

**RATIFIED MINUTES OF A MEETING OF QUIDHAMPTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
27TH NOVEMBER 2012 IN THE VILLAGE HALL.**

Present; Cllrs Bass, Cripps, Edge, Roberts (Chairman), Strawson, Taylor and Tyler.
In attendance; Mrs C Churchill (Clerk), Wilts Cllr Beattie and 3 members of the public.
Apologies; Cllr Witt.

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. PC Jung reported that nothing has been reported in Quidhampton. The new PCC is now in place.
Cllrs suggested QPC invite the PCC to a future meeting.

Report from Wiltshire Councillor Mr Richard Beattie. Met Officers re Quidhampton recycling site and feels that the scoring system used was fair and the consultation good. Officers agreed to have another look at the decision.

Traffic light duct survey will take place in Wilton, if ducts are suitable to install a pedestrian crossing the money is in place.

WC full council meeting focussed on emergency planning, recovery from emergencies and council tax rebate.

Community asset toolkit – parish can register places that are a community asset eg village hall, greens etc.

SWWAB – economic development initiative, have spoken to all three chambers of commerce in the area, all need money to pay clerks as current funding is running out. SWWAB considering to support projects, all three chambers are trying to get more members.

Land Command – no decision yet, had to apply for change in consent due to problems with footbridge over the railway.

Cllr Roberts opened the meeting at 7.50pm.

12/112. Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Witt (work).
Quidhampton PC resolved to the accept the apologies for the reasons given.
Local Government Act 1972 s85(1)

12/113. Chairman's announcements. None.

12/114. Exclusion of the press and public. None.
Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 and Local Government Act 1972 ss100

12/115. Council meeting minutes - to confirm and sign the minutes of the parish council meeting held on 19th September 2012.
Quidhampton PC resolved to approve the minutes without amendment

12/116. Co option of Councillor. There is one vacancy which may be filled by co-option. Mr Howard Rowley from The Stables wished to stand for co-option.
Quidhampton PC resolved to co-opt Mr Rowley, Mr Rowley signed the declaration of office and joined the council.

Clerk to sort out remaining paperwork.

Clerk

12/117 Update of actions from the meeting dated 19th September 2012.

1. (12/094) Fireworks event took place using QPC insurance, having been authorised by AVIVA. A few comments have been received which will be noted if the event takes place next year. Cllrs agreed this was a very successful event and it made a small profit.

2. (12/095) Meeting took place in The Loft re the mini recycling facility. A decision is due to be made on 27th November as to whether the site can remain. The Wiltshire wide changes have been implemented, no cardboard or plastic may be recycled at the site. Decision due imminently on future of site. It was noted that the bins have not been relabelled, Clerk will inform WC. Clerk

3. (12/097) Clerk put forward the crossing at the A3094 / A36 junction. Due to the layout it is not a highways matter and has been put forward to Highways Agency by WC.

4. (12/098.5) A3094 speed limit – nothing to report

5. (12/099) Dispensation procedure. Clerk has been advised that unless Cllrs submit their requests before the agenda is raised then the meeting is being called without any business. This should be reviewed in the new year. March agenda. Clerk

All other items are on the agenda.

12/118. Quidhampton PC Marquee Standing Orders. Standing Orders are not yet finalised. Cllr Roberts asked Cllr Strawson to ensure these are ready for the next meeting. Cllr Strawson

12/119 Quidhampton Recreation Ground.

The tree. Clerk has met with Arboroculturalist who admired the fine specimen of tree. Currently no work is required but it would be advisable to budget for crown raising next Autumn
Clerk to arrange for fence to be fixed. Clerk

Finance

12/120. Year ending 31st March 2013.

(i) The balance of the accounts stands at £5,922.15 with £162.00 in unrepresented funds and £2987.37 ring fenced for previously agreed purchases and £360.00 allocated for marquee repairs.

Discussion re shed for the mower, Clerk to speak to Mr Dawson. Clerk

(ii) To review and approve terms of expenditure as detailed in schedule of payments.

(iii) To note the External audit for the year ending 31st March 2012. There are no matters of concern.

Quidhampton PC resolved to note the report from the External Auditor.

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

12/121. New equipment for Quidhampton Recreation Ground.

R2 have authorised the upgrade of safety surfacing at the recreation ground.

Quidhampton PC authorised the upgrade of the safety surface.

Discussion on new equipment, Clerk to look into grants available. Cllrs agreed a toddler swing would be a benefit to the parish. Clerk

12/122. Road traffic issues at Lower Rd / Foots Hill junction.

A resident has contacted QPC re the damage to the white posts outside Still Waters. Clerk has met with Highways but these posts are not something WC will replace as they are there to protect property, they will however assist householders in replacing them.

Clerk has requested a meeting with a WC Transportation Officer to look at the area as there is no provision for pedestrians. This meeting will take place in early December, any proposal could be put to the CATG committee who deal with highway requests.

Quidhampton PC resolved to authorise the Clerk to put forward such a proposal as recommended by WC Highways. Clerk

12/123 Budget for the Council year commencing 1st April 2013. The budget was reviewed. A budget totalling £5,170.00 was agreed in principle. subject to any new legislation from central Govt this will be reviewed if necessary at the January meeting. Clerk

12/124. Precept for the Council year commencing 1st April 2013.

Quidhampton PC resolved in principle to request a precept of £5,170.00 which equates to £32.45 for a band D property. This to be confirmed at the January meeting. Although this is a larger increase, last year reserves were used to help keep the precept lower, this precept is approx 4% increase on the 2011/2012 budget. Clerk

12/125. Housing Needs Survey. Wiltshire Council has produced a draft report and would like QPC to comment on the report before it is published.
Quidhampton PC felt they needed to speak to the Rural Housing Partnership team before commenting on this document.
Clerk to arrange a meeting and contact two of the following Cllrs to attend, Cllrs Cripps, Edge, Roberts and Taylor.
Clerk

12/126 Community Infrastructure Levy. To respond to the draft consultation.
Quidhampton PC resolved not to respond to this consultation.

12/127 To receive brief reports from Cllrs.
Cllr Taylor reported that flood gel sacs are now available to purchase..

12/128. Clerk's Report.
New Register of Electors
Letter from Highways Agency re A303 / A360 junction roadworks. The road will be closed from 19th – 27th February 2013.
Researched legal position for Cllrs re Precept. A form is attached to this agenda.
SWWAB meeting 22nd November was cancelled due to weather. To be rearranged.
Will attend SWWAB meeting on 5th December
WALC AGM on 3rd December at Devizes.
SLCC training at Botley on 5th December
WC Parish newsletter circulated
Correspondence re recycling facility – circulated
Met tree surgeon at recreation ground
Met playground supplier at recreation ground
Attended SLCC National Conference.
Attending presentation by Bonallack and Bishop for Parish Clerks.
There is a meeting of the Southern Area Board at Coombe Bissett on 29th November, there will be a presentation on Neighbourhood Planning. Clerk will attend..

12/129. To note agenda items for the next meeting to be held on Tuesday 22nd January 2013.
Please note all agenda items should be sent to the Clerk by 9am on Monday 14th January.

Cllr Roberts closed the meeting at 21.02.

Future meeting dates; 26th March and 28th May.
Please note elections take place in May 2013.