

**MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF QUINTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN
THE VILLAGE HALL, LOWER QUINTON ON THURSDAY 19TH MARCH 2009 AT
6.45PM**

PRESENT: MR.M.WALSBY OBE (CHAIRMAN), MR.M.HOWSE (VICE CHAIRMAN), MRS.J.MOORE, MRS.S.ANGUS, MR.A.CARTER, MR.R.HARRISON AND ONE MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC.

1. Apologies for absence
MRS.G.PEARSON, MRS.A.GILMAN, DISTRICT COUNCILLOR M.BRAIN, COUNTY COUNCILLOR I.SECCOMBE
2. Declarations of interests.
*Members are asked to declare interests in items on the Agenda in accordance with the following provisions:
Members are reminded that the Code of Conduct provides that should they have a prejudicial interest in any matter under discussion, then providing the matter is considered in public session, they are entitled, with the consent of the Chairman, to make representations and answer questions if members of the public are granted the same entitlement. Members must leave the room before the ensuing debate and vote and must not attempt to improperly influence a decision about that matter*
MRS.J.MOORE declared an interest in item 7(a)
3. Acceptance of the minutes of the previous meeting (JANUARY 2009)
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.)
MRS.S.ANGUS told members that she had been asked by a parishioner if bulbs could be planted on the roadside verges in the village. Members were in favour of this idea and MRS.ANGUS would come back to the meeting with proposals.
One member of the public thanked the CHAIRMAN and the members for their attendance at the planning committee in respect of the planning application for the Quinton House Nursing Home. (item 8(d))
5. Matters Arising from the minutes of the previous meetings:
 - (a) Long Marston Camp - proposed ECO Town update
MR.M.HOWSE gave a brief update on the current situation. The BARD group have lodged an appeal against the outcome of the Judicial Review. This would mean that the deadline date would be pushed further back into the year. There are some concerns regarding a letter sent by the DCLG to the RSS which tried to influence the RSS which is not allowed. St.Modwens have met with local Parish Councils to discuss the master plan. So far it seems they would want 500 houses on the site along with holiday homes, a caravan site and recreational facilities. The Parish Councils are not in favour of the plans for 500 houses.
 - (b) Fordway Play Area update
The CHAIRMAN told members that there had been no communications from Taylor Wimpey recently despite emails being sent to their representative. The play area is not in a suitable condition at the moment. He had been asked to provide a dog waste bin on the site but until the Parish Council had formally adopted the site, he advised against this action.
 - (c) Play Area at Playing Fields/Youth Shelter

It was reported that everything was in order on the playing field. The Clerk gave details of a training course for councillors who carried out weekly inspections. MRS.S.ANGUS would see if she and MRS. A.GILMAN could attend.

(d) Flood Defence reports

MR. CARTER's report was held over until the Annual Assembly

(e) Waste Bins

MR. A.CARTER reported that there still had been no contact by the District Council.

(f) Telephone Box adoption at Upper Quinton

The CHAIRMAN reported that the telephone box was now in the ownership of the Parish Council. He suggested that the next meeting decide how it should be maintained and what use it should be put to in the future.

(g) Village Hall path/car park

This matter was still unresolved.

(h) Pond project

MR.M.HOWSE reported that some more work was needed in respect of the safety rails.

MR.A.CARTER said he would contact Jeff Morris from the WCC to get this done.

MR.R.HARRISON handed the Clerk cheques from Mr.and Mrs J.Davies, Mr.and Mrs.R.Stroud, Mr.and Mrs.Harry, Mr.R.Williamson and Mr.J.Humphreys as donations towards the project. Total value £230. He had received some cash donations and would give the Clerk a personal cheque in respect of these donations.

6. Any matters from the District Councillor or County Councillor.
Both Councillors were absent due to attending another meeting.
7. To receive any new planning applications
As this application involved a Parish Councillor no comments had been made and it had been left to the planning officers to make the decision:
 - (a) 09/00181/FUL - The Old Vicarage, Lower Quinton - demolition of extension and construction of new extension etc. (Parish Councillor Mrs. J.Moore)
No comments
8. To receive any results of planning applications
The following results were noted:
 - (a) 08/02927/FUL - College Arms - convert existing storage to living accommodation - GRANTED
 - (b) 08/03207/FUL - Tudor Walls - extensions etc - REFUSED
 - (c) 08/03249/LBC- Tudor Walls - extensions etc - REFUSED
 - (d) 08/03193/FUL - Quinton House Nursing Home - extensions etc - REFUSED
9. To receive any correspondence
 - (a) Library Service Consultation was noted along with revised timetables for mobile library
 - (b) Fouling of Land By Dogs (District of Stratford on Avon) Order 2009 was noted
 - (c) Biodiversity Project Meeting
MR.M.HOWSE offered to attend the meeting on behalf of the Parish Council
 - (d) Invite to CHAIRMAN'S AT HOME 28th March 2009
MR.M.HOWSE and MR.A.CARTER would attend the meeting on behalf of the Parish Council.
 - (e) Coventry and Warwickshire NHS Partnership Trust - recruitment of members was noted
 - (f) Best Kept Village Competition and Calor Village of the Year Competition
This would be discussed at the May meeting.

(g) WCC - Minerals Consultation Document
MR.M.HOWSE agreed to respond on behalf of the Parish Council.

10. To approve increase in Clerk's Salary in accordance with NALC/SLCC agreement
The Clerk gave details of the recent salary increase agreed between NALC/SLCC. It was resolved that he would be paid for 31 hours per month at SCP23.

11. Accounts for Payment and Finance Matters.
 - (a) Clerks Salary for back pay from April 2008 -£9.30p - February and March 2009 - £644.42p
 - (b) Clerk's expenses incurred £29.51p
 - (c) Mr.M.Walsby - Computer project - £52.58P
 - (d) Quinton PCC Churchyard grant - £400
 - (e) Glasdon UK - two grit bins - £343.70p
 - (f) Mr. A.Carter - sand for sandbags -£41.50p
 - (g) Mr. R.Fletcher - cutting back hedges - £70
 - (h) A.L. Carter - tree planting - £63.26p

12. Closure and Dates of meetings
The CHAIRMAN closed the meeting at 7.45pm
2009 Meetings
21st May (AGM)
16th July
17th September
19th November