

Quidhampton Parish Council



**Minutes of the Quidhampton Parish Council Meeting
Held on Tuesday 15th November 2022
At 7.30pm in Quidhampton Village Hall**

Present: Cllr Howard Rowley (HR), Cllr Ken Taylor (KT), Cllr Fiona West (FW), Cllr Paul Cripps (PC), Cllr Pauline Donne (PD), Cllr Tim Duncalfe (TD), Cllr Jacqueline Peters (JP), Sasha Stagg - Clerk

Plus: Pauline Church (PCh) (Wiltshire Council)

Members of the public: None

60/22 **Apologies for absence:** None

61/22 **Open Forum:** Nothing to discuss

62/22 **Declarations of interest:** None

63/22 The **Minutes of the Parish Council meeting** held on Tuesday 18th October 2022 were unanimously approved and signed by Cllr Rowley.

Matters arising:

- Cllr Peters to report back at next meeting with regards to possible avenues of funding to make improvements to the right of way from Coronation Square to Footshill. **Action JP.**
- The full drain survey report of the village has yet to be made available. Cllr Taylor to chase up. Proposals from Paul Shaddock as to what work needs to be done in advance of the resurfacing should be made in early December. **Action KT.**
- Cllr Cripps to clarify whether an Accessibility Statement is already available on the website and where it is located, as this was an audit observation last year. Location to be clarified and auditor notified for next audit. **Action PC.**
- SS to arrange a short session with Cllr Cripps to enable website access. **Action PC/SS.**
- Mel Camillerie is to remain working with the Council until the end of March, assisting on the financial side of things, working in parallel with SS and gradually handing over, ensuring that SS is copied into all financial correspondence. HR/SS to contact MC. **Action HR/SS.**
- Cllr Rowley to book village hall for all meetings through to the end of March. **Action HR.**
- With regards to the recruitment of new Parish Clerk Sasha Stagg, the following terms were agreed:
 - Start date: 1st October 2022
 - Hours of work: 260 per annum equivalent to 5 hours per week
 - Salary: £15.02 per hour (Salary Point 21)
 - Expenses: £25 per month

The terms as listed are included in a written contract which was unanimously approved by the council at the last meeting.

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Report from Councillor Pauline Church (Wiltshire Council)

- **Latest on Harnham Development** - PCh advised that she had spoken against the latest development at the recent strategic planning committee meeting, however members had approved the plans. It was noted that the land was under private ownership and did not belong to Wilton Estate. QPC to be kept updated.
- **Manhole cover on A36** at the Parkwall Junction has now been repaired.
- Police colleagues are very receptive to further **speed enforcement sessions**. If QPC submit a request to the police then PCh to be copied in.
- **Speed limit signs on the Avenue**, coming down the hill into Wilton, are under a canopy of trees and not very visible, however a picket fence has now been installed to highlight the speed restriction.
- **Quidhampton Quarry** – No planning application has been submitted and the question was raised as to whether it could be used for more commercial/recreational purposes. If more housing is built there, then access could only be from The Avenue or Bemerton Heath. Both are objected to.
- **SSE have started to build their Battery & Solar Energy storage facility** off Wilton Road, the first of its kind. The facility will not really be visible and the closest residential areas will be Bemerton Heath and the Redrow site. At the peak of its construction there will be around 20 HGV movements per day and access will be via The Avenue. PCh to ask SSE to give a presentation to the public so that they can learn more about it. Village residents to be invited.
- This week, a **traffic regulation was published for Lower Road to be closed** for 3 weeks through the village, from 9am to 4pm, to enable resurfacing to take place. The road closure is due to start on 3rd January 2023. Residents and businesses will be allowed access throughout. PCh to clarify the situation with regards to buses. Information to be included on an email to village residents.
- John Glen has been appointed to the Cabinet as Chief Secretary to the Treasury, which is very good for Salisbury.
- No more news on a cycle path to date.
- **Access to Edgam Place car park** – It is vital for the village that this car park is retained. As most houses in that area are now privately owned, the Council will not take on the lease. If the lease completely expires then PCh is certain that Wilton Estate would still allow access and that there is therefore no risk of losing it.

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Village Maintenance

- i) Cllr West spoke with the farmer after noticing a hole had been dug at the corner by the gate entrance. Farmer indicated this was to put in a new post in preparation for installing new stock fencing on the north and west sides of the recreation ground. Cllr West cordoned off the hole to provide some protection to the public. Council unanimously agreed that Cllr West should speak to the farmer again with the proposal that QPC would contribute towards the cost of materials for the stock fence, but the farmer would need to provide the labour, and to ask the farmer to provide a quotation for the materials for the council to consider. **Action FW.** There is also a barbed wire fence right on the footpath leading to Coronation Square which used to be stock fencing. This always comes up as an advisory on the

Recreation Ground RoSPA report. It is a public right of way and need to determine who is responsible for that fence. **Action SS.**

- ii) Cllr Rowley to speak with Peter Edge re the Telephone Box door. **Action HR.**

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Recreation Ground

- i) The trees, which are very small saplings, have been received from the Woodland Trust. Bea Tilbrook to send a note out to residents asking for volunteers to help plant them. Only around 20 will be planted in the Recreation Ground, with the remainder being planted in other suitable areas throughout the village, although it was noted that fruit trees should not be planted near any pavements.
- ii) The annual RoSPA inspection was carried out on Wednesday 9th November, but the report has yet to be received. Review of RoSPA report to be an agenda item in January meeting.

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Highways

- i) Cllr Taylor advised that the principle for the raised footway from Locks Lane to the White Horse will be a 1.2m wide path. It was noted that the highway extends right to the hedges of properties and therefore the path might encroach on some residents parking etc. Letters were due to be sent from the Council to individual properties last week. Paul Shaddock will get in contact in December to arrange to brief on the overall design and propose where bollards should be located on the footway.
- ii) Contracting issues at Wiltshire Council continue to delay the carrying out of a traffic survey on the A3094. Help will be needed from Pauline Church in due course to request additional signage.
- iii) A volunteer is required to take over the management and movement of SID plus entering and submission of data online. As the device is owned by QPC it ideally needs to be a Councillor. Cllr Duncalfe advised that a new person is also required to oversee the Community Speedwatch team. Email to be sent out asking for volunteers. **Action TD.**
- iv) See 64/22 update from PCh.

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Finance

The council unanimously agreed to keep the precept unchanged at £11,500 for the year 2023/24.

- i) On review of the draft 2023/24 budget, the council unanimously agreed to change the following line items:
- Clerk's salary (employees) from £5,000 to £4,500 (decrease of £500)
 - Locum Clerk from £1,500 to £1,000 (decrease of £500)
 - Clerk & Councillor training from zero to £500 (increase of £500)
 - SID & Community Speedwatch from £100 to £600 (increase of £500)

This is a net zero change on the draft budget of £11,563.

- IT costs of £240 (which is £20 per month) to be added, resulting in a final revised budget for the year of £11,803.
- ii) The cashflow and payments report was unanimously approved. A query over the ride-on mower price was raised, Cllr Cripps to confirm. **Action PC.**

- iii) Renewal of Idverde Contract – Cllr West to check correspondence, to be discussed at next meeting. **Action PW.**

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Village Hall

- i) An application was made to Wiltshire Council in May to seek renewal of registration of Quidhampton Village Hall as an Asset of Community Value. Cllr Taylor advised that this had been accepted for a further 5 years, expiring on 18th July 2027. It was also noted that the village pub registration expires on 22nd February 2024 so an application to renew will need to be submitted in Autumn 2023.
- ii) A letter was sent to village residents, appealing for volunteers to help run the Village Hall. Two people have shown interest in the general running of the hall, but no one has come forward regarding the role of caretaker. The Village Hall Committee plan to meet to discuss the above and also to consider the impact of high electricity costs.

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Neighbourhood Plan

- i) It was agreed to defer further discussions regarding a potential Neighbour Plan until January 2023.
- ii) Wiltshire Council are holding a Neighbourhood Plan training event on 1st December. Details were distributed to Councillors.

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Correspondence/AOB/Urgent matters/Round Table

- i) Cllr Rowley had received two queries from residents regarding weeds and brambles growing through a fence from adjoining council owned property, and also regarding bags of rubbish gathered from the woods that need disposing of. SS following up.
- ii) Some new dog waste signs have been installed along the path by the recreation ground, however it would benefit from a few more.
- iii) Cllr Duncalfe advised that this would be his last meeting as he steps down from the committee due to work commitments. Councillors expressed their gratitude for all of his hard work for the village.

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Next Parish Council Meeting

The date of the next Quidhampton Parish Council meeting will be held on Tuesday 10th January 2023 at 7:30pm at Quidhampton Village Hall.

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