

**MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF QUINTON PARISH COUNCIL
HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL, LOWER QUINTON ON THURSDAY 20TH
NOVEMBER 2008 AT 7.30PM**

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

1. Apologies for absence
MRS. S. TAYARA, 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:
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*
No declarations were made at this point
3. Acceptance of the minutes of the previous meeting (SEPTEMBER 2008)
The Clerk had circulated the minutes of the previous meeting which were accepted as a true record by those members present. 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.)
A member of the public asked about the availability of walking maps for the Parish footpaths. Mr. HARRISON said he was in possession of some maps and would make them available.
5. Matters Arising from the minutes of the previous meetings:
 - (a) Long Marston Camp - proposed ECO Town update
Mr. HOWSE updated the members. He spoke of the forthcoming Judicial Review due to commence in the New Year. If it failed there were other judicial reviews planned. He said the Government had issued their sustainability report consisting of 20 separate booklets. He said that the two ideas (masterplan) from St.Modwen for the site, should the Eco town proposals fail, were discussed at a meeting of Parish Councils with the Planning Department. Both plans would be rejected by the group of Councils. He also told the members that the District Council had now issued their Core Strategy document for consultation and it may be that the Parish Council will need to produce a Parish Plan which would include our own ideas on the future use of the site. He had been in touch with Charles Barlow from the WRCC and he would attend the next Parish Council meeting. Finally he told members of a roadshow put on by the DCLG at short notice in the Library at Stratford upon Avon on Sunday 23rd November 2008 during lunchtime. Bard members intended to be present outside the library distributing leaflets and volunteers were sought to help.
 - (b) Fordway Play Area update
The Clerk gave details of progress to date. The Parish Council solicitors were in

touch with solicitors acting for Taylor Wimpey. An inspection report had been completed and sent to the vendors for them to rectify any problems raised in the report. Once these had been done to the satisfaction of the Parish Council there is no reason why the transfer should not take place.

(c) Play Area at Playing Fields/Youth Shelter

Mrs. GILLMAN told members that generally the play area was not in bad shape. The Spring Duck was being repaired and would be re-sited near to the small swings. However the Teen Shelter was a disgrace and was damaged. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact PAYP and see if a meeting could be arranged with the youth leaders to see if something could be done to prevent this damage from taking place. The Clerk had received a report on the state of the playing field equipment following an inspection and the CHAIRMAN now had possession of the report.

(d) Ditch at rear of Stileman Close/Flood Defence reports/Flood Defence Grant

Mr. CARTER reported that the ditch at the rear of Stileman Close had been cleaned out by the District Council. This had improved the flow of water but had also caused some problems further down where a grid was being blocked causing some flooding. He had obtained another 100 sandbags from WCC and some sand was stored at David Higgins' farm. The Parish Council had received the maximum grant of £3200 from the District Council Flood Relief Grant Scheme and he had drawn up a programme of work which included several ditches being cleared out and some special types of sandbags being purchased.

(e) Pond Clearance

Mr. HOWSE told members that all contracts for the work had been signed and work would commence on 27th November on cutting the trees around the pond. The public realm grant would be paid on completion of the project.

(f) Waste Bins

Despite a request by the Clerk to the District Council no response had been received. The Clerk would contact the officer.

(g) Telephone Box adoption at Upper Quinton

The CHAIRMAN told members that following BT's decision to remove telephone facilities from the box at Upper Quinton, they had offered the box itself to the Parish Council for £1. The Clerk explained that the Parish Council needed to supply an MPAN reference to BT in order to allow the transfer to take place. This would mean that the Parish Council would have to create an electricity supply account with a supplier and pay for electricity to power the light in the box. Even if it was decided not to power the light BT would insist on having an MPAN as it would cost in the region of £500 for them to have the power removed. If the Parish Council subsequently had the power removed, then it would cost the Parish Council. The CHAIRMAN sought the views of the members as to whether they would wish to retain the box. It was generally agreed that the box should be retained but a final decision would be made once the full details are known.

6. Freedom of Information Act - Council Policy

The Clerk gave the members the requirements of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 in so far as it applied to the Parish Council. It was resolved that the Model Publication Scheme for Parish Councils as developed and approved by the Information Commission would be adopted without modification and that a fee of 10p per photocopied item would be applied. The Publication Scheme giving details of information held and how it could be obtained would be posted on the Parish Council website in due course.

7. Repairs to Village Hall car park/path - Mrs. J. Moore

Mrs. MOORE asked if the Parish Council would support financially the Village Hall Committee in the renovation of a path at the side of the Village Hall. Members

agreed in principle to give a grant once the full costings are known and presented to the Parish Council.

8. Any matters from the District Councillor or County Councillor.
No report had been submitted by District Councillor M.Brain.
County Councillor I. Seccombe gave details of Business Support Courses to be held at the Norgren factory in Shipston on Stour. She also told members that WCC had started their budget process which no doubt would be made very difficult by the present economic climate. She also spoke of the new Surestart Childrens' Centre project from Quinton Primary School.
9. To receive any new planning applications
 - (a) 08/02267/FUL - Village Hall - new changing facilities - no objections raised.
 - (b) 08/02738/AGNOT - Lower Clopton Farm - extension to existing farm building - agricultural notice -no comments
 - (c) 08/02848/FUL - Magdalen House, Lower Quinton - single storey side extension with chimney
No objections raised
 - (d) 08/02929/LBC - College Arms - convert existing storage to living accommodation
No objections raised
10. To receive any results of planning applications
 - (a) 08/02089/FUL - The Grange Upper Quinton - Glazed link - GRANTED
 - (b) 08/01922/FUL - The Heaven Wellbeing Centre - extn and car parking - GRANTED
 - (c) 08/02260/FUL - 10 Park Lane, Lower Quinton - Extension - GRANTED
 - (d) 08/02178/FUL - 31 Goose Lane, Lower Quinton - extension - GRANTED
 - (e) 08/02139/LBC - Friday Cottage, Lower Quinton - insertion of two windows - GRANTED
 - (f) 08/02738/AGNOT - Lower Clopton Farm - GRANTED
11. To receive any correspondence
 - (a) Community Forum Meeting Preston on Stour Village Hall 2nd December at 6pm was noted. Mr.HOWSE would attend.
 - (b) Letter re Stour Vision Project Update was noted. Mrs. PEARSON undertook to contact the officer regarding the facilities mentioned in the letter.
 - (c) Consultation re Code of Conduct for Parish Councillors and Local Government Employees
The members gave their views on the consultation document and the Clerk was delegated to reply in accordance with these views
 - (d) Consultation re Making and Enforcing of bye-laws.
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 - (e) Annual Sports Awards
The CHAIRMAN said that Mr.Ray Nicholls would be nominated for an award under this District Council scheme.
12. To Approve Increase in Clerk's Annual Salary in Accordance with NALC/SLCC Interim Agreement
The Clerk gave details of the agreement between NALC and the SLCC for an interim pay award. Members resolved to increase the salary of the Clerk in

accordance with these guidelines. The Clerk would continue to be paid for 31 hours per month at SCP23.

13. Accounts for Payment and Finance Matters.
 - (a) Clerks Salary for October and November 2008 - £688.71p
 - (b) Clerk's expenses incurred £36.67p
 - (c) Thomas Fox Landscaping - (10931) - £768.46p (11044) - 768.46p
 - (d) MP Garden Services - £1546.23p
 - (e) Cheque for Solicitors re Fordway Play area - £249.35p
 - (f) SLCC subscriptions (Share) 2009 - £70

14. Dates of meetings
2009 Meetings
22nd January (Precept Meeting)
19th March (PC Meet 6.45pm Annual Parish Assembly 8pm)
21st May
16th July
17th September
19th November

The CHAIRMAN closed the meeting at 21.15hrs.