

**MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF QUINTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD
IN THE VILLAGE HALL, THE CLOSE ON THURSDAY 16TH JULY 2009 AT
7.30PM**

PRESENT: MR. M.WALSBY OBE (CHAIRMAN), MR. M.HOWSE (VICE CHAIRMAN),
MRS. J.MOORE, MRS. A.GILLMAN, MR. A.CARTER, MRS. S.ANGUS, MRS.
G.PEARSON, DISTRICT COUNCILLOR M.BRAIN AND COUNTY COUNCILLOR
I.SECCOMBE

1. Apologies for absence
MR. R.HARRISON
Filling of vacancy for Parish Councillor
An election had not been called for by parishioners and the Parish Council can now co-opt a new member to the Council. No nominations were received.
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 point.
3. Acceptance of the minutes of the previous meeting (MAY & JUNE 2009)
The Clerk had circulated the minutes of the previous two meetings which were accepted as a true record of what had taken place. 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.)
Ms.Blount addressed the members regarding the Play Area at The Fordway and spoke of the poor condition of the grassed areas. She asked if the Parish Council could take note of her comments when they finally adopt the area. The CHAIRMAN told her that once the area was under the control of the Parish Council a tidying up of the area was planned.
5. Matters Arising from the minutes of the previous meetings:
(a) Long Marston Camp - updates on Eco Town and Masterplan proposals
The DCLG had released the names of the four sites that were to be considered as sites for ECO towns. 'Middle Quinton' was not amongst those names but this was to be expected as a final decision was not due to be made on this particular site until the late Autumn. Regarding the Masterplan, a consolidated response had been forwarded from Parish Councils to the Planning Authority.
(b) Fordway Play Area update
The solicitor had carried out all the necessary searches and enquiries and had asked if the Parish Council were satisfied that she should complete the transfer. Members agreed that the transfer should be completed.

(c) Play Area at Playing Fields

Mrs. GILLMAN reported no problems with the play area but wondered whether a seat could be provided for parents.

The CHAIRMAN told members that three quotations for the new path alongside the village hall had been obtained:

McVeigh path and trench £2677

Parley and Sons path and trench £2530

Paul Stevens path and trench £2000

The quotation from Paul Stevens had been accepted.

(d) Flood Defence reports

Mr. CARTER gave details of recent work in the parish to clear waterways and ditches.

There were some matters still outstanding which were in hand.

(e) WRCC Housing project update

Councillor BRAIN spoke of the WRCC's involvement in this project concerning land at the rear of Stileman Close. He said it was entirely in the hands of the WRCC as to whether they would proceed. The CHAIRMAN asked Mr. S.Wrycraft, a member of the public, to address the meeting. Mr. Wrycraft gave members a brief history of the site and said that it had been agreed in Court that there was not sufficient access to the site and he wanted the Parish Council to take note of this fact. He had spoken with the WRCC officer and pointed this out to him. The CHAIRMAN thanked Mr. Wrycraft for his presentation.

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

Councillor Seccombe spoke of the new outreach scheme to operate from the school and outlined the improvements this would bring to the area for parents. She spoke of some concerns over a piece of land at Darlingscott/Blackwell which was due to come to auction. It was thought that it might be purchased by a gipsy group and illegally occupied so the District Council had put a temporary 28 day stop order on the site to stop any illegal occupation.

Councillor BRAIN spoke of the forthcoming Global Gathering and the Bulldog Bash. He said that despite the Police objections to the licence the Bulldog Bash would still go ahead due to the appeal system not allowing enough time before the date of the event. Road closures would be in force and residents and businesses would be given passes during the duration of the event to pass through the road closures. He spoke of changes at the School and said that overall things were improving and with the new outreach scheme coming into being, along with a new head, things should get even better. He had been endeavouring to have a bus service for Upper Quinton following the opening of the Medical Centre and was striving to have an evening bus service into Stratford upon Avon. On being asked about an event at the Airfield later in the year, he said he was aware of 'green' event involving about 2000 people called 'Waveform'. He had no further details at present. He also congratulated the village on the awards in the recent Best Village competitions and the work of Mr. HOWSE and his committee in organising a successful fete for the parish.

7. To receive any new planning applications

(a) 09/01121/FUL - Quinton House Nursing Home - demolition and extension

No objections were raised

(b) 09/01108/VARY - Clifford Farm, Clifford Chambers - variation of conditions 2 to 8 of permission 07/01838/FUL. (to remove agricultural occupancy from farmhouse)

No objections were raised

8. To receive any results of planning applications
 - (a) 09/00869/FUL - 11 The Close - extension at rear - GRANTED was noted.

9. To receive any correspondence
 - (a) Letter from Mr.McDonald re Upper Quinton Village Green - parking problems
The letter was discussed and it was agreed that a suitable reply would be sent to Mr. McDonald pointing out the law regarding village greens so far as it relates to driving vehicles onto village greens.

10. Accounts for Payment and Finance Matters.
 - (a) Clerks Salary for April and May 2009 - £
 - (b) Clerk's expenses incurred £
 - (c) Thomas Fox Landscaping - (11501) - £772.80p - (11570) - £772.80p
 - (d) MP Garden Services - £
 - (e) S.J.Upstone - filling of village plant containers - £70
 - (f) Village Hall Hire for meetings - £100
 - (g) DW Clark (Drainage) Ltd - £1782.50p

11. Dates of meetings 2009
Before the closure of the meeting, Mrs. ANGUS gave details of the prize of £150 the Parish had been awarded following the recent Best Village Competition. 3rd in the Best Village Competition and 3rd in the Best Village for Community Buildings. It was agreed that this money should be kept to finance the competition in 2010.
The CHAIRMAN closed the meeting at 9.15pm
September 17th
November 19th

Signed M.Moody,
Clerk to the Parish Council