

**MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF QUINTON PARISH  
COUNCIL HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL, LOWER QUINTON ON  
THURSDAY 18TH MARCH 2010 AT 6.45PM**

**PRESENT:** MR.M.WALSBY OBE (CHAIRMAN), MR.M.HOWSE (VICE-CHAIRMAN), MR.R.HARRISON, MRS. J.MOORE, MRS.S.ANGUS, MR.A.CARTER, MR.D.PEREGRINE, COUNTY/DISTRICT COUNCILLOR I.SECCOMBE, AND FOUR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

1. Apologies for absence  
MRS.A.GILLMAN, DISTRICT COUNCILLOR M.BRAIN
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.*  
MRS.J.MOORE declared an interest in item 8(a)
3. Acceptance of the minutes of the previous meeting (January 2009)  
The Clerk had circulated the minutes of the previous meeting which were accepted by those present 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.)  
Two members of the public raised concerns over speeding traffic along the Main Road in Lower Quinton especially by buses. MR. HARRISON said that he agreed with these sentiments and had suggested that the Parish Council should investigate the possibility of placing flashing speed signs similar to those in Long Marston. The Clerk gave details of the cost of this equipment to members. After a discussion it was agreed that a traffic speed check should be requested before any signs were purchased to assess the problem areas.  
Another member of the public asked whose responsibility was the emptying of waste bins and how often was the one by the shop emptied. The Clerk said that the District Council was responsible for the emptying of the bins but he was not sure how often they carried out this function. He would enquire.
5. Matters Arising from the minutes of the previous meetings:  
(a) Long Marston Camp - updates on Eco Town and Masterplan proposals  
MR. HOWSE gave a brief update on the two applications. The Masterplan had been approved but will be affected by the current housing moratorium policy of the District Council. A statement is to be issued in July about the Eco Town proposals.  
(b) Fordway Play Area update

The CHAIRMAN said that following the take over of the play area there were some improvements to be carried out and a maintenance contract was also required. Quotations for maintenance were being obtained. MRS. ANGUS asked if the volunteers who looked after the play area for the Parish Council were covered on the Parish Council insurance, could the waste bin be emptied, and could the sign that reads children under 11 yrs only be increased to under 13 yrs. The Clerk said that volunteers were covered on the insurance, he would arrange for the waste bin to be emptied and he would check the original S106 agreement to see if there were any conditions imposed regarding age.

(c) Play Area at Playing Fields

MRS. ANGUS said that the play equipment was in reasonable condition but the area around the Youth Shelter was in a very untidy state due to litter. A lengthy discussion took place but it seemed that there is no answer to the problem of litter. MR. CARTER had obtained quotations for supplying metal seats in the play area following requests from the parents of children who used the area. It was agreed that two seats should be ordered from Arringold Engineering of Alderminster.

(d) Flood Defence reports

MR. CARTER reminded members that there were supplies of sand and sandbags held in the parish. No flooding had been reported recently. He was to obtain quotes for a grid for the ditch at the Churchyard.

(e) Youth Club progress

MR. HOWSE reported that there had been little positive progress due to the inefficiency of the Youth Service at WCC in appointing two youth workers. It was hoped that with a reorganisation at the WCC things would move forward soon. The committee had considered going alone with the appointments.

(f) Parish Plan

MR. PEREGRINE had submitted the grant application and had spoken with Dave Webb at SDC who had told him that a decision should be known by the end of the month. He had asked for a full grant of £3000 and estimated the costs at £3350. He would approach local organisations for the additional funding. He would be calling a meeting of the committee once the grant application is known for the drawing up of the initial enquiry forms. He said that a condition of the grant is that all work should be completed by the end of March 2011.

(g) Parish Emergency Plan

The CHAIRMAN said that the emergency plan was progressing. MR. HOWSE said that the medical centre were also preparing an emergency plan which he hoped could be incorporated into the Parish Council plan. There had been a particular problem with Data Protection and the provision of the details of persons with particular difficulties in an emergency by the Medical Centre. He was hoping this could be resolved.

(h) Village Hall Report

Mrs. MOORE reported that the CCTV was still not fully operational. Quotes were being obtained for a new heating system and due to the increasing cost of electricity it had been decided to install meters. Forty people had attended the recent film show. She also said that the major fundraising event would be in October. There was to be a grand opening of the new changing room block at the end of March 2010.

(i) Best Kept Village

Mrs. ANGUS updated members on the competition and said that if anyone knew of a 'community hero' then could they let her know as soon as possible. There were some restrictions in the rules which made it more difficult for Quinton's entry this year.

(j) First Responder Scheme

It was hoped that the First Responder would attend the village fete and the opening of the new changing block in the village hall to promote the scheme.

(k) Bus stops at Medical Centre, Goose Lane

The CHAIRMAN explained the difficulties with the bus stops at the Medical Centre. He asked if Councillor Seccombe could have the signs moved about 10 yards and some hard standing laid at the stops.

(l) Interactive Speed Signs

This item had been dealt with under item 4 on the agenda.

6. Parish Council Chairman items:

The CHAIRMAN had been approached by a resident of Millfield who had complained about the grass in that area not being maintained. The Clerk said that this was the responsibility of the original developer of the site and he would approach them to clarify the situation.

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

County Councillor Seccombe spoke of her attendance at an Area Meeting of the County Council at which it was agreed that the gullies and ditches around the Goose Lane/ Main Road area would be cleared by the County Council.

8. To receive any new planning applications

The following applications had been received:

(a) 10/00097/LBC - The Old Vicarage, Lower Quinton - demolition and construction of extensions to match existing house - no representations

(b) 10/00388/FUL - 1 New Road - replacement conservatory - no representations

9. To receive any results of planning applications

The following result was noted:

(a) 09/02427/FUL - 4 Lower Quinton, provision of gas tank - GRANTED

10. To receive any correspondence

(a) Complaint re Dog Fouling Goose Lane/Taylers Lane

A complaint via email had been received from Mr.I.Luddington regarding irresponsible dog owners allowing their dogs to foul without picking it up.

The Clerk had suggested he contact Councillor Brain which he did.

Councillor Brain arranged for the dog warden to carry out observations in the area.

(b) SDC - Consultation Core Strategy letter

The Clerk had circulated the details of the website to members. Mr. HOWSE had a copy of the document and it was agreed that he should send comments on behalf of the Parish Council. He did not think there was much in the document that would have serious implications on Quinton.

(c) WCC - Local Transport Plan 3 had been circulated to members and was noted

(d) SONA Citizens Advice Bureau

The letters from the CAB were noted and it was agreed that the Parish Council whilst supporting the aims of the CAB, it was unable at this time to offer financial support.

(e) WCC - New Road Safety Packs were noted

(f) Parkway Consultation Letter was noted

The Clerk told members that the railway station at Stratford upon Avon would remain under the plan.

11. Accounts for Payment and Finance Matters.

The Clerk reported that the Insurance Premium from AON, who arrange insurance for Allianz, for the forthcoming year had risen from £887 to £1435. He had contacted the company to try to discover the reason for this increase. Unfortunately they were unable to give a satisfactory answer. He therefore searched the market for other insurers for Parish Councils. He contacted Came and Co who arrange insurance with Aviva and their quotation for a better level of cover would be £1162. He also asked members if they thought the old play equipment in the playing field was worth insuring against damage due to the current condition of it, it might be difficult to prove what was damage and what was wear and tear. No claims had ever been made for damage to the equipment and any repairs were paid for by the Parish Council. There was a £250 excess on the policy as well. Members agreed that the equipment should not be insured. The Clerk asked about insuring the Fordway Play Area. It was agreed that this would not be insured against damage as there was £45000 in Parish funds for the maintenance of the equipment and area.

The premium would be reduced to £1069 by not insuring the play equipment. The following accounts were passed for payment:

(a) Clerks Salary for February and March 2010 - £\*\*\*

(b) Clerk's expenses incurred - £45.99p

(c) Chairman expenses incurred - £41.01p

(d) Village Hall hire - £30

(e) DN Computer Services - £45

(f) Insurance 2010/11 - £1068.96p

12. Dates of meetings

2010 Dates

There may be a need for an earlier meeting in May following local elections but this will depend on when the General Election is to be held as Parish Council elections will be delayed as a result.

May 20th

July 22nd

September 16th

November 18th

There being no further business the CHAIRMAN closed the meeting at 8pm