

**Quinton Parish Council**

Ordinary Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2016  
Quinton Village Hall 7.30 pm

Present: Cllr David White (Chairman)  
Cllr Caroline Barton  
Cllr Paul Milliken  
Cllr Phil Maundrill  
Mrs M Norman (Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer)

Also present: Cllr I Seccombe, Cllr M Brain and 1 member of the public

**1 Apologies**

Apologies were received from Cllr Sue Branston and accepted by the Council.

**2 Declaration of interests**

There were no declarations of interest.

**3 Minutes of previous meeting 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2015**

The minutes of the previous meeting of the 18<sup>th</sup> November 2015 were agreed as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

**4 Questions from the public:**

Mr Nicholas Bond, Chairman of the Village Hall Committee asked the Council to consider making a contribution towards the festivities celebrating the Queen's birthday. A committee is being formed to organise the celebration. The Council agreed in principle that it would be prepared to contribute and requested that the committee make a formal application for funding prior to the next meeting.

**5 Matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting:**

- a) Residents' petition Back Lane: The clerk reported that the sign warning that Back Lane was unsuitable for heavy goods vehicles was now in place. It had been agreed by the Highways Department that the 30mph sign would also be replaced though this had yet to be installed. The Highways Dept had also agreed to effect repairs to the damaged tarmac. The Chairman stated that Cllr Brain was in discussions with the bus companies regarding their use of Back Lane and was exploring the possibility of altering the bus routes to avoid the necessity of using the road as a turning point.

**6 Any matters from the Chairman:**

- a) Repairs to fence and collapsed culvert at back of village hall: The Chairman reported that Orbit was responsible for repairs to the collapsed culvert and had agreed that they would carry out the work, though this had yet to be accomplished. He had obtained a quote of £306.00 to repair the fence bordering Parish Council owned land and the culvert. It was resolved to accept this quotation.

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

Cllr Seccombe reported that the County Council had agreed to replace the damaged street lamps in Stileman Close. She also reported that the proposed cycleway/footpath was still in

progress and negotiations were underway to obtain funding from the s106 agreement.

The County Council was in the middle of the third year of its four year budget and was set to be on target. Most of the council departments would manage to remain within budget, although some would exceed the budgeted figure, notably those involved in delivering Adult social care, safeguarding children and school transport. Cllr Seccombe anticipated that the 2% margin allowed for in the budget would be used up in paying for these costs. Additionally, as a result of changes to the provisional Local Government Finance Settlement there is now a shortfall of nearly 12million pounds making it likely that this sum will have to be found from reserves.

Cllr Brain reported that the appeal against the development in St. Edmund's Close had been lost. The new housing would mean the loss of wildlife habitat, especially that of the great crested newt, a fact he found particularly disappointing.

He also provided the Council with an update on negotiations with Biffa regarding the damage caused to footpaths and verges in Goose Lane by bin lorries. Biffa had now offered £4,500 to the District Council to carry out the necessary repairs.

#### **8 Rural Housing Needs Survey:**

The Council noted the invitation to undertake a housing survey and concluded that sufficient provision for social housing was contained in the new developments around the village. It was resolved to decline the invitation.

#### **9 Re-consideration of planning application 15/03888 Hill Lane, Upper Quinton:**

It was noted that the applicant had withdrawn this request prior to the meeting.

#### **10 Planning applications**

Parish Councillors noted the following planning applications submitted since the last Parish Council meeting:

- a) 15/04046 TPO 20, The Firs, Lower Quinton – pruning of sycamore tree. It was resolved to make no representation regarding this application.
- b) MK (Pharma) Ltd – application for proposed pharmacy within 100m of the junction between Main Road and Swithin's Drive, Lower Quinton. It was resolved to object to this application on the grounds that it would have a deleterious effect on the existing medical practice and existing dispensary.
- c) 15/01356/OUT Land off Main Road, Lower Quinton – to be reported back to Planning Committee. Cllr Brain advised that this application was a variation on the s106 agreement. It was resolved therefore that there was no need to submit any comment.
- d) 15/14544 TPO Quinton House Nursing Home – to remove weeping ash, walnut and poplar trees; to replace with prunus novita and protinia red robin. It was resolved to make no representation regarding this application.

#### **To receive any results of planning applications:**

The Parish Council noted the following planning decisions which had been notified since its last meeting:

- a) 15/04046 TPO 20 The Firs, Lower Quinton – permission granted for pruning of sycamore tree.
- b) 15/03244 OUT Morningside Cottage, Goose Lane, Upper Quinton – application for new bungalow withdrawn.
- c) APP/J3720/W15?3130332 St Edmund's Close, Upper Quinton – appeal granted for four four bedroomed two storey houses and one three bedroomed two storey house.
- d) 15/03555FUL Quinavon, Upper Quinton – permission granted for demolition of existing garage/garden store and replacement double garage/garden store with a

pitched roof.

**11 Reports from Council members on outside bodies:**

**a) Village Hall Report**

Mr. Bond had no further information to give on the Village Hall.

**b) Village Hall playing field and Fordway play area**

Cllr Barton reported that permanent signs to be placed on some of the equipment warning of their unsuitability for use by children would cost £203.20. The signs would also carry further information about the area. She also advised the Council that work on the refurbishment of the Fordway playing area was due to begin on schedule.

**12 Draft Precept:**

The draft precept was discussed and agreed. It was resolved to request the sum of £24,620 as precept from Stratford District Council.

**13 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.

**14 To receive any correspondence**

The clerk advised the Council of an invitation to meet representatives from Shipston on Stour's Neighbourhood Plan Committee on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2016.

**15 Councillors' reports and items for future agenda**

Items for the next agenda to include plans for the Annual Parish Meeting and development of the website.

**16 Accounts for payment and finance Matters**

The following payments were noted and approved:

- a) Clerk's salary November - £\*\*\*
- b) Payment to HMRC for tax on clerk's salary November - £\*\*\*
- c) Thomas Fox – grass cutting contract £645.00
- d) Staples Stationery Account - £5.49
- e) Information Commissioner (Data Protection Register) - £35.00
- f) R. Freeman (maintenance work playing field and tree cutting) - £390.00
- g) Quinton Village Hall (hire of hall) - £24.00
- h) Clerk's salary December - £\*\*\*
- i) Payment to HMRC for tax on clerk's salary December - £\*\*\*

**17 The meeting closed at 8.55pm.**

Date of next meeting Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2016