

**MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF QUINTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN
THE VILLAGE HALL ON THURSDAY 3RD DECEMBER 2009 AT 7.30PM**

PRESENT: MR.M.WALSBY OBE (CHAIRMAN), MR.M.HOWSE (VICE CHAIRMAN), MRS.S.ANGUS, MR.R.HARRISON, MRS.A.GILMAN, MR.A.CARTER, MR.D.PEREGRINE, DISTRICT COUNCILLOR M.BRAIN, COUNTY COUNCILLOR I.SECCOMBE AND TWO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

1. Apologies for absence
MRS. J.MOORE, MRS. G.PEARSON

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.
No declarations were made at this stage.

3. Acceptance of the minutes of the previous meeting (SEPTEMBER 2009)
The Clerk had circulated the minutes 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.)
MR.PEREGRINE spoke of the concerns of Upper Quinton residents regarding the speed of the buses now travelling along Taylers Lane and Goose Lane following the introduction of the 'bus service. He also asked if the County Council could be approached to have the roads included in the gritting schedule. COUNCILLOR BRAIN spoke on behalf of Mr. Wrycraft of Stileman Close who asked if he could be kept informed of any developments with the land at the rear of his premises. MR. HARRISON spoke his concerns and those of the residents in Lower Quinton over the fast speed of vehicles travelling through the village. He suggested that 'Speedvisor' signs should be installed similar to those in other parishes in the area. COUNCILLOR BRAIN said that the costs of such signs would probably have to be funded by the Parish Council. The Parish Clerk was asked to find out the costs, and if prohibitive external funding would be sought.

5. Matters Arising from the minutes of the previous meetings:
(a) Long Marston Camp - updates on Eco Town and Masterplan proposals
It was noted that the Planning Meeting to determine the Masterplan application was to be held on 7th December 2009 and that the CHAIRMAN would present the views of the Parish Council to that meeting. It was noted that no decision had been made by the Government regarding the Eco Town proposals at present.
(b) Fordway Play Area update

It was noted that the contractors had repaired the floor surfacing at the play area but had not opened the area up for use. No further information regarding the hand over to the Parish Council had been received to date.

(c) Play Area at Playing Fields

MRS. GILMAN gave a report on the state of the playing fields and equipment. She told members that the spring duck was back in use and that generally the area was tidy. She suggested that a seat could be provided near to the play equipment. The Clerk would enquire about prices. It would have to be vandal proof.

(d) Flood Defence reports

MR. CARTER reported that the replacement grid for the ditch at the rear of Stileman Close would be replaced shortly. The ditch at the side of Aylestone Close had some rubbish dumped in it and the District Council would not remove it as the owners of the ditch are unknown. Jeff Morris from the WCC is to investigate the ownership.

(e) WRCC Housing project update

The officer from the WRCC Housing had circulated a rough plan of how the site at the rear of Stileman Close could be used for some social housing. The members had been circulated with this plan. The CHAIRMAN said that the matter was with the WRCC and until they had submitted a planning application, the Parish Council would not comment further.

(f) Youth Club progress

MR. HOWSE told the members that he had recently applied for a grant of £10000 for the Youth Club which COUNCILLOR SECCOMBE had endorsed. He spoke of ideas to build a Youth Club building at the side of the Village Hall and that two applications for a youth worker had been received and were in the hands of the WCC for checking etc.

(g) Parish Plan

MR. PEREGRINE outlined the plans for the production of a Parish Plan for Quinton. A small steering group had been formed and had met to discuss the objectives of the project and the methodology that would be used to produce the plan. Engagement with the residents of the parish would be sought at every stage of the process and it was hoped that parishioners would become involved in the process. The District Council were giving grants to parishes who were carrying out Parish Plan projects. COUNCILLOR BRAIN suggested that Linda Ridgely from the WRCC had a lot of experience in producing parish plans and should be consulted.

(h) Parish Emergency Plan

A presentation by Mick Potter from the Emergency Planning department at WCC had been held prior to the Parish Council meeting. The Chairman thanked Mr Potter and said that a sub-committee would be formed to take the process forward.

6. Parish Council Chairman items:

(a) Village Hall Committee report

MR. HOWSE gave members a short report in which he said that it had been suggested that the village hall be known as a Community Hall in an effort to engage the public more in its use. The changing rooms were almost completed. He told members that the hall management committee were a separate entity and that the Parish Council only had representation on the committee by way of MRS. MOORE.

(b) Fire Service Consultation

The CHAIRMAN sought the views of members regarding the future of the Fire Service. After a short discussion it was agreed to support the plans for the Bidford Fire Station. The CHAIRMAN said he would write in response.

7. Any matters from the District Councillor or County Councillor.
Neither councillor had anything further to add to what they had already contributed to the meeting.
8. To receive any new planning applications
(a) 09/02090/FUL - Barn Antiques - change of use to holiday cottage
No observations were made in respect of this application
9. To receive any results of planning applications
The following result was noted:
(a) 09/01417/FUL - Adlestrop, Goose Lane - proposed bedroom extension to gable - GRANTED
10. To receive any correspondence
(a) WALC Courses - noted
(b) Worcestershire Waste Sites - noted. The CHAIRMAN would look to see if there was any impact on the parish in the plans
11. Accounts for Payment and Finance Matters.
The following accounts were approved for payment:
(a) Clerks Salary for October and November 2009 - £***
(b) Clerk's expenses incurred £
(c) Thomas Fox Landscaping - (11875) - £772.80p
(d) MP Garden Services - £1161.80p
(e) Chairman expenses - £28.12p
(f) Village Hall hiring - £35
12. Dates of meetings
2010 Dates:
January 21st
March 18th
May 20th
July 22nd
September 16th
November 18th
The CHAIRMAN closed the meeting at 8.45pm