

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF QUINTON PARISH
COUNCIL HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL, THE CLOSE, ON THURSDAY 28TH MAY
2009 AT 7.30PM**

PRESENT: MR.M.WALSBY OBE (CHAIRMAN), MR.M.HOWSE (VICE-CHAIRMAN), MRS.S.ANGUS, MRS.G.PEARSON, MRS.A.GILLMAN, MR.A.CARTER, MR.R.HARRISON, MRS.J.MOORE, COUNTY COUNCILLOR I.SECCOMBE, DISTRICT COUNCILLOR M.BRAIN AND THREE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

1. Apologies for absence
MRS.S.TAYARA had tendered her resignation which was accepted by those present. The Clerk would put into process the necessary procedures to fill the vacancy.
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 items 9(a) & (b).
3. Election of Officers and Representatives of the Parish Council for 2009/10
Chairman - Mr. A. Carter proposed that Mr.M.Walsby OBE continued in the post of CHAIRMAN for the ensuing year. His proposal was seconded by Mrs. J.Moore. There being no further nominations, Mr.M.WALSBY was elected Chairman.
Vice-Chairman - Mr. A. Carter proposed that Mr. M. Howse continued in the post of VICE-CHAIRMAN for the ensuing year. His proposal was seconded by the CHAIRMAN. There being no further nominations, Mr. M.HOWSE was elected Vice-Chairman.
The following appointments were then approved:
Responsible Finance Officer - Parish Clerk, Mr. M.Moody
Internal Auditor - Mr. Michael Ashton
Village Hall Representative - Mrs. J.Moore
Neighbourhood Watch Representative - There is no NHW at present in the parish
Ditch and Drainage Committee Representatives - Mr.A.Carter, Mr. K. Turner and Mr. R. Hannigan
John Cooper Foundation Representatives - Mrs. G. Pearson, Mr. A. Carter
Quinton School Governor - Mr. C. George
Playground Inspections - Mrs. A. Gillman, Mrs. S. Angus
Quinton and Admington Charities - Mr. A. Carter
4. Acceptance of the minutes of the previous meeting (MARCH 2009)
The Clerk had circulated the minutes which were accepted as a true record of what had taken place. The CHAIRMAN signed the minutes book.

5. 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.)
The CHAIRMAN invited members of the public to address the meeting.
Mr. R. Nicholls asked for financial assistance to finish the changing rooms project at the village hall. He said that £6000 was required to complete the plumbing and £2312.50p for a tarmac path. The CHAIRMAN said that the Parish Council had agreed to support the path financially but could not afford to give any monies to the plumbing at present. District Councillor BRAIN said that he hoped to be able to finance the plumbing from grant monies he expected to receive from the Global Gathering event this year. The CHAIRMAN asked members if they would approve the grant of £2312.50p to the village hall. Members agreed.
Mr. R. Nicholls also spoke of the continuing problem with litter on the playing field which he claimed resulted from youths using the youth shelter. A long discussion took place amongst members and two community police officers who had been called into the meeting. A suggestion to remove the shelter was not considered to be the answer. Mr. M.HOWSE and County Councillor SECCOMBE agreed to work on this problem by involving the youth of the village and youth workers.
6. Matters Arising from the minutes of the previous meetings:
- (a) Long Marston Camp - proposed ECO Town
The CHAIRMAN invited District Councillor BRAIN to give any update on the proposals. Mr. BRAIN said that approaches were being made to the Regional Spatial Strategy and that the Government had put off the decision on the Long Marston Site until late Autumn.
- (b) Long Marston Masterplan
The CHAIRMAN said that there would be an open public meeting on 9th June for parishioners to view the proposals and talk to Parish Councillors. There would then be an extraordinary meeting of the Parish Council to formulate the response to the Planning Application on 15th June in the Village Hall. Notices were to be published.
- (c) Fordway Play Area update
The Clerk reported that the work to put the play area into the ownership of the Parish Council was progressing and the solicitors had carried out various searches regarding the area. He thought that the process could be completed quite soon. He did point out that there was to be a covenant on the money restricting its use to the play area only.
- (d) Play Area in The Close
Mrs. A. GILLMAN reported on a training course she attended which she said was very useful. She suggested that other members of the Parish Council should be involved in the weekly inspections of the play area (and the Fordway in due course). She could train the councillors in what they should be looking for when carrying out this inspection. Members all agreed with this suggestion.
- (e) Flood Defence committee report
Mr. A.Carter gave a report in which he said the new grid and the replacement grid had not been installed yet but was in hand. The ditches at the playing field and the one running alongside the school had been cleaned out and some progress had been made with Orbit Housing who had agreed to replace a metal handrail between the pavement and the ditch and would clean the ditch.

(f) Affordable Housing update (WRCC)

The change of officer at WRCC was noted. District Councillor BRAIN said that he was pursuing the idea of using the site for Affordable Housing with the planning department.

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

District Councillor BRAIN spoke of his concerns over the inclusion of three sites, namely Alscot Park land off the A3400, Dunnington and Broome, in the Minerals Plan. He had had assurance from the Alscot Park owners that the site would not be used for gravel extraction. He would want to see the three sites removed. The B4632 now had a 50mph speed restriction but enforcement might be difficult due to the lack of resources available. The long awaited trees along the Main Road in Lower Quinton had been planted and had been well received by residents. The Police, Parish and District Councillors met to discuss the Bulldog Bash. The Police have requested a review of the licence and SDC have refused this but now the police are seeking legal advice to have this decision overturned. There is no doubt that if the event goes ahead then there will be a large police operation in the area. He was investigating the possibility of providing a bus service along Goose Lane and through Upper Quinton following the opening of the new surgery in Goose Lane.

County Councillor SECCOMBE told members that Nick Herbert MP (Conservative) was visiting the area on 29th May and would have liked to meet local councillors regarding the ECO Town proposals. She hoped that Mr. M.HOWSE would be available. Because of recent cases of child abuse nationally all County Council Childrens Services have been reviewed and WCC was no exception. A complete review of the services has been undertaken and whilst no one could give absolute assurances that no such cases would occur, she felt that Warwickshire was well protected. £2 million was in the budget for minor road repairs of which £400,000 was earmarked for the Stratford District area. This would not go very far but would help to pay for minor repairs to roads. Quinton School had been placed into special measures and an IEB was now in place at the school to help the present governors. Finally she spoke about the Bulldog Bash and the reasons why the police opposed it. She was convinced the police are right in their decision to seek a review of the licence and a judicial review of the decision by SDC not to allow a review. The total budget for the police operation is in the region of £1 million which is funded entirely by the people of Warwickshire.

8. To receive any new planning applications

(a) 09/00835/FUL - Former Army Camp Long Marston - master plan proposals

An extraordinary meeting would be held to finalise the PC's response to the proposals

(b) 09/00869/FUL - 11 The Close, Lower Quinton - Two storey rear extension

This application was discussed and no objections were raised.

9. To receive any results of planning applications

The following results were noted:

(a) 09/00182/LBC - The Old Vicarage - demolition of existing and new extn etc - GRANTED

(b) 09/00181/FUL - The Old Vicarage - demolition of existing and new extn etc - GRANTED

10. To receive any correspondence
 - (a) Public Sector Equality Duties - Equality and Human Rights Commission
The Clerk read out the duties of the Parish Council under this Act.
 - (b) Decorum newsletter from Standards and Ethics Committee SDC
The Clerk drew the attention of the members to the case at Southam and the recommendations of the Standards and Ethics Committee in relation to Emergency Plans and Procedures

11. Presentation and Acceptance of Annual Accounts 2008/9 and Review of Internal Audit Procedures
The Clerk and RFO presented the internally audited annual accounts which were approved. The Statement of Assurance was completed and signed by the CHAIRMAN on behalf of the members, and by the RFO. The arrangements for the Internal Audit were reviewed and considered adequate for the needs of the Parish Council.

12. Accounts for Payment and Finance Matters.
 - (a) Clerks Salary for April and May 2009 - £644.72p
 - (b) Clerk's expenses incurred £50.72p
 - (c) WALC Annual Subscriptions - £444
 - (d) Thomas Fox Landscaping - (11287) - £386.40p (11381) - £772.80
 - (e) Quinton Village Hall (meeting 4th December) - £15
 - (f) Allianz Insurance PLC - Annual insurance renewal - £887.58p
 - (g) E-On Electricity for Telephone Box (to 31.3.2010) - £18.32p
 - (h) SDC - Training Course for Playground Inspections - £10
 - (i) WRCC entry fee for Best Kept Village Competition - £10

13. Dates of meetings 2009
15th June (Extraordinary Meeting)
July 16th
September 17th
November 19th

The CHAIRMAN closed the meeting at 9.45pm