504) £768.46p

(e) MP Garden Services - £1236.22p

(f) A Carter - sand for sandbags - £37.60p

(g) Hire of Village Hall for Meetings - £40

(h) S.J.Upstone - filling of village plant containers - £60

(i) Digital Image Bureau - computer project - £293.75p

(j) Lower Quinton Garages Ltd - playground repairs - £558.12p

11. Dates of meetings 2008

There being no further matters the CHAIRMAN closed the meeting at 8.51pm

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