

MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF QUINTON PARISH COUNCIL
HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL, THE CLOSE, LOWER QUINTON ON
THURSDAY 17TH NOVEMBER 2011 AT 7.30PM

PRESENT: MR.M.WALSBY OBE (CHAIRMAN), MRS. S.ANGUS (VICE CHAIRMAN), MR.T.BATCHELOR, MR.D.PEREGRINE, MR. P.MAUNDRILL, MRS.L.TAGGART, DISTRICT COUNCILLOR M.BRAIN AND 6 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

1. Apologies for absence
MR.A.CARTER, County Councillor I.SECCOMBE
Co-option of new members to fill vacancies
The CHAIRMAN gave members an update on filling the two vacancies for Parish Councillor. Some interest had been shown and it was hoped that the vacancies could be filled at the January meeting.
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 point.
3. Acceptance of the minutes of the previous meeting (SEPTEMBER 2011)
The Clerk had circulated the minutes of the previous meeting which were accepted as a true record by those 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.)
Mr.HOWSE presented a Cheque to the Parish Council for £776.32p which he explained was from the Fete committee. It had been decided that as there would be celebrations for the Queen's Jubilee there would be no fete next year. He said the monies should be used for the benefit of the Quinton parishioners. The CHAIRMAN thanked him on behalf of the Parish Council.
5. Matters Arising from the minutes of the previous meetings:
(a) Long Marston Camp - recent plans had been submitted and were on the current agenda. These had not posed any problems and were just formalising previously approved applications.
(b) Fordway Play area/Playing field play area
MRS.ANGUS reported that the Fordway play area was in order. The CHAIRMAN said he had been approached by a nearby householder and asked if a larger waste bin could be provided as they are continually picking up litter. The existing bin is too small for the amount of litter. It was agreed a new large bin should be purchased.

MR.BATCHELOR gave an update on the progress with the purchase of new equipment for the playing field. He said that he had obtained a grant of £5000 from Orbit Housing and was pursuing an application for £20000 from the Queen Elizabeth Fields in Trust.

(c) Youth Club progress

The CHAIRMAN gave a report from Mrs. Belcher which said that the club was still functioning successfully with three youth workers. The age range had been reduced which had increased membership. There was enough funding to carry on to the end of the school term in July 2012. However it appeared that there was some question regarding funding after that date.

(d) Flood Defence Report

The CHAIRMAN reported that a grant for £700 had been given by the District Council for clearing the ditch across the village green at Upper Quinton.

(e) Speed Aware campaign on Main Road update

MRS.ANGUS told members that 5 people had been trained in the use of the speed gun by the police. The police had left them with some equipment but some would have to be purchased. David White is the co-ordinator of the scheme and the CHAIRMAN invited him to address the meeting. Mr.White told members that 3 sites had been identified and that the operators would be in position for about half an hour as this was deemed to be the effective period. Operations would commence on 18th November. An entry would be put into Meon News asking for more volunteers to be trained. There was some form filling involved when vehicles are found to be over the limit. MRS.ANGUS then gave prices of the equipment required. A refurbished speed camera would cost £1150, 2 signs £164 and a tripod about £250. It was agreed she should go ahead to purchase these items. The Clerk said that whilst the Parish Council policy did cover volunteers for personal accident and public liability, the insurance company did insist on a risk assessment being carried out. He suggested that the Police may have already have such a document available.

The CHAIRMAN told members that the planned road markings will be done shortly.

MR.BATCHELOR said that some white lines at junctions needed repainting. The CHAIRMAN said he would contact the Highways officer Mr.J.Morris.

(f) Parish Plan

The CHAIRMAN told the members that the plan had been 'on the back burner' for a while but now the committee was about to start again with a view to also developing a Neighbourhood Plan.

(g) Emergency Plan update

The CHAIRMAN invited Mr.Howse to update the meeting. Mr.Howse said that the plan was now being printed and would be available for distribution very soon.

(h) Village Hall report

MR.BATCHELOR told members that the roof at the rear of the premises was getting damaged and asked if he could commence the work to prevent this from happening. It was agreed he should carry out the work, which would form a permanent part of the development of the playing field site.

(i) Bus shelter and seat update

The CHAIRMAN told members that he had signed the legal documents for the land on which the shelter would stand and was now awaiting to hear that the owners had also signed the document.

(j) Tree Planting scheme

The CHAIRMAN asked Mr.Keith Turner to give members details of the tree planting scheme. There had been a public meeting this evening and a draft plan had been exhibited. People had been invited to make their comments on the plan. He would now document those replies and let the CHAIRMAN have an update. The CHAIRMAN thanked Mr. Turner for his work on this project.

(k) Neighbourhood Watch progress report

Mrs. TAGGART reported that whilst progress had been slow she had now registered as a NHW co-ordinator with the police and was to recruit volunteers to be local co-ordinators.

6. Any Matters from the Chairman/Members:

(a) Warwickshire Community Awards Report

The CHAIRMAN gave details of the several awards that Quinton had won at the recent Community Awards Ceremony:

Overall Best Village:	Bronze	Quinton
Community Buildings:	Gold:	Quinton Medical Centre
	Bronze:	Quinton & Admington Village Hall
Community Heroes:	Gold:	Lydia Stowe - Lower Quinton
	Bronze:	Linda Thomas - Quinton

(b) The Millennium Oak Tree

The CHAIRMAN invited comments from any members of the public regarding the replacement of the tree which had been planted for the Millennium and had been maliciously cut down recently. Mr.Turner said that he lived in Upper Quinton when the tree was planted and there had been consultation with residents at that time. Councillor BRAIN said he was saddened by the malicious cutting down of the tree. The CHAIRMAN said that he had received a petition signed by 58 residents who mainly lived in Upper Quinton seeking the planting of a replacement tree at the exact same spot. Obviously some extra security would have to be placed around the tree if it was replaced. He asked members for their views. Mr. PEREGRINE proposed that a tree be planted in exactly the same place as the previous one as requested in the petition. This proposal was seconded by Mrs. ANGUS and carried unanimously by those present. Councillor Brain volunteered to obtain costs for the replacement and report back to the Parish Council.

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

There was no report from the County Councillor.

Councillor Brain reported that the Localism Bill had been passed and was now awaiting Royal Assent.

8. To receive any new planning applications

The following applications had been received:

(a) 11/02358/REM - Long Marston Business Park - reserved matters for new access spine road and roundabout etc. - no comments

(b) 11/02357/FUL – Long Marston Business Park - construction of new gatehouse building and associated alterations to internal highway network - no comments

9. To receive any results of planning applications
The following results were noted:
 - (a) 11/01787/FUL - 7 Millfield Close - add 2 dormer windows to front - GRANTED
 - (b) 11/01583/FUL - Colemans Hill Farm - demolition of existing dwelling and erection of new detached dwelling - GRANTED
 - (c) 11/01940/FUL - 16 The Firs, Conversion of garage to utility etc and new garage - GRANTED

10. To receive any correspondence
 - (a) Warwickshire Rural Housing Assoc. Annual Report was noted
 - (b) Boundary Commission Review was noted
 - (c) WCC Waste Core Strategy Consultation was noted
 - (d) WALC Training Events were noted
 - (e) County Service to Celebrate Her Majesty's Diamond Jubilee 2.30pm Sunday 12th February 2012 - St Mary's Church Warwick followed by reception at Old Shire Hall, Warwick was handed to the CHAIRMAN

11. Accounts for Payment and Finance Matters.
 - (a) Clerks Salary for September and October 2011 - £***p
 - (b) HMRC tax payments £***p
 - (c) Clerk's expenses incurred £***p
 - (d) Thomas Fox Landscaping - (13453) - £414 (13534) - £414
 - (e) Quinton Village Hall - £60
 - (f) John Ward Landscapes - Fordway Play Area Maintenance - £372
 - (g) Alwyn Carter - removal and storage of bus shelter - £350

12. Closure and Dates of meetings 2012 (Provisional)
 - 19th January
 - 15th March (6.45pm followed by Annual Assembly 8pm)
 - 24th May (AGM)
 - 12th July
 - 13th September
 - 15th November