**Quinton Parish Council**

Ordinary Parish Council Meeting

Tuesday 17th January 2023

Quinton Village Hall 7.30 pm

Present: Cllr Robert Spooner (Chairman)

Cllr Andy Smith

Cllr Paul Milliken

Cllr James Mills

Cllr Edward Fitter

Mrs M Norman (Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer)

Also present: 6 members of the public

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The intention was to cut down on the distribution of paper copies, limiting these to people who had no access to the online version. This should reduce the costs of producing the newsletter, which was making a significant loss each year. A request was made for further financial support from the Parish Council. It was agreed that the sum to be awarded would be decided at item 9.  **Presentation by Stratford District Council’s CCTV Unit:**  The CCTV Manager for Stratford District Council explained how the CCTV system operated throughout the district and the legislation governing its use. He had been asked to investigate the  possible siting of CCTV cameras in Lower Quinton. Three potential sites had been identified; the  Post Office in Lower Quinton and the entrances and exits to the village along the Main Road. Each camera would cost about £10,000 as well as the annual camera monitoring fee of £2,800 per unit. The Chairman thanked him for his presentation.  **Road marking scheme**:  The Council formally approved the cost of £1,217.49 for the agreed road markings at the junctions of the Main Road with Thackeray Close and Back Lane.  **Grant application Tudor Grange Academy Meon Vale Primary**:  It was agreed to defer this item until the next meeting in order to obtain more information about the Artsmark Award.  **Precept**:  After discussion it was unanimously resolved to request the sum of £32,170 as precept for the year 2023 to 2024. This included the budgeted sum of £1,200 towards the publication costs of St. Swithin’s Newsletter.  **Litter pickers**:  It was agreed to spend up to £50 on purchasing litter pickers for use by the children of Quinton Primary School.  **Grit bins:**  It was resolved to agree in principle to the purchase of ten grit bins to be sited in various locations around the village. The clerk would obtain the permission of Warwickshire County Council Highways for siting and filling the bins.  **Neighbourhood Plan:**  The referendum on Quinton’s Neighbourhood Plan would take place on Thursday, 19th January. There would be two polling stations, one at the Village Hall in Lower Quinton, the other on Meon Vale. An Open Day had been held the previous Saturday to show the Plan and answer any questions from residents.  **Gas provision**:  A resident had enquired whether there would be interest in having mains gas connected to the village. The Council said that there had been a previous attempt some years ago, but there had been no take up of the offer because of the expense involved. The resident was in contact with Cadent and was asked to keep the Parish Council informed of developments. The Council would revisit the proposition if appropriate.  **South Warwickshire Local Plan Consultation:**  It was agreed that the Parish Council would respond to this consultation before the closing date of the 6th March 2023.  **Chairman’s report**:  The Chairman had attended the WALC meeting on energy and would publish some helpful links in the newsletter. He had also written to Warwickshire County Council asking to be shown the plans of the road works beside the Garden Centre.  One of the pieces of play equipment (the chicken) is broken following a fatigue failure in the spring. It may be possible to order a replacement spring. The Chairman had been contacted by a member of the Youth Club advising him of incendiary activity on the far side of the playing field. Inspection the following day revealed that a number of holes had been dug. The police were advised but no response has been received. Again, reports were received of broken glass on the car park beside the adult exercise machines. Review of CCTV was not helpful in identifying a possible perpetrator as the glass was not visible to the camera.  The Bromford estate is deteriorating. Numerous road signs are still in situ in spite of the Chairman requesting their removal. There are still a number of estate agents’ signs on the grass verges, but Stratford District Council has informed the Chairman that they do not intend to take action to enforce their removal. The Chairman requested the District Councillor to take this matter up.  The flooding on Back Lane is known to Warwickshire County Council. Recent work on Goose Lane has alleviated the flooding problem there, but it needs to be reviewed again following more rainfall. Responsibility for the ditch on Aylestone Close beside the school needs to be identified.  The Stratford District Council Rural Crime Team has given various security items to the Parish Council for distribution.  Grants are available for the installation of EV charging points. The Chairman will investigate the possibility of installing one outside the Pavilion.  The Chairman had had a walk round the village with a member of the Highways Team to investigate the possibility of further traffic calming measures in the village. A design study to draw up proposals would cost in the region of £3,000.  **District and County Councillors’ reports**:  Cllr Fitter said that the South Warwickshire Local Plan was now out for consultation. Photographic ID was now compulsory for anyone wishing to vote in an election. The amount of waste going to landfill had been significantly reduced since the introduction of the green food caddies. Fly tipping across the county had also reduced.  **Councillor updates:**  No updates were made.  **Clerk’s updates**:  The clerk had also received notification of the requirement for photographic ID for anyone wishing to vote in the forthcoming elections. Anyone who does not have a passport or driving licence can apply online at the gov.uk website for a Voter Authority Certificate. Alternatively, residents can go into Elizabeth House where staff will take the requisite photographs and assist in applying for a Voter Authority Certificate.  The Council had been asked to verify the number of parcels of land for registry at the Land Registry, and for an estimated value of the land in question. The Council agreed that six pieces of land in Lower Quinton should be registered and placed a value of between £100,000 and £200,000.  **Planning applications**:   1. 20/02315/FUL Phase A Long Marston Airfield: an objection was submitted to this application. 2. 22/02937/FUL 7 The Firs: proposed demolition of garage and construction of new garage with room over. No representation was made to this application. 3. 22/00014/OUT Willicote Farm Amendments: No further comments were made on this application. 4. 22/03384/FUL 1 Hill Lane, Upper Quinton: change of use of detached outbuilding from ancillary accommodation to holiday cottage. An objection was submitted to this application.     The results of the following planning application were noted:   1. 22/02977/FUL The Bungalow, Upper Quinton: permission granted for side extension, window to front, front porch, render and stone cladding to front elevation and addition of velux windows and cabrio velux. 2. 22/01937/FUL Land adjacent to No.43 The Close: permission granted for erection of one bungalow and associated development.   **To receive receipts and payments records for the quarter**:  The Council received the receipts and payments records previously circulated and agreed them as an accurate record. The Chairman signed the supporting documentation.  **To receive any correspondence**:  There was no correspondence to be noted.    **Councillors’ reports and items for future agenda**.  None.  **Accounts for payment and finance matters**:  The following payments were noted and approved:   1. HSBC (bank charges) - £8.00 2. Clerk’s salary (November) - £\*\* 3. HMRC (income tax)- £\*\* 4. Thomas Fox (grass maintenance) - £603.00 5. BT (broadband) - £65.15 6. HSBC (bank charges) - £8.00 7. Quinton PCC (grant) - £500.00 8. Quinton PCC (Youth Club grant) - £445.48 9. Thomas Fox (grass maintenance) - £289.00 10. Clerk’s salary (December) - £\*\* 11. HMRC (income tax) - £\*\*   The meeting ended at 9.20 pm |  |