

**MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF QUINTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN
THE VILLAGE HALL, THE CLOSE, ON THURSDAY 21ST JULY 2011 AT 7.30PM**

PRESENT: MR.M.WALSBY OBE (CHAIRMAN), MRS.S.ANGUS (VICE CHAIRMAN), MR.A.CARTER, MR.T.BATCHELOR, MR.M.DAY, MR.D.PEREGRINE, DISTRICT COUNCILLOR M.BRAIN, COUNTY COUNCILLOR I.SECCOMBE AND THREE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

1. Apologies for absence
Mrs.L.Taggart, Mr.P.Maundrill
Resignation of Mr.M.Howse
Mr.Howse had tendered his resignation due to his District Councillor commitments. The notice advertising the vacancy had been posted.
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.
None were declared
3. Acceptance of the minutes of the previous meeting (MAY 2011)
The Clerk had circulated the minutes which were accepted by the members after two minor amendments, 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.)
Mr.Nicholls gave the members an update with the progress of the cricket club. Matches had taken place using the Darlingscott cricket field. He said that a roller for the cricket square was needed. MRS.ANGUS spoke of a meeting she had recently regarding the play area where it was pointed out that the play area would have to be closed off when cricket matches were in progress due to health and safety reasons.
5. Matters Arising from the minutes of the previous meetings:
(a) Long Marston Camp - Masterplan
Councillor BRAIN said that there had not been much movement recently but there were some matters of concern which were being monitored. The accommodation blocks had been demolished recently. It was good that Mr.Felix Dennis was still funding the planning consultants for the group.
(b) Fordway Play area/Playing field play area
MRS.ANGUS reported that the Fordway play area was generally in good shape although someone is continually removing the rubber cushions on the gate. The Playing field had its usual problems with rubbish. She and MR.BATCHELOR had met with representatives of play equipment companies to discuss the future of the play equipment and several

ideas had been suggested. MR.BATCHELOR had been in touch with some grant making organisations to explore the possibility of obtaining grants towards the work.

(c) Youth Club progress

The CHAIRMAN reported that as far as he was aware the youth club was still functioning with the Youth Leader still in place.

(d) Flood Defence Report

MR.DAY said that due to commitments he had not been able to check problem areas recently. Councillor BRAIN told members of a problem he had been involved in resolving in Goose Lane with a ditch and local residents whose waste water had been released into the ditch.

(e) Speed Aware campaign on Main Road update

MRS.ANGUS told the meeting that the forms and fee had been sent to the WCC 'Smiley SID' campaign and a response was awaited. The CHAIRMAN reported that he had asked in Meon News for volunteers to man a speedgun. So far a total of 4 volunteers had come forward. It really required more volunteers to make the purchase of the equipment worthwhile. He then spoke of having more roadmarkings throughout the village. He had obtained advice and a quotation from the County Council for 'dragons teeth', and 30mph painted signs on the road. The quotation for carrying out this work is £3060. Members were unanimously in favour of carrying out this work.

(f) Parish Plan/Emergency Plan update

Mr. Davies was invited by the CHAIRMAN to report on the progress of the Parish Plan. Mr.Davies told the members that due to so many changes that were likely to occur in the not too distant future such as the Localism Bill and Neighbourhood Plans, the Parish Plan was 'treading water'. They had prepared a survey form but could see no point in distributing it as questions on it might be irrelevant etc. The CHAIRMAN advised the members that the Emergency Plan was in its draft stage with still a few updates required.

(g) Village Hall report

MR.BATCHELOR reported that cracks were appearing in the small hall and investigations were underway to discover the reason. New crockery had been purchased and an entertainments evening was arranged for September.

(h) Ditch in Playing Field (Mr. North)

The Clerk had written to Mr. North asking if the ditch could be cleared.

6. Any Matters from the Chairman:

(a) The Bench – where to put it?

It was unanimously agreed by members that the bench should be put in the 'bus shelter once that was in place.

(b) Bus Shelter update – costs to be agreed.

Councillor BRAIN had progressed this matter on behalf of the Parish Council with the solicitor for the owners of the land on which the shelter would be placed. There did not appear to be a problem and costs would be met by the Parish Council. These were estimated to be in the region of £1000 which members unanimously agreed should come from Parish funds. Councillor BRAIN would now progress the matter with the CHAIRMAN.

(c) Phone Box – now painted.

The CHAIRMAN reported that the phone box had been repainted by a volunteer from

Dobbie Road, who has since been thanked by the Chairman for his contribution..

(d) Tree planting scheme

Councillor BRAIN reported on progress and said that volunteers would be needed to help with the project. It was agreed that once the areas for the trees had been decided local residents closeby should be consulted before the trees are planted.

(e) Diamond Jubilee Celebrations

The CHAIRMAN had noted that Miss Moore was organising the celebrations for Quinton. Information had been received about Beacons and celebrations and it was suggested that this information should be passed on to Miss Moore. He would arrange for this to happen.

7. Any matters from the District Councillor or County Councillor.
Councillor Seccombe spoke of the future of library facilities following the recent consultation and plans for new medical facilities at Shipston on Stour.
Councillor BRAIN advised members that tickets for the forthcoming Global Gathering would be on sale for local people. Regarding the Bulldog Bash, the police would be giving low level coverage this year. He spoke of the District Council's efforts to get residents to recycle more green waste particularly foodstuffs.
8. To receive any new planning applications
 - (a) 11/01069/EXT - Extension of time to previously approved application 08/00975/FUL - Colemans Hill Farm
no comments made.
 - (b) 11/01159/FUL - The Old Vicarage, Single storey extension, rear extension at first floor, replace existing conservatory
no comments made
 - (c) 11/01160/LBC - The Old Vicarage, Single storey extension, rear extension at first floor, replace existing conservatory
no comments made
 - (d) 11/00688/FUL: - Quinton House Nursing Home - major extensions etc.
no comments made
9. To receive any results of planning applications
 - (a) 11/01069/EXT - Extension of time to previously approved application 08/00975/FUL - Colemans Hill Farm - Approved
10. To receive any correspondence
 - (a) Letter from Mr.McDonald, Upper Quinton re Oak tree on village green
The Clerk informed the members of a letter he had received from Mr. McDonald who was concerned about an oak tree on the village green which he maintained impeded his view of Meon Hill. The CHAIRMAN had visited the area and told members that the tree was well established and had been there for a number of years. It was some way from the residents' properties opposite. He recommended no action should be taken. Members unanimously agreed. It was also unanimously agreed to approach the District Council for a tree protection order on this tree.

11. Accounts for Payment and Finance Matters.
- (a) Clerks Salary for June and July 2011 - £***p
 - (b) HMRC tax payments £***p
 - (c) Clerk's expenses incurred £***p
 - (d) Thomas Fox Landscaping - (13090) - £828.00p - (13178) - £1242
 - (e) Quinton Village Hall - 19th May - £30
 - (f) MP Garden Services March to June Playing field and village greens - £1719.06p
 - (g) Eon - Electricity to Telephone Box - £20.48p
 - (h) Sarah Angus - Mats for play area - £25.48p
 - (i) Wicksteed Playscapes - chain for play area equipment - £57.00p
 - (j) John Ward Landscapes - Fordway maintenance - £168.00p
 - (k) S.J.Upstone - maintenance of flower boxes - £90
 - (l) Warwickshire County Council - Smiley SID fee - £250
 - (m) DN Computer Services - repair to computer - £65
 - (n) T.BATCHELOR - Expenses incurred - various £48
 - (o) R.J.Kingstone - notice board - £192.30p
 - (p) ACE Signs - notice board inscription - £50
 - (q) Buildbase - notice board materials - £55.85p

12. Closure
The CHAIRMAN closed the meeting at 9.10pm
Dates of meetings 2011
September 22nd
November 17th