

MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF QUINTON PARISH COUNCIL
HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL, THE CLOSE, ON THURSDAY 18TH
SEPTEMBER 2008 AT 7.30PM

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

1. Apologies for absence
 - (a) Mr.M.Howse, Mrs.G.Pearson
 - (b) Filling of Casual Vacancy by co-optionThe CHAIRMAN proposed that Mrs. Sarah Angus of 18 The Firs, Lower Quinton be co-opted to the Parish Council. Mr. Carter seconded this proposal and in the absence of any further nominations, Mrs. Angus was co-opted. She joined the meeting and was welcomed by the CHAIRMAN.
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 of interest were made at this point.
3. Acceptance of the minutes of the previous meeting (JULY 2008)

The Clerk had circulated the minutes which were accepted as a true record of what had taken place 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.Ray Nicholls thanked the Parish Council for their continued support for the work on the new changing rooms and for paying the planning application fee on behalf of the football team.
5. Matters Arising from the minutes of the previous meetings:
 - (a) Long Marston Camp - proposed ECO Town update/Invite to join Parish Forum/Shelter Documents/Use of Upper Quinton Village Green for eventDistrict Councillor BRAIN was asked to update the members on the recent developments. He gave a full report which included the fact that there was to be a judicial review, the fact that recent documents circulated by 'SHELTER' had been funded by DCLG and that there was to be a barbeque on Upper Quinton village green in support of the BARD campaign. Members formally agreed to the use of the village green on the understanding that all arrangements for insurance, licences, damage etc., were covered by the BARD group. Councillor BRAIN gave this assurance. He also told members that under the ongoing Masterplan there were two proposals put forward by the developers one for 500 houses and some commercial and leisure and one for 3000 plus houses. These are not connected to the ECO town proposals.
 - (b) Fordway Play Area update

District Councillor BRAIN was asked to update the meeting. He told members that he had been in touch with the developers that day and the offer of a cash payment of £45,000 was still available. MR. HARRISON proposed that the offer from Wimpey should be accepted. This proposal was seconded by MR. CARTER and on a vote was carried unanimously. The Clerk would take the matter further. MR. BRAIN was thanked for his work in obtaining this offer from the developers.

(c) Play Area at Playing Fields

MRS. GILLMAN reported that the playing field was generally in good condition.

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

MR. CARTER reported that work had started on clearing the ditch at Stileman Close. He gave details of the application he had submitted on behalf of the Parish Council for a grant from the District Council flood relief fund.

(e) Pond Clearance

In the absence of MR. HOWSE the CHAIRMAN gave details of the proposals for cleaning out and renovating the pond. Two quotes for the necessary work to the trees were considered, one for £750, the other £2100. A quote for the clearance of the pond from D.W.Clark for £2550 was also considered. No grants had been obtained to date. MR. CARTER proposed, seconded by MR. HARRISON, that the work as detailed by the CHAIRMAN be commenced and that the quotations for £750 and £2550 be accepted. On a vote the proposal was carried.

(f) BAP survey

The Clerk gave details of the Biodiversity Action Plan papers and said that the pond restoration probably fitted into this plan. He would respond to the survey accordingly.

(g) Notice re stopping up parts of public highway at Bastyan Avenue - an official notice was noted.

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

District Councillor BRAIN spoke of the debriefing by the Police following the operation to control the Bulldog Bash. He said that if there was any need for similar planning next year, then a full discussion and consultation exercise would be carried out by the police. The murder trial was scheduled to be heard in October 2008. He also gave details of the Global Gathering event and said that he had been given £14,810 for local charities and organisations which he had distributed locally in Long Marston and Quinton.

County Councillor SECCOMBE gave details of three inspections that had been carried out at the County Council recently into the way that the Council operates.

7. Items raised by Members of the Parish Council

(a) Waste Bins and Dog Bins - A. Carter

MR. CARTER sought permission to relocate the dog waste bin from Back Lane to the main road. Members agreed to this change. He also said that the waste bin at Goose Lane had been damaged and needed replacing. The Clerk would attend to these matters.

(b) Village Fete 2009 - Mr. Howse

The CHAIRMAN on behalf of MR. HOWSE said that MR. HOWSE was keen to organise a village fete next year and asked if this was something the members could support. Members agreed to support this event.

8. To receive any new planning applications

- (a) 08/02089/FUL - The Grange Upper Quinton - Glazed link between garage and house
No representations
 - (b) 08/01922/FUL - Heaven Wellbeing Centre Friday Street - single storey rear extn and car parking
No representations
 - (c) 08/02139/LBC - Friday Cottage, 25 Friday Street - insertion of two windows
No representations
 - (d) 08/02178/FUL - 31 Goose Lane single storey rear extension.
No representations
9. To receive any results of planning applications
- (a) 08/01453/LBC - Manor Cottage Upper Quinton - internal alterations etc - GRANTED
 - (b) 08/00973/FUL - 10 Park Lane - extension - application withdrawn
 - (c) 07/03091/FUL - The Moat, Lower Quinton - APPEAL REFUSED
 - (d) 08/01757/FUL - Quinton House Nursing Home - withdrawn by applicant.
 - (e) 08/01830/FUL - Colemans Hill Cottage - 2 storey extn - GRANTED
 - (f) 08/01792/LDE - 2 Turnpike Drive - PERMITTED DEVELOPMENT
10. To receive any correspondence
- (a) Play Area Inspection 2008 - the Clerk reported that inspections of both play areas and equipment would be carried out in October 2008.
 - (b) Emergency Plan update 2008 - the CHAIRMAN was still updating this plan
 - (c) Request for funding from Samaritans
Members agreed that the previous policy not to support charities from parish funds should continue.
 - (d) WCC Chairman's 'At Home' invitation for 27th September from 6.30pm - the CHAIRMAN would attend.
 - (e) WALC AGM on 28th October 2008 7.30pm Leamington Town Hall - was noted
 - (f) Community Forums information was noted. Mr. HOWSE had attended on behalf of the Parish Council and found it useful.
 - (g) Rural Housing Enabling Event - Ettington Village Hall 4pm 8th October 2009 was noted - the CHAIRMAN hoped to attend
 - (h) Cotswold Conservation Board - requirement for a warden? - members agreed that if the offer was to provide a warden then it should be accepted.
 - (i) SDC - Consultation re proposed increase in car parking charges was noted.
Members generally do not want to see increases in car parking charges.
 - (j) WCC PAYP - Request to run event 8th and 16th April 2009 in Playing Field.
Members agreed to allow PAYP to run this event
11. Accounts for Payment and Finance Matters.
Acceptance of donation of £500 towards play equipment from Global Gathering Organisation
The Clerk said that one of the grants was made payable to the Parish Council and he had questioned the desirability of accepting this grant directly into Parish funds with WALC. They advised that the members should consider the matter before accepting the money. Members agreed that it should be accepted.
Payments to be authorised:

- (a) Clerks Salary for August and September 2008 (plus additional meeting) - £665.65p
- (b) Clerk's expenses incurred £38.12p
- (c) Thomas Fox Landscaping - (10596) - £1152.69p (10819) - £768.46p
- (d) Clement Keys - £158.63p
- (e) Computer Anti virus software - £39.95p (Clerk)
- (f) Direct Debit BT phone bill village hall office £48.65p
- (g) Village Hall Hire - £40
- (h) Stratford District Council planning application for village hall - £85

12. Dates of meetings 2008

The CHAIRMAN closed the meeting at 9.15pm

November 20th

2009 Meetings

22nd January

19th March

21st May

15th July

17th September

19th November