**Quinton Parish Council**

Ordinary Parish Council Meeting

Tuesday 14th March 2023

Quinton Village Hall 7.30 pm

Present: Cllr Robert Spooner (Chairman)

Cllr Chris Watson

Cllr Paul Milliken

Cllr James Mills

Cllr Suzi Edmunds

Mrs M Norman (Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer)

Also present: 1 member of the public

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Cllr Milliken offered to report this as fly tipping to Stratford District Council and to notify the distributor of the magazines.  **Possible speed reduction measures:**  After discussion it was resolved to approve the cost of £3,000 to fund an initial study by Warwickshire County Council Highways for possible speed reduction measures at the eastern and western ends of Lower Quinton. The Chairman would notify WCC accordingly.  **Grant application Tudor Grange Academy Meon Vale Primary:**  After discussion it was resolved not to award grant funding to Tudor Grange Academy as the school did not lie within Quinton parish.  **New CCTV camera:**  It was resolved to purchase a new CCTV camera to be installed beside the play area at a cost not to exceed £700.00  **Neighbourhood Plan:**  Cllr Milliken made his final update on the Neighbourhood Plan which had now been passed. The Council agreed to approve the cost of £282.00 to purchase ten copies of the plan for use by councillors.  **Village pond:**  The Council agreed to a) defer consideration of the rubble clearance till a later meeting, and b) approved the sum of £60 to repair the broken slats on the bench beside the pond.  **Replacement defibrillator pads:**  It was resolved to purchase one adult and two children’s defibrillator pads at a total cost of £259.27.  **Highways search:**  The Land Registry had now requested a Highways search around the green in Upper Quinton before considering the application to register the green. The Council agreed to authorise the expenditure of £280.50 for the search to proceed. The clerk was asked to inform the solicitor accordingly.  **Shipston Home Nursing**:  It was resolved to refuse the request to make a donation to the Shipston Home Nursing charity.  **Chairman’s report**:  **Bins**: the Chairman said that he had reported the vandalised litter bins at the village hall to the police. He had also given them the CCTV evidence. He was now waiting for an assessment of the damage from Stratford DC.  **Litter picking**: twenty four very enthusiastic Quinton Primary School children collected many bags of rubbish from the playing fields. Cllr Milliken and the Chairman later picked up the broken glass beside the skate ramp and on the far side of the field. The school plans to repeat the exercise in the summer term.  **Personal attack alarms**: SDC Rural Crime Team had left ten personal attack alarms when they visited the Village Hall on the day of the Neighbourhood Plan presentation. One was donated to a resident; seventeen others were requested. The Chairman obtained more alarms from SDC and distributed them. There are still two spare.  **All Things Wild:** Clifford Chambers called an update meeting last week. An article had appeared in The Herald stating that the Council was looking to see if another location could be found. At a recent Parish Council meeting in Clifford Chambers Cllr Pemberton said that an alternative site had been found. However, the article in The Herald also stated that All Things Wild had said they were not looking for alternative sites.  **South Warwickshire Local Plan**: The comments made by the PC stated that development should take place where the infrastructure already existed, namely in the A46/M40 area. The Chairman was concerned by the diagram in the SWLP showing increased development around Meon Vale, the airfield and beyond.  Neighbourhood Development Plan: At 14% the turn out for the referendum was low compared to a village such as Ilmington. The difference may be that the population of Ilmington intends to live there for many years and therefore has a long term personal interest in the village, whereas those in Quinton Parish may have a larger number of people for whom this is a short term location. Nevertheless the required 50% plus 1 of those voting meant that the community had accepted the plan which was subsequently fully accepted at a Stratford District Council meeting and is now formally in place. Many thanks are due in particular to Cllr Milliken for his stewardship of this work, to Cllr Watson for the creation of the magnificent document and to those residents who were part of the steering group. The plan will have to be reviewed and updated to meld with the policies that will emerge from the new Local Plan, required to be in place by 2031.  20mph school zone: initial work has started but the Chairman was advised that the contractor has not yet managed to source some items.  **District and County Councillors’ reports**:  Cllr Fitter sent in a written report which stated that, at its meeting on the 27th February, the District Council had adopted the Quinton Neighbourhood Plan following the successful referendum.  The first allocations of the UK Shared Prosperity Fund for Stratford on Avon District Council have now been approved. Awards totalling just over £406,000 have been agreed for 13 separate initiatives across the district. The District Council was awarded £3.6m under this new funding from the Government which covers three years.  The budget was approved. Band D property Council tax is increasing by £5 a year (3.2%). Stratford remains the lowest district council tax in Warwickshire.  **Councillor updates:**  Cllr Milliken reported that the John Cooper Foundation continued to award small academic grants. He would continue to publicise the opportunities offered by the Foundation.  Cllr Milliken had also been asked to investigate the possibility of adopting a BT telephone kiosk. He would look into this and report at a later meeting.  The Chairman requested updates on the skate ramp and repairs to the playground equipment, notably the chicken. He also wanted to investigate the possibility of installing a single use plastic bin.  **Clerk’s updates**:  The clerk distributed the election nomination forms for the forthcoming election on the 4th May 2023. The planning application for 1 Hill Lane would be heard at planning committee on the 22nd March. A BT bill had been received for £230, at least four times the usual amount. Cllr Watson agreed to investigate the error.  **Planning applications**:   1. 22/03309/FUL Comfort Farm, Clifford Chambers: proposed installation of solar mounted array and infrastructure. Notified as adjoining Parish Council and no comments submitted. 2. 22/03346/ADV non illuminated entrance/exit signs to Meon Vale. This application was supported. 3. 22/00114/OUT Willicote Farm amendments: No further comments were made on this application. 4. 23/00509/FUL The White Cottage, Upper Quinton: proposed side and rear extensions. It was resolved to make no objection to this application.     The results of the following planning application were noted:   1. 22/01575/FUL field access left of Homeleigh: permission granted for double field gates to agricultural land. 2. 22/02937/FUL 7 The Firs: permission granted for demolition of garage and construction of new garage with room over.   **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**.  Consideration to be given to adopting a BT kiosk.  **Accounts for payment and finance matters**:  The following payments were noted and approved:   1. HSBC (bank charges) - £9.00 2. Clerk’s salary (January) - £\*\* 3. HMRC (income tax)- £\*\* 4. Thomas Fox (grass maintenance) - £369.00 5. BT (broadband) - £65.15 6. WALC (clerk’s course) - £36.00 7. Avon Planning (Neighbourhood Plan) - £84.00 8. Paul Milliken (NP expenses) - £136.00 9. BT (broadband) - £77.09 10. Clerk’s salary (February) - £\*\* 11. HMRC (income tax) - £\*\* 12. HSBC (bank charges) - £8.00 13. Thomas Fox (grass maintenance) - £289.06 14. Robert Spooner (litter pickers) - £49.98 15. Robert Spooner (padlock) - £5.79   The meeting ended at 8.45 pm  The next meeting is on Tuesday 16th May 2023. |  |