

Quidhampton Parish Council



**Minutes of the Quidhampton Parish Council Meeting
Held on Tuesday 14th March 2023
At 7.30pm in Quidhampton Village Hall**

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

Plus: n/a

Members of the public: Julia Thomas, Lesa Drewett (LD)

14/23 **Apologies for absence:** Pauline Church

15/23 **Open Forum:**

LD attended the meeting to talk about the SID, having recently taken over the downloading of its data from Tim Duncalfe. Quidhampton are currently included in a police pilot project, and LD recently met with all those included in the scheme. The data that is being produced by the Quidhampton SID demonstrates the high speeds of vehicles travelling along the B3094, with the outgoing traffic being by far the worst with a median high speed of 88mph. The police will only take action if they are constantly fed data, so a 2nd SID would be very helpful. There is an unfunded aspiration for QPC to purchase another device, however it would take around 4 years to raise sufficient funds. LD asked whether she could make a donation to purchase a 2nd device, and then QPC donate money back to LD every year until repaid. The Council are happy for a 2nd device to be installed, however consideration would need to be given as to the safety of its location. HR/SS to make enquiries as to whether a donation could be made and then paid back. **Action HR/SS**

Thanks were expressed to LD for taking on the task, with a further 2 other Quidhampton residents helping with charging the battery. LD confirmed that the SID would be back in the village following the download of data at the end of March.

16/23 **Declarations of interest:** None

17/23 The **Minutes of the Parish Council meeting** held on Tuesday 10th January 2023 were unanimously approved and signed by Cllr Rowley.

Matters arising:

- The recent drain survey did not find where the gully on Locks Lane drains to, and water is currently not going into the gully. Paul Shaddock advised that QPC could have a copy of the survey. SS to write and request a copy. **Action SS**

- Cllr Cripps confirmed that there is a standard Accessibility published on the QPC website.
- SS still requires access to the QPC website. Cllr Cripps to organise after the annual audit which is booked for 25th May 2023.

18/23 **Report from Councillor Pauline Church (Wiltshire Council)** – Pauline Church not present.

19/23 **Resignation of Councillor West and Co-option of New Councillor**

- i) Julia Thomas was co-opted as a new Parish Councillor, proposed by Cllr Peters and seconded by Cllr Cripps. Cllr Rowley will arrange to complete the necessary paperwork, and declaration of interests to be registered on the Council website.
- ii) Tasks will be allocated at the next meeting in addition to helping with playground checks.

20/23 **Village Maintenance**

- i) SS made contact with Wilton Estate regarding the upkeep of the right of way from Coronation Square to Footshill, and Wilton Estate declared that responsibility lay with the Wilts Council footpath officer, Alex Howson. SS to make further enquiries. **Action SS.**
- ii) Cllr Rowley spoke with Peter Edge who confirmed that he can do nothing more in terms of repairs to the phone box, and he will therefore get in touch with another carpenter for further advice. To refurbish an old-fashioned red phone box it would cost in the region of £3k, plus the cost of the phone box, so other ideas to be considered. **Action HR**
- iii) Wilton Estate have clarified that they do not support fly tipping in Boys Meadow Withybed, and are therefore happy for QPC to write to residents accordingly. Cllr Rowley and SS to draft letter, and to be discussed at next meeting as to whether new signage is required. Consideration to be given as to whether a further clean up is required **Action HR/SS**

21/23 **Recreation Ground**

- i) New pegs have been installed to hold down the football net, however some of the pegs have subsequently been removed. It was agreed to leave the pegs out. Cllr Rowley to remove the discarded concrete blocks from the recreation ground area. **Action HR**
- ii) No further correspondence has been received with regards to the stock fencing. Cllr Donne to approach Mark Game again. **Action PD**
- iii) Weekly playground checks are now being undertaken by Cllr Donne, although additional help could be useful from new councillors. It was noted that some of the recently planted trees had been vandalised.

22/23

Highways

- i) The resurfacing of Lower Road through Quidhampton has been confirmed as taking place from 27th March to 6th April. The placement of bollards will be discussed with Paul Shaddock after the resurfacing has taken place. Cllr Peters would like to be present during any discussions.
- ii) A PC has now been purchased by QPC to operate the SID, as agreed at the last meeting. Cllr Cripps to set the computer up accordingly. **Action PC**

23/23

Finance

- i) With Melanie Camilleri having now left, SS has taken over finances. Things have been left in good shape and there are no concerns moving forward. SS is still waiting for the Lloyds Bank mandate to be processed to enable her bank access, with current processing times being 4-6 months. In the meantime, cheques will be used to make any necessary payments.
- ii) The final budget for 2023/24 was proposed by Cllr Donne and seconded by Cllr Peters, and unanimously approved.
- iii) All payments due were unanimously approved. Cllr Rowley to speak to Melanie Camilleri with regards to her invoice.

Payments

Date	Method	Payee	Details	Amount
31/1/23		Bawdens	Grounds Maintenance Inv 27819	65.80
1/2/23	BACS	Mrs A J Stagg	Clerk's gross salary + office allowance (Jan)	323.56
28/2/23		Bawdens	Grounds Maintenance Inv 27941	65.80
1/3/23	BACS	Mrs A J Stagg	Clerk's gross salary + office allowance (Feb)	323.56
1/3/23		Quidhampton Village Hall	Hire 14/3 + 16/5	60.00
3/3/23		Tim Duncalfe	SID laptop	169.99
14/3/23		M Camillerie	Delivery of services Feb & March	400.00
24/3/23		Barford Settled Estate	Rent 25/9/22 – 24/3/23	50.00
1/3/23		Paul Cripps	Google Office Aug 22 – Feb 23	128.87
TOTAL				£1,587.58

SS to check whether Wilts Council not renewing its contract with Idverde has any impact on the service it provides to QPC. **Action SS**

24/23

Councillors Reports

- i) Cllr Cripps advised that there had been a number of metal thefts in the village and asked that if anyone had any helpful information to inform the police.
- ii) Cllr Taylor reported that, as a result of the highway works in the village, there appears to be a drainage problem at the top of Locks Lane. Photos have been taken and Paul Shaddock is aware. Awaiting a response and confirmation of action.

Cllr Taylor advised that he will be attending the meeting of the SW Area Board on 15th March and will report back. The next meeting is in June, with a deadline for grant submissions being the end of May.

- iii) Cllr Peters commented that the south side of Lower Road between its junction with Skew Road and the entrance to the Wilton Estate courtesy footpath has flooded for a number of years and that her out-buildings flooded as a result of the rising water on the flood plain south of her garden. The rising water level being the result of heavy rainfall in the days previous permeating through and maybe backing up from further downstream. She will await to see what effect the resurfacing work makes to the water which runs down her garden path and accumulates outside her outbuildings.

With the removal of the bollards at both ends of the Village, Cllr Peters expressed her concern for the safety of pedestrians and is in favour of their rapid reinstatement and for a solid white line to mark the whole length of the footpath. Cllr Taylor confirmed that there is to be a solid white line throughout the priority system at the eastern end of Quidhampton including in front of the driveways.

25/23

Village Hall

- i) Following the Village Hall annual meeting in February, the existing trustees, Viv Bass, John Cater and Jennifer Tyler, who wished to stand down have done so. Three new trustees were voted in – Alan Dutfield, Hannah Kinnell and Howard Rowley. Hannah Kinnell has taken over as the new Chair, and the new Bookings Clerk is Jo Sayer. Currently the position of Secretary is vacant.

In addition to regular hires, monthly coffee mornings have been successfully restarted with hire charges increased by 50% to £15/hr to cover higher costs, most notably electricity for heating in winter.

A new lease has not yet been prepared by the rector owing to the changes, and time is being given to build use of the hall before taking on a new 25 year lease. Confidence is required that running costs are covered by usage given the higher hire rate, and in taking on the commitment for major maintenance over the life of the lease.

A structural survey was carried out in 2017, and some of the recommended short-term maintenance totalling some £10,000 carried out since then, including a new kitchen roof covering, repairs to internal damp in walls and new fire doors. Longer term repairs were forecast to be required which were expected to be more significant and also to require funding by grants and donations.

As QPC is a stakeholder it is requested that they have sight of the survey and current lease.

26/23

Neighbourhood Plan

- i) Cllr Rowley will provide an update at the next meeting. **Action HR**

27/23

Correspondence/AOB/Urgent matters/Round Table:

- i) There are still spaces for new councillors and it would be ideal to have representation from the north end of the village.
- ii) Cllr Rowley to speak with Pauline Church with regards to potential dates for a SSE presentation. **Action HR**
- iii) In the next few weeks there will be an announcement regarding the Kings Coronation and plans to celebrate in the village. An application has been submitted to close the road and there will be an event in the village hall on the Saturday, with a big lunch from 12-6pm on the Sunday. Further ideas and volunteers are being sought.

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Next Parish Council Meeting

The date of the next Quidhampton Parish Council meeting will be held on Tuesday 16th May 2023 at 7:30pm at Quidhampton Village Hall.

Meeting ended at 9.25pm.

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