

MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF QUINTON PARISH COUNCIL
HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL, THE CLOSE, ON THURSDAY 22ND
SEPTEMBER 2011 AT 7.30PM

PRESENT: MR.M.WALSBY OBE (CHAIRMAN), MRS.S.ANGUS (VICE CHAIRMAN), MR.A.CARTER, MRS.L.TAGGART, MR.T.BATCHELOR, MR.M.DAY, COUNTY COUNCILLOR I.SECCOMBE, DISTRICT COUNCILLOR M.BRAIN AND 5 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

1. Apologies for absence
Mr.P.Maundrill, Mr.D.Peregrine
Co-option of new member to fill vacancy
The CHAIRMAN explained that no candidates had come forward and the matter would remain on the agenda.
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
3. Acceptance of the minutes of the previous meeting (JULY 2011)
The Clerk had circulated the minutes and they 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. Nicholls told the meeting that the hedge had been cut around the edge of the playing field but there were electric cables through the branches. The CHAIRMAN said he would contact the suppliers to have the electricity cut off to allow the branches to be cut. Mr. Nicholls also gave details regarding the progress with the cricket square.
Mr. Smith spoke of his concerns regarding the siting of the bus shelter which he said was moving the problem from one area to another near to his property. The CHAIRMAN advised him of the full consultations that had taken place regarding the moving of the shelter and said that negotiations were at a very late stage of completion.
Mr.Davies spoke of his concerns over the withdrawal of the two district nurses at the Meon Surgery. These had been moved to Stratford upon Avon Hospital with no consultation. He suggested the Parish Council should write and ask why this had been done without consultation. County Councillor Seccombe said further information should be obtained before this action is taken.
5. Matters Arising from the minutes of the previous meetings:

(a) Long Marston Camp - Masterplan

Councillor Brain was asked to update the members on any progress. He advised members that the planning department were still adhering to the masterplan but there had been some concerns with the leisure part of the plan which involved finding suitable interested parties.

(b) Fordway Play area/Playing field play area

MRS.ANGUS reported that the Fordway play area was in good shape.

Regarding the playing field she gave details of a public meeting in the village hall on 29th September to show the plans for the new play equipment. Applications for grants had been made and it was hoped that the results of these applications would be known by the end of October.

(c) Youth Club progress

The CHAIRMAN gave an update on the youth club. He said that there was one youth leader who came with the County Council van each week. However they were still finding it difficult to find things to do with the youngsters who attended.

(d) Flood Defence Report

Mr. DAY told the members that there was a large supply of sand at Henny's Farm for use of parishioners. There was also a large supply of sandbags in the village hall.

Councillor Brain suggested that a request for a grant from a new flood grant scheme should be made by the council for clearing out ditches in the parish. Mr.CARTER confirmed that a quotation was awaited from a contractor.

(e) Speed Aware campaign on Main Road update

Mrs. ANGUS told members that the 'Smiley SID' campaign would start in the village on 4th October and remain until 24th October. Also 5 residents had volunteered their services for speed camera training. The CHAIRMAN said that the new road markings would be placed in situ immediately after the campaign.

(f) Parish Plan

Mr. Davies, the Chairman of the Parish Plan committee, was invited to give the meeting an update. He began by saying that due to the uncertainties with the future of planning policy the committee, which had met recently with the County and District Councillors, had discussed whether to 'pause' until these uncertainties were resolved. Councillor BRAIN said he was not against this idea but said enquiries should be made with the District Council officers regarding the promised grant monies. Mr. Davies suggested that the present work could be continued with a view to changing it to a Neighbourhood plan if necessary.

(g) Emergency Plan update

The CHAIRMAN reported that the emergency plan was now out to print and would be available shortly.

(h) Village Hall report

Mr. BATCHELOR reported that a bigger stage with storage space beneath had been constructed in the hall. A recent function had seen a profit of about £700 and at present there was a balance of about £15000 in the funds of the village hall.

(i) Bus shelter and seat update

The CHAIRMAN reported that the solicitors had not got a very good plan of the area that the Parish Council wanted for the bus shelter but that he had supplied them with a more detailed plan. The Parish Council only required a space of about 10 metres by 6 metres.

The owners had asked that the agreement showed that the Parish Council was responsible for maintaining the hedge around the shelter and he needed to iron out what was meant by this request as there was a lot of hedgerow in the area.

(j) Tree Planting scheme

Councillor Brain was asked to give the members an update on the scheme. He told members that £750 had been given by the Global Gathering management towards the project. He said that full consultation must be carried out once sites had been selected for tree planting. He suggested that members progressed the matter along with the help of Mr.Keith Turner as soon as possible and be in a position to report fully at the next Parish Council meeting.

(k) Oak Tree on Upper Quinton Green

The Clerk reported on three letters and a petition from Mr.I.McDonald asking for restraint on planting further trees on the village greens at Upper Quinton and a personal request for having the millennium oak tree removed to another part of the village.

Members were quite sure that no trees would be planted on the village greens as part of the proposed tree planting scheme. They also unanimously agreed that the millennium oak tree should stay where it is as the cost involved in moving it would not be justified and it might not be successful. The Clerk would advise Mr. McDonald accordingly.

6. Any Matters from the Chairman/Members:

(a) Grant from Global Gathering - Chairman

Councillor Brain was asked to give details of the grants given by the Global Gathering to various organisations in the Parish. Councillor Brain was thanked by the members for his efforts in obtaining these monies.

(b) Cheque handover to QUADS Committee

The CHAIRMAN gave details of a presentation ceremony arranged for the presentation of the grant from the Parish Council to the QUADS committee. An article would also appear in Meon News.

(c) Request for funds from Jubilee Committee

The CHAIRMAN spoke of a request from the Jubilee committee for a grant of £3000 to help fund the various events planned for H.M.Queen's Jubilee in 2012. He suggested that members should meet with the committee before agreeing to give this grant.

Members agreed.

(d) Personal Resilience Programme

The CHAIRMAN passed details of a personal resilience course that might be of interest to parishioners.

(e) Neighbourhood Watch - Mrs Taggart

Mrs. TAGGART spoke of her efforts to form a Neighbourhood watch group.

Unfortunately an article in Meon News seeking volunteers drew no response and she was now planning on knocking on doors to find volunteers.

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

County Councillor Seccombe gave details of improvements made at Warwick Hospital and planned improvements at Stratford Hospital and a plan for a new major medical facility at Shipston on Stour.

District Councillor Brain spoke of Quinton School's need for two community governors.

He asked for volunteers from the Parish Council or the community. He reminded members of the community forum meeting and spoke of a campaign to get more people to recycle waste responsibly to prevent recyclables going to landfill.

8. To receive any new planning applications
 - (a) 11/01583 - Colemans Hill Farm - Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of new detached dwelling. No comments
 - (b) 11/01560/FUL - 2 Dobbie Road - conservatory to rear - no comments
 - (c) 11/01586/FUL - 17 Turnpike Drive - New boundary wall and fence - no comments
 - (d) 11/01787/FUL - 7 Millfield Close - insertion of 2 dormer windows - no comments
 - (e) 11/01940/FUL - 16 The Firs - Conversion of garage into utility and build new garage - no comments

9. To receive any results of planning applications
 - (a) 11/01069/EXT - Extension of time to previously approved application 08/00975/FUL - Colemans Hill Farm
 - (b) 11/01159/FUL - The Old Vicarage, Single storey extension, rear extension at first floor, replace existing conservatory - granted
 - (c) 11/01160/LBC - The Old Vicarage, Single storey extension, rear extension at first floor, replace existing conservatory - granted
 - (d) 11/00688/FUL: - Quinton House Nursing Home - major extensions etc. - Granted
 - (e) 10/02784/VARY - Long Marston Storage (St Modwen) - Granted
 - (f) 11/00784/VARY - Long Marston Storage (St Modwen) - Granted
 - (g) 11/01560/FUL - 2 Dobbie Road - conservatory to rear - Granted

10. To receive any correspondence
 - (a) AGM (27th October 2011), Nominations and Annual Report of WALC noted
 - (b) National Planning Framework consultation noted - no comments were submitted
 - (c) Training for Chairman sessions 4th November and 3rd December 2011 noted

11. Accounts for Payment and Finance Matters.

The following accounts were passed for payment:

 - (a) Clerks Salary for July and August 2011 - £***p
 - (b) HMRC tax payments £***p
 - (c) Clerk's expenses incurred £***p
 - (d) Thomas Fox Landscaping - (13298) - £828.00p - 913367) - £828.00p
 - (e) Quinton Village Hall - £30
 - (f) Staples Account - £39.46p
 - (j) John Ward Landscapes - Fordway maintenance - £288
 - (k) M.Walsby - (AVG) - anti virus software for second Quinton PC laptop - £28.00p
 - (l) Warwickshire County Council - Deposit for roadmarkings - £350.00p
 - (m) QUADS grant - £274.04p
 - (n) Keith Turner - printing of playground flyers - £29.58p
 - (i) Training partnership - £40

12. Closure and Dates of meetings 2011

The CHAIRMAN closed the meeting at 9.30pm
November 17th