

RATIFIED MINUTES OF A MEETING OF QUIDHAMPTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 24th SEPTEMBER 2013 IN THE VILLAGE.

Present; Cllrs Bass, Edge, Hampson and Rowley,
In attendance; Mrs C Churchill (Clerk), 1 member of the public, Wilts Cllr Edge, PCSO Moss
Apologies; Cllrs Cripps, Roberts and Taylor. PC Jung, Ms Tilbrook.
Not present; Cllr Strawson.

Brief presentation from Ms Valerie O'Keefe, Wiltshire Good Neighbour on her role and how she can help Quidhampton residents. Ms O Keefe was not present.

A short period of time will be set a side prior to the start of the meeting for questions or statements from members of the public on any matter concerning the village.

Report from the Wilton Rural Neighbourhood Police Team. Apologies had been received.

Report from Wiltshire Councillor Mr Peter Edge. Attended latest CATG meeting, currently against a 20mph speed limit unless it is enforceable. Trials have shown a reduction to 20mph reduced the average speed by 1.6mph.

The speed limit on Skew Rd will be reviewed.

A community issue has been raised requesting a crossing on the A36.

SWWAB meet on 16th October at Mere, Jane Scott will be attending.

There are grants available for projectors etc, Clerk requested the info is sent to her.

Cllr Edge opened the meeting at 7.47pm

13/100 Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Cripps (conflicting engagement), Roberts (work) and Taylor (conflicting engagement).
Quidhampton PC resolved to accept these apologies for the reason given.
Local Government Act 1972 s85(1)

13/101. Chairman's announcements. None

13/102. Exclusion of the press and public. None
Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 and Local Government Act 1972 ss100

13/103. Council meeting minutes - to confirm and sign the minutes of the parish council meeting held on 23rd July 2013.

Quidhampton PC resolved to approve the previously circulated Minutes without amendment, which were signed by the Chairman.

13/104. Interests. None received.
Localism Act 2011, section 31.

13/105 Co option of Cllr. There is currently one vacancy for a Parish Councillor on Quidhampton PC which may be filled by co-option.
There was no one present to co-opt although one parishioner has expressed an interest.

13/106 To receive an update from the Quidhampton Young Peoples Forum regarding Quidhampton recreation ground. No official update received, they are trying to arrange a suitable date and time to consult younger members of the parish.

13/107. Update of actions from the meeting dated 23rd July 2013.

1. (13/082) Clerk sorted out the paperwork with Cllr Hampson.
2. (13/084.1) The Annual Return has been received.

3. (13/89) The requests were sent to CATG and discussed although did not appear on the agenda.
4. (13/090) Clerk informed Planning that Cllr Hampson would attend the seminar but unfortunately the details didn't get sent to Cllr Hampson who tried to find out details from WC but no one was able to answer the question. Cllr Hampson could not attend as she was unaware of the time or place.
5. (13/092) Clerk purchased a cup, the stand was engraved rather than the cup as this was considerably cheaper.

13/108. Quidhampton PC Marquee Standing Orders. Clerk has yet to circulate a draft. Clerk

Finance.

13/109. Year ending 31st March 2014.

(i) The balance of the accounts stands at £8,946.33 with a total of £12.00 in unrepresented cheques making a balance c/f of £8,934.22.

Quidhampton PC resolved to note the balance of accounts.

(ii) To review and approve terms of expenditure totalling £974.62.

Quidhampton PC resolved to authorise the payments.

Cllrs Edge and Rowley to be bank signatories, Clerk to sort out paperwork.

Clerk

Local Government Act 1972 s150(5). Account and Audit Regulations 2008

13/110 Planning.

To note the following application.

13/02228. Almeric, Lower Rd. Erection of a garden shed.

Quidhampton PC noted the application.

13/111. Policies. Following the last meeting, Cllrs were asked to read these before the meeting. It is recommended that all Parish and Town Councils have a copy.

At the last meeting Cllrs raised concern at the misuse of the Vexatious Complainant Policy.

It should be noted that any requests for information are subject to the Freedom of Information Act and they are not dealt with accordingly the person applying may appeal to the Information Commissioner.

(i) Complaints

(ii) Vexatious Complainant

(iii) Lone Worker

Cllrs are asked to read all Policies before the meeting.

Cllr Hampson raised concern at the change of tense in the policies. Cllr Hampson will highlight the areas of concern and send the policies to the Clerk.

Cllr Hampson

Clerk to circulate amended policies with the November agenda.

Clerk

13/112 Quidhampton Village Fete. This was held on Saturday 21st September. The final location was the field behind the pub. The marquee frame was erected on the 14th and covered on the 20th, all removed and placed back in storage on the 21st after the fete. It was noted it took 6 hours to erect and 2 hrs to dismantle. All Cllrs who attended confirmed it was a great success. The total raised is not yet known.

Quidhampton PC authorised the funds raised may be kept in the PC special projects account which currently has a balance of 1p.

13/113 To receive an update on Quidhampton Recreation Ground.

A letter concerning the tree was distributed with the village newsletter, thank you to the Editor for arranging that. No comments have been received following this.

Clerk to speak to Mr Burgess re authorising the work.

Clerk

Clerk has received a request for a tennis court to be built at the recreation ground. Clerk to speak to Wilton tennis club re this request.

Clerk

13/114 To receive an update from the recent CATG meeting concerning a raised path in Lower Rd and other issues requested by Quidhampton PC.

Raised path – a road safety audit determined a raised path is not feasible. A new traffic engineer starts in October, Clerk to arrange a meeting with Chairman and Wilts Cllr Edge. Clerk has submitted a request

for CATG to put Skew Rd forward for the C and Unclassified road review as well as a request for a 20mph speed limit.

Skew Rd - Highways will request a metrocount of traffic speed in Skew Rd.

20mph - Currently WC are consulting on 20mph speed limits, Clerk has emailed the link and asked Cllrs to respond as individuals. Pilot schemes in Wiltshire showed a reduction of 1.6 mph when a 30 was reduced to 20mph.

Clerk also enquired as to when the speed limit changes will be implemented along the A3094, Highways will look into this but it should be this year.

Highways Agency have said no to putting a right turn in at the Park Wall traffic lights. As there is no room for an extra lane it would impact on all traffic added to the eastbound traffic having to wait for the traffic turning right.

13/115 Sign decluttering. To consider a request from WC to look at excessive road signs and if there are any to request they are removed.

Quidhampton PC resolved that no action should be taken as there is not an excess of signs.

13/116. Website. To receive an update from Cllr Cripps. Nothing to update since last report. To be listed under Cllr reports in future.

13/117 To receive brief reports from Cllrs representing Quidhampton Council.

Reports of inconsiderate parking on yellow lines, close to junctions / driveways and on the marked footpath. Agenda item for November.

Clerk

Dog fouling seems to be a big problem. Agenda item for November.

Clerk

13/118. Clerk's Report.

Notified of community issue (pedestrian crossing on A36) being updated, no previous communication on this matter. The initial request was following school children crossing the road but this also applies to parishioners catching the R3 bus.

Various emails from WC – all circulated.

Attended CATG, despite having sent the two items for the agenda, neither were on the agenda and had I not attended the issues would not have been discussed.

Annual return received from Grant Thornton, awaiting invoice.

The recreation ground inspection should have taken place, no report yet.

Attended meeting with other Clerks on the council tax support grant, there is a meeting with WC on this next week. Cllr Taylor will represent QPC.

Attended SLCC branch meeting in Devizes.

Flood seminar on 2nd October – Cllr Taylor (Flood Warden) and Mr Cater (CEV) will attend.

Will attend SLCC conference from 17th to 19th October inclusive.

13/119. To note agenda items for the next meeting to be held on Tuesday November 26th

2013. Please note all agenda items should be sent to the Clerk by 9am on Monday 18th November.

Dog fouling

Inconsiderate and unlawful car parking – close to junctions and on yellow lines.

Crossing on A36.

Consideration for a yellow box in the pinch points.

Cllr Edge closed the meeting at 8.52pm.