

Quidhampton Parish Council



Minutes of the Meeting of Quidhampton Parish Council
Held on Tuesday 3rd December 2024
(postponed from 12th November 2024)
At 7.30pm in Quidhampton Village Hall

Present: Cllr Jackie Peters (JP), Cllr Julia Thomas (JT), Cllr Steph Kershaw (SK)

Plus: Sasha Stagg - Clerk

Members of the public: None

Before commencing with the agenda (89/24), two new councillors were voted on to the parish council:

- Daniel Nelson-Smith – Proposed by Cllr Peters, seconded by Cllr Thomas
- Mike Donohue – Proposed by Cllr Thomas, seconded by Cllr Kershaw

77/24 **Apologies for absence:** Cllr Paul Cripps (PC), Cllr Sam Martin (SM)

78/24 **Open Forum**

79/24 **Declarations of interest:** None

80/24 **To receive a report from Cllr Pauline Church (Wiltshire Council) – Received on 21/11/24**

- The Government has put forward proposals for devolution in a number of areas including the West Country which would mean the Heart of Wessex may be required to have a regional mayor.
- The winter vaccination programme is underway for over 65's.
- Cllr Church has recently put through a motion to reconsider winter fuel payments. Those on pension credits will still receive the payment. Those on the borderline should check the government website. Wilts Council is currently trying to reach out to those who are eligible and the advice is that anyone over 65 should check.
- Next Area Board meeting being held on 22nd November 2024. The Chief Constable will be attending.
- Approval has been given for urgent gas repairs on the A36.
- Discussions took place with 3 members of the public regarding road safety in the village and the route from Quidhampton to Lower Bemerton School. Various suggestions were put forward and discussed including a zebra crossing, speed humps and the relocation of 20mph signs. Any improvements would potentially have to be done through LHFIG, where the Parish would have to pay 25% of the costs. This may therefore require the Parish Council to set up a reserve funds if formal plans are made, and to slightly increase Council Tax in order to raise funds. To proceed with anything Paul Shaddock will need to be consulted and a highways engineer will need to visit the village to look at and

consider options. Cllr Thomas is currently trying to get in touch with Paul Shaddock, and Cllr Church is more than happy to support the village in any way that she can.

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The **Minutes of the Parish Council meeting** held on Tuesday 10th September 2024 were unanimously approved.

Matter arising:

- It was noted that the flooding of Locks Lane had been an ongoing issue for many years, and is difficult as it is an unadopted road. SS confirmed that she had tried again to request a copy of the drain survey but had received no response. Cllr Peters mentioned that the bottom of her garden, which faces the same way as Locks Lane, had flooded in the last 2 years suggesting that the housing development built on the flood plains in Harnham may have had an impact on flooding in Quidhampton.

82/24

Highways

- i) SID update – Cllr Peters confirmed that she and her son Matt had taken over the moving and charging of the SID. Cllr Donohue also offered his help in moving the device. The batteries are currently dead so need to purchase some new ones which will cost in the region of £200. Cllrs unanimously agreed to the purchase of some new batteries.
- ii) Reinstatement of Speedwatch - No further progress to date. Cllr Peters to complete a request for a traffic survey which is the first step. **Action JP.**
- iii) Application to LHFIG to implement suggestions for road safety in the village is still with Cllr Thomas who, to date, has still not had any response from Paul Shaddock despite emailing every month. Cllr Thomas to now try to phone him. Councillors expressed their concern over the lack of help from Wiltshire Council to submit a LHFIG request. **Action JT.**
Before the bollards went back in there was talk of a footpath instead of white lines/bollards and this is a longer term aspiration of the village. Cllr Thomas questioned whether the bollard placement should be reviewed as not all were in the best of positions.
Discussions also took place re ways in which the pedestrian journey from the village to Lower Bemerton School could be improved, which included the possibility of a raised square across the road near the entrance to the woods, flashing lights to warn drivers, or moving a wall to add a path. Unfortunately this stretch of road is outside of the curtilage of Quidhampton Parish but it was agreed that we have a vested interest in it and are keen to help drive improvements. SS to write to the Head of the school to request a copy of their School Travel Plan. **Action SS.**
- iv) HGV's driving through the village – this has improved since Fisherton Street has reopened, however it is still considered a problem. SS to investigate setting up Lorry Watch, possibly in conjunction with Lower Bemerton.
- v) It was agreed that the traffic priority sign at the Salisbury end of the village was misplaced, and ideally needs someone from the Council to come and take a look at it. Request to be included in Cllr Thomas's email re LHFIG. **Action JT.**

83/24

Planning

- i) Planning Application PL/2024/07998:
Ground floor and first floor alterations and a first floor extension at Haswell Cottage, Lower Road, Quidhampton, SP2 9AT
The Council confirmed that they had no objections to this application and this was registered accordingly on the planning portal.

84/24

Village Maintenance

- i) Cllr Peters reported that the village had received an offer of a fully refurbished red phonebox. All agreed that this would be an excellent addition to the village. There would be no cost, we would just have to arrange collection and instal it. Discussions took place as to it's best use, and whether or not the old phone box is retained. Cllr Nelson-Smith to ask for opinions via the village facebook group. **Action D N-S.**
- ii) It was noted that the village noticeboard was in need of some maintenance and also the names of houses on the back was out of date. Cllr Nelson-Smith offered to clean the moss off. Need to consider the possibility of updating the house names.
Action D N-S.

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Recreation Ground

- i) The annual RoSPA recreation ground inspection report was considered by Councillors. No actions required.
- ii) Cllr Thomas confirmed that there was nothing to report from her weekly playground checks.

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Finance

- i) A draft budget for 2025-26 was presented to Councillors. After full consideration, no significant changes were made and the budget was unanimously agreed by Councillors, with the village precept remaining the same for the forthcoming year (£11,500). SS to register precept request.
Action SS.
- ii) Cashflow and Payments report was unanimously approved.

QUIDHAMPTON PARISH COUNCIL				
CASH FLOW REPORT				
Period: 11 September to 3 December 2024				
Date	Method	Payee	Details	Amount
01/04/2024	CHQ	WALC	Annual subs 24/25 WALC NALC invoice 24/25-191	162.92
31/08/2024	CHQ	Grist Environmental	Invoice P187862 bin emptying	37.92
31/08/2024	CHQ	Paul Cripps	Google office Aug 24	48.57
30/09/2024	CHQ	Bawdens	Invoice 29998 Grounds Maintenance	71.06
30/09/2024	CHQ	Paul Cripps	Google office Sept 24	36.00
01/10/2024	S/O	A J Stagg	Clerks gross salary + office allowance Sept 24	323.56
30/10/2024	CHQ	Bawdens	Invoice 30116 Grounds Maintenance	71.06
31/10/2024	CHQ	RoSPA Play Safety	Invoice 84558 Playground inspection	98.40
31/10/2024	CHQ	Paul Cripps	Google office Oct 24	38.51
01/11/2024	S/O	A J Stagg	Clerks gross salary + office allowance Oct 24	323.56
12/11/2024	CHQ	A J Stagg	Backpay October/November £48.54 x 2	97.08
30/11/2024	CHQ	Bawdens	Invoice 30207	71.06
01/12/2024	CHQ	A J Stagg	Backpay December £48.54	48.54
01/12/2024	CHQ	Quidhampton Village Hall	Hall hire 3//12 postponed meeting Invoice 046	30.00
TOTAL				1,458.24

- iii) No further progress to report on bank access. SS and PC had met to complete the bank mandate form but still no access. **Action PC/SS**

87/24 Neighbourhood Plan

- i) It was agreed that, following the resignation of Cllr Rowley and the advice of Cllr Church, there was little value in pursuing the development of a Neighbourhood Plan at the moment and it should therefore be removed from the agenda.

88/24 Village Emergency Plan

- i) Cllr Peters confirmed that there would be a draft version of the village emergency plan available to view at the next parish council meeting. **Action JP.**

89/24 Governance

- i) Cllr Nelson-Smith commented that his cousin may be able to help with improvements to the QPC website. To be discussed further at the next meeting when Cllr Martin is present. **Action D N-S.**
- ii) Two new councillors were voted on to the parish council – see start of minutes. Cllr Peters advised that Cllr Rowley had handed in his resignation as a parish councillor due to work commitments. Councillors expressed their sincere thanks to Cllr Rowley, who has been a councillor for a number of years, and who has been an invaluable member of the Council.

90/24 Correspondence/AOB/Urgent matters/Round Table

- A request had been received from Richard Varney to set up an occasional croquet lawn on the recreation ground. Councillors had no objections, in principle, but asked for a few more details. SS to get back in touch with him. **Action SS.**
- Cllr Peters suggested that perhaps the parish council could help raise interest in the village to hold events on the 80th anniversaries of VE and VJ Day, in May and August of this year respectively.
- SS had received correspondence from Charlotte King who is the new PCSO for Wilton and Wilton Rural Areas, which includes Quidhampton. She had hoped to attend this meeting to introduce herself but was unfortunately unable to attend. She did however provide a report regarding crimes and incidents in the area, which she plans to do on a regular basis. Included in this months included reports of a missing dog and a few vehicle related incidents including cars parked illegally and an object being thrown at a vehicle causing it's window to smash.

91/24 Next Parish Council Meeting

The date of the next Quidhampton Parish Council meeting will be held on Tuesday 14th January 2025 at 7:30pm at Quidhampton Village Hall.

Meeting ended 8.50pm.

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