

Quinton Parish Council

Ordinary Parish Council Meeting

Tuesday 4th December 2018

Quinton Village Hall 7.30 pm

Present: Cllr Robert Spooner (Chairman)

Cllr Caroline Barton

Cllr Edward Fitter

Cllr Paul Milliken

Cllr Phil Maundrill

Cllr Chris Watson

Mrs M Norman (Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer)

Also present: Cllr Izzi Seccombe, Cllr Mike Brain and 13 members of the public

1	Apologies: Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Rob Clark, Cllr Rebecca Hall and Cllr Claire Scopes and were accepted by the Council.
2	Declaration of interests There were no declarations of interest.
3	Minutes of the previous meeting: The minutes of the meeting of the 23 rd October and those of the extraordinary meeting on the 15 th November 2018 were agreed as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.
4	Matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting: Cllr Fitter said that he anticipated work on the duck pond would begin in January 2019.
5	Questions from the public: Members of the public raised their concerns about the parking situation in The Orchard and Aylestone Close. The Chairman said the Council would consider this further under item 13.
6	Marston Edge Ltd: Because of the level of public interest in the development at Marston Edge, the clerk had agreed to Cllr Mike Brain's request to allow the Managing Director of Marston Edge Ltd. to address the meeting. Mr Nick Allen said that the development of 55 park homes was in compliance with the conditions granted under the planning application, allowing occupation of the homes for 365 days per year. The legal definition of a caravan included not only touring caravans, but also mobile homes such as those being sited at Marston Edge. The decision to develop the site in accordance with this definition had been taken by him alone, once he had been appointed Managing Director of the company.

	<p>Mr Allen was questioned on the date of his appointment as Director of Marston Edge Ltd. Mr Allen said that he believed he had been appointed as Director in May or June. He may have had discussions about placing mobile homes with the owners of the site prior to this but could not be certain about the dates.</p> <p>Councillors commented on the lack of transparency and openness in relation to this application. The current development was radically different to the planning applications previously considered by the Council. This was a matter of grave concern, particularly as the Parish Council was undertaking a Neighbourhood Plan and needed full knowledge of all proposed developments. The Chairman said that in his correspondence with Robert Weeks, Head of the Planning Department at Stratford District Council, Mr Weeks had admitted that errors had been made in relation to this application. Quinton and Long Marston Parish Councils would now be pursuing this matter further with Stratford District Council.</p> <p>The Chairman varied the agenda order in order to discuss item 13:</p>
13	<p>Parking in The Orchard:</p> <p>As well as the known car parking problem in The Orchard, concerns were also raised about Aylestone Close and Magdalen Close. Police had placed traffic cones in The Orchard, but the Chairman noted that at least one of these had been moved. He wanted to investigate the possibility of either single or double yellow lines, or perhaps parking permits for residents. Some of the problems originated from parents dropping their children off at school; others were caused by parking from staff working at Cygnets Nursery and the school.</p> <p>Cllr Seccombe suggested that the Council liaise with the primary school to explore the possibility of establishing a “walking bus”. The school sent out frequent letters to parents about car parking, but were powerless to enforce. It was agreed that the Council would discuss the possibility of creating double or single yellow lines with the police and Highways Authority.</p>
7	<p>Any matters from the District or County Councillors:</p> <p>Cllr Brain reported that until the issue of the South Western Relief Road was settled, there could be no more than 400 houses built on Long Marston Airfield. An offset traffic island would be constructed on the B4632. He was unable to provide any further information about the promised “ghost” island outside the Garden Centre. However, the speed limit approaching the entrance to Quinton had now been reduced.</p> <p>Cllr Seccombe said that the footpath from Meon Vale to Quinton Primary School had been delayed. It was now likely that the funding available for the project might be spent on providing a crossing instead. She had been notified of an overloaded school bus to Shipston High School, with children standing in the aisles, and was investigating. Warwickshire County Council would not be providing funding for the South Western Relief Road; this would have to be provided by CALA Homes, or from some other source. If no funding was forthcoming, then the 3,100 homes planned for the site would need to be built elsewhere in the District.</p>
8	<p>Commuted sum re Goose Lane:</p> <p>It was agreed to defer a decision on the offer of a commuted sum of £88,000 pending further enquiries.</p>
9	<p>Draft precept:</p> <p>It was agreed to defer a decision on the final precept until the next meeting.</p>

10	<p>Portfolio responsibilities: Members of the Council agreed to take responsibility for the following: Planning: Cllr Spooner Neighbourhood Plan: Cllr Milliken Playgrounds: Cllr Barton CCTV: Cllr Watson Drainage; ditches and speed issues: Cllr Fitter Highways and verges: Cllr Maundrill Planters: Cllr Milliken. Other areas of responsibility included parking issues and litter. It was hoped that the other Councillors would be willing to take responsibility for these.</p>
11	<p>CCTV remote access request: The Council had received a request from Warwickshire Police for permission to remotely access the Council's CCTV system. It was resolved to grant this request on condition that the police entered into a signed agreement.</p>
12	<p>Telephone boxes: Owing to the absence of Cllr Hall, this item was deferred till the next meeting.</p>
14	<p>Chairman's reports: The Chairman had been in contact with the Planning Enforcement Officer at Stratford District Council regarding Bromford's non compliance with the conditions of their planning application. It now appeared that this had brought results; delivery and construction vehicles were no longer entering the site before the appointed hours. Some of the overgrown hedges had now been cut back. The cut back in Millfield Close had been particularly thorough. The Chairman will be walking the area with Cllr Barton to continue the review, and to ask those whose hedges and trees are interfering with free passage to cut them back. An objection had been submitted for the 400 houses being built on Long Marston Airfield on the grounds of lack of affordable housing.</p>
15	<p>A kerosene tank had ruptured in the vicinity of Thackeray Close on the south side of the Main Road. Cllr Fitter had attended the speed watch course. It had not proved possible to calibrate the speed gun, though Cllr Fitter believed that the malfunction may simply be due to a soft ware problem. He would make further investigation. The appeal result of the Vodafone telephone mast was still not known. The decision had been delayed as a result of legal issues.</p>
16	<p>Maintenance issues: This matter was deferred as Councillors felt that the quote received for clearing the brambles in Goose Lane was too high. The clerk was requested to obtain other quotes for the work.</p>
17	<p>Neighbourhood Plan update: Cllr Milliken reported that a grant of £2,965 had been received from Groundwork UK. Avon Planning Consultants had been appointed to develop the Green Spaces Plan. The next meeting of the Neighbourhood Plan group would take place on Thursday 6th December. The group had begun meetings with landowners within the parish. A meeting with the School Governors had yet to be organised.</p>

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Clerk's updates:

The clerk had investigated the bye law prohibiting dogs on the playing field. This was still enforceable, should the Council choose to do so. No further responses had been received regarding the proposed anti parking posts for the lay bys on the main road. The clerk would forward the proposed design to those residents who had requested it.

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Hi Vis Jacket:

It was agreed to purchase an extra Hi Vis jacket for use by members operating the speed gun.

Planning applications:

The following planning applications were considered:

- i) 18/03172/TPO Land adjacent to Quinton House: felling of ash and pine trees. **No representation** was made to this application.
- ii) 18/03201/TPO Quinton Parish Council: crown lift of walnut; removal of deadwood. **No representation** was made to this application.
- iii) 18/02953/VARY Clifford Farm, Clifford Chambers: proposed variation of condition 2 to allow alternative design to approved plans. **No representation was made** to this application.

And to receive the results of the following planning applications:

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- i) 18/01395/FUL Corbett House, Lower Quinton: permission **granted** for retrospective erection of 4 sided wheelie bin store with double timber gates.
- ii) 18/02699/FUL 1 Hill Lane, Upper Quinton: permission **granted** for erection of detached outbuilding to replace existing outbuilding and workshop.
- iii) 18/019280/FUL 4 Rideau Road, Meon Vale: proposed erection of dormer window to rear elevation and addition of 2 roof lights to front elevation. **Application withdrawn.**

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Reports from Council members on outside bodies:

Cllr Milliken said that no applications to the John Cooper Foundation had been received from Quinton residents. The Foundation was considering encouraging applications via St Swithin's Newsletter.

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To receive receipts and payments records for the quarter:

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The Council received the receipts and payments records previously circulated and agreed them as an accurate record.

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To receive any correspondence:

No correspondence other than that notified under previous items had been received.

Councillors' reports and items for future agenda.

No items were reported. .

Accounts for payment and finance matters:

The following payments were noted and approved:

- i) PKF Littlejohn (external audit) - £240.00
- ii) Clerk's salary (October) - £**
- iii) HMRC (income tax) - £**
- iv) BT (broadband) - £58.38
- v) Thomas Fox (grass cutting) - £1,531.40

- vi) R Spooner (Hi Vis jackets for school) - £83.41
- vii) Stratford District Council (Neighbourhood Plan Survey) - £3,882.00
- viii) Thomas Fox (grass cutting) - £913.32

The Chairman and Vice Chairman signed the supporting documentation.

The next meeting would take place on Tuesday 15th January at 7.30 pm.

The meeting closed at 9.35 pm.

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