

**MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF QUINTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN
THE VILLAGE HALL ON THURSDAY 17TH SEPTEMBER 2009 AT 7.30PM**

PRESENT: MR. M.WALSBY OBE (CHAIRMAN), MR. M.HOWSE (VICE CHAIRMAN), MR. R.HARRISON, MRS. J.MOORE, MRS. S.ANGUS, MR. A.CARTER, MRS. G.PEARSON, COUNTY COUNCILLOR I.SECCOMBE, DISTRICT COUNCILLOR M.BRAIN AND 9 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

1. Apologies for absence
Mrs A.GILLMAN
Filling of vacancy for Parish Councillor
The CHAIRMAN said that following the advertising of the vacancy no election had been called to fill the vacancy and therefore the Parish Council could co-opt a new member. Mr. D.Peregrine had expressed his interest in joining the Parish Council and therefore The CHAIRMAN proposed that in the absence of any other nominations, Mr. D.Peregrine should be co-opted. Members agreed and Mr. Peregrine joined the members. The Acceptance of Office form was duly completed.
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 (JULY 2009)
The Clerk had circulated the minutes of the previous meeting 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
Dr. Carrington spoke about his plans to change the use of the former Doctors' surgery on the main road following the opening of the new surgery in Goose Lane. Councillor Brain said that he was arranging for a planning officer to discuss the possible changes with Dr. Carrington. The CHAIRMAN said that members would no doubt support the change of use subject to a planning application being submitted for consideration. Mr. Davies drew the attention of the meeting to an article which had appeared in the Guardian newspaper recently concerning allegations of bribery which had some involvement with St. Modwen.
5. Matters Arising from the minutes of the previous meetings:
(a) Long Marston Camp - updates on Eco Town and Masterplan proposals (see item 8(d))
The CHAIRMAN asked Councillor BRAIN for the latest update on the proposals. Councillor BRAIN said that a special planning committee meeting would be held for the

Masterplan application. He had asked that each speaker be allowed 10 minutes to speak rather than the normal 3 minutes. There would probably be 3 speakers representing the views of local groups, including the Parish Councils in the area.

(b) Fordway Play Area update

The CHAIRMAN had signed the papers to agree to the transfer of ownership and the final arrangements were still awaited.

(c) Play Area at Playing Fields

MRS. ANGUS reported that the playing fields were in the usual state of untidiness. There appeared to be no way of stopping the discarding of rubbish and discussion took place amongst members to try to combat the problem. It was appreciated that Mr. Nicholls continued to clear the area on a regular basis and he was thanked again for his efforts.

(d) Flood Defence reports

Mr. CARTER reported that he had received estimates for repairing the ditch grid and some other necessary work. He intended to have the work completed as soon as possible and the cost would be met from the grant received from the District Council.

(e) WRCC Housing project update - Presentation by WRCC officer

The CHAIRMAN told the meeting that due to personal family reasons the officer was unable to attend this evening.

(f) Response to complaint re parking on the Upper Quinton Village Green

A follow up letter from Mr. McDonald was noted.

(g) Youth Club progress

Mr. HOWSE spoke of a meeting held recently by interested parties, the Youth worker and the District Councillor and County Councillor regarding the future of the Youth Club. It was intended to advertise for a replacement youth worker following the resignation of one of the former youth workers. He had agreed to chair the Group and a meeting was to be held in the Village Hall on 28/9/2009 with the youth of the village to discuss ideas with them. He said that he was looking at the possibility of installing CCTV around the village hall. He asked that the grant of £1000 from the Global Gathering organisation be paid over to the youth club committee.

6. Parish Council Chairman items:

(a) Parish Plan

The CHAIRMAN spoke of his keenness to form a sub-committee of Parish Councillors and members of the public to progress both a Parish Plan and an Emergency Plan for the Parish. Several members volunteered their services.

(b) Empty properties initiative

The CHAIRMAN spoke of the empty houses scheme which was run by the District Council.

(c) Parish Emergency Plan

See 6(a)

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

Councillor BRAIN drew the meeting's attention to an event at Ettington Village Hall which he thought would be of interest. He told members that the new 'bus service serving Upper Quinton and the new surgery in Goose Lane had started and was very well

received. There would be a debrief by the Police following the Bulldog Bash on Wednesday 23rd September at 7pm in the Village Hall at Lower Quinton. He also informed the meeting that following an event at the Long Marston Airfield and inquiry would be held by the District Council following complaints from nearby residents. Councillor SECCOMBE spoke of a consultation being carried out regarding plans for Waterside and around the Theatre. She gave details of the plans and left it to Parish Councillors as to whether or not they responded. She also spoke in support of the current consultation regarding the Fire Service changes that are proposed. She said it would bring the Service into the 21st century and allow the Service to develop into a first class organisation.

8. To receive any new planning applications
The following applications had been received and comments made:
 - (a) 09/01472/LBC & 09/01471/FUL - Tudor Walls, Upper Quinton Extn and alterations - no representations
 - (b) 09/01288/FUL - Upper Clopton - change of use/conversion of redundant buildings to ancillary accommodation - no representations
 - (c) 09/01505/FUL - The Old School, Lower Quinton - Erect carport with a lockable garden store - no representations
 - (d) 09/0835/FUL - Long Marston Storage Depot - amendments to original hybrid application - no representations
 - (e) 09/01699/LBC - Tudor Walls, Upper Quinton - removal of internal wall of a previous extension - no representations
 - (f) 09/01417/FUL - Adlestrop, Goose Lane, Upper Quinton - Bedroom extension to gable - no representations

9. To receive any results of planning applications
The following results of planning applications were noted
 - (a) 09/01108/VARY - Clifford Farm, Clifford Chambers - Granted
 - (b) 09/1121/FUL - Quinton House Nursing Home - Granted
 - (c) 09/01288/FUL - Upper Clopton - change of use/conversion of redundant buildings to ancillary accommodation - Granted
 - (d) 09/01472/LBC & 09/01471/FUL - Tudor Walls, Upper Quinton Extn and alterations - Granted
 - (e) 09/01505/FUL - The Old School, Lower Quinton - Erect carport with a lockable garden store - Granted

10. To receive any correspondence
 - (a) Letter from Lord Lieutenant re Queen's Award for Voluntary Service was read and noted.
 - (b) BT telephone box competition
Was noted
 - (c) WALC AGM at 7.30pm 29th October at Shire Hall was noted
 - (d) WALC Annual Report was noted
 - (e) Letter from Dr. Carrington re the future of the Old Surgery
This item had been dealt with under public participation

11. Accounts for Payment and Finance Matters.
Receipt of £1000 from Angel Music Group Ltd as grant towards Youth Projects in the Parish was noted
- (a) Clerks Salary for June and July 2009 - £***
 - (b) Clerk's expenses incurred £53.75p
 - (c) Thomas Fox Landscaping - (11654) - £1159.20p - (11785) - £772.80p
 - (d) MP Garden Services - £1950.93p
 - (e) Clement Keys external auditors - £327.75p
 - (f) Paul Stevens - footpath around village hall - £2200
 - (g) Mr. R.Freeman - removal of branches over footpath - £60
 - (h) Mr.David T.Hart - restoring Silver Cup - £40
 - (i) Quinton & Adminton Youth Club Grant (Angel Music Group) - £1000
 - (j) Councillor M.Howse - expenses incurred in refurbishing office - £126.31p
12. Dates of meetings 2009
November 19th
2010 Dates:
January 21st
March 18th
May 20th
July 22nd
September 16th
November 18th

The CHAIRMAN closed the meeting at 8.55pm