

Quidhampton Parish Council



**Minutes of the Meeting of Quidhampton Parish Council
Held on Tuesday 14th January 2025
At 7.30pm in the White Horse Pub, Quidhampton**

Present: Cllr Jackie Peters (JP), Cllr Julia Thomas (JT), Cllr Steph Kershaw (SK), Cllr Paul Cripps (PC), Cllr Sam Martin (SM), Cllr Daniel Nelson-Smith (DNS)

Plus: Cllr Pauline Chuch (PCH), Sasha Stagg – Clerk (SS)

Members of the public: Arthur House

01/25 Apologies for absence: Cllr Mike Donohue

02/25 Open Forum

The issue of cars parked on the pavement on both sides of Hampton Court was raised by Arthur House, a resident of the Court. The cars are not only causing an obstruction but are also preventing vision when pulling out on to Lower Road and are parking across the dropped kerb which is a problem for the disabled. He suggested that double yellow lines were needed – to be added to the LHFIG list. This has been an ongoing problem and previously Howard Rowley spoke to the owner of the grassed area where a car is parking. SS to speak to HR to establish who owns the land. **Action SS.**

03/25 Declarations of interest: None

04/25 To receive a report from Cllr Pauline Church (Wiltshire Council)

- Flu vaccines are still available, and if not eligible for a free vaccination anyone interested can pay.
- Wiltshire Council are currently having a push on finding more foster carers. It could be considered as a career change. Criteria are: to be over 21, have a spare room and have time. Payment is £400 - £740 per child per week.
- Primary school admission applications for 2025 close today.
- After the festive season, waste and recycling collections are now back to normal.
- Road resurfacing has been postponed on the lower section of The Avenue pending completion of gas repairs.
- Potholes – these should be reported on MyWilts. Deep potholes on fast roads will get priority. Back roads are always a challenge to keep on top of, where Wiltshire has 6000km of roads to maintain. If there are concerns that potholes aren't getting repaired quickly enough following reporting on MyWilts then pass reference number on to PCH and she will chase.
- Devolution – PCH recently attended an extraordinary meeting regarding potential collaboration between Wilts, Somerset and Dorset to form the 'Heart of Wessex'. All

local authorities are being forced to join with other authorities, so this was the best option for Wiltshire rather than being forced.

- PCH recommended that someone from the Parish Council attend Area Board and LHFIG meetings (next SW Area Board meeting is on 19th February in Wilton at 6.30pm)

05/25

The **Minutes of the Parish Council meeting** held on Tuesday 3rd December 2024 were unanimously approved.

Matter arising:

- Cllr Nelson-Smith had been in touch with his cousin regarding a potential revamp of the website. Quoted £200/£300 to redesign. Also, a possibility of getting someone from Wilts College to redesign. The website is run via WordPress so DNS suggested that he would learn the system and attempt to update himself. Cllr Martin apologised as currently he doesn't have any time to make any contributions.
It was agreed that it would be helpful to have photos and blogs of councillors on the website when it is revamped.
- Cllr Martin mentioned that he doesn't have the log in details for the SID laptop. Lesa Drewett or Tim Duncalfe should have them. SS to contact Lesa. **ACTION SS.**
- VE & VJ days – no one has been forthcoming. Cllr Peters and Bea Tilbrook are both keen on VJ day celebrations as they have a personal vested interest. Cllr Peters to organise something. Cllr Kershaw offered to look into organising a fete or something for VE day.
- All councillors were happy for Richard Varney to use the Recreation Ground on occasion for playing croquet, where he will also invite villagers along.

06/25

Highways

- i) SID update – Batteries no longer need replacing, they just needed a 24 hour charge. The device will be moved to a new location soon.
- ii) Reinstatement of Speedwatch - No further progress to date. Cllr Peters has attempted to complete a request for a traffic survey, however the form is apparently available on the website and JP is unable to download it. SS to look at downloading. **Action SS.**
Cllr Nelson-Smith asked about training for Community Speedwatch as a team of volunteers will be needed if it is reinstated.
- iii) Potential road safety improvements – No further progress to date. Cllr Thomas has been attempting to get in touch with Paul Shaddock since July last year but has had no response. PCH has also escalated this, but no reply.
Cllr Cripps advised that there was a lot of information on the PC website regarding the previous road safety consultation, including information on things that had been ruled out. The village had already received 2 lots of funding including a substantive LHFIG bid of £110k so was unlikely to receive more funding. It was acknowledged that there are still a lot of frustrations in the village but things are definitely better than they were. PCH suggested that just key things are presented to Paul Shaddock as opposed to an extensive and growing list. Perry Payne made some suggestions last year that are quite simple and should be achievable, so focus to be put on those.
- iv) SS confirmed that she had been in touch with Wilts Council re making an application to join Lorry Watch but had not received any response to date.

07/25 Village Maintenance

- i) Cllr Nelson-Smith confirmed that the old phone box in the village was not fixed to the ground and that he was happy to take it away. Appropriate transport will be needed to collect the new red phone box. Cllr Peters son, Matt, may be able to help.
- ii) The village noticeboard is still in need of a clean which Cllr Peters and Cllr Nelson-Smith have volunteered for.
- iii) SS advised that there had been a problem with the contractor regarding emptying of the dog waste bins, however this had now been rectified and normal 2-weekly emptying should resume on Friday 17th January.

08/25 Village Maintenance

- i) Cllr Thomas had nothing of note to report from her weekly playground checks. Cllr Nelson-Smith suggested that we do a poll amongst villagers to ascertain who uses the recreation ground, and also to get some ideas regarding any potential improvements. **Action DNS.**

09/25 Finance

- i) Cashflow and payments report was unanimously approved. Cllr Cripps commented that he was looking at alternatives to Google Office. It had been free for over 10 years but is now charged for.

CASH FLOW REPORT				
Period: 4 December 2024 to 14 January 2025				
Date	Method	Payee	Details	Amount
30/11/2024	CHQ	Paul Cripps	Google office Nov 24	42.00
01/12/2024	SO	A J Stagg	Clerks gross salary + office allowance Nov 24	323.56
30/12/2024	CHQ	Bawdens	Invoice 30318 Grounds maintenance	71.06
31/12/2024	CHQ	Paul Cripps	Google office Dec 24	42.00
01/01/2025	SO	A J Stagg	Clerks gross salary + office allowance Dec 24	323.56
14/01/2025	CHQ	A J Stagg	Backpay January £48.54	48.54
14/01/2025	CHQ	A J Stagg	Travel expenses 2024: 33 miles @ 45p	14.85
TOTAL				865.57

- ii) SS confirmed that she had at last managed to successfully get a bank mandate submitted to enable her online access to the bank accounts, and was hopeful that she will have access soon.

10/25 Village Emergency Plan

- i) Cllr Peters reported that she had not yet received a draft of the Village Emergency Plan from Chris Edge. A map is required which can be obtained from Parish Online.

11/25 Correspondence/AOB/Urgent matters/Round Table

- SS had received correspondence from George Syborn, the new owner of Haswell Cottage, with regard to moving a priority sign to enable easier access to her driveway. She was aware that this could not be funded through LHFIG but was

hopeful that the Parish Council would support her request and help to move things on quickly. She confirmed that she was willing to fund some of the improvement. Councillors were happy to support her request and to add it to the correspondence with Paul Shaddock, pending further information from George that SS had requested. SS to chase up. **Action SS.**

- Cllr Nelson-Smith advised that he had set up a village running group and was looking for more people to join him.
- Cllr Nelson-Smith suggested that it might be helpful to have time limits on agenda items, to stop the meeting from running over.

12/25

Next Parish Council Meeting

The date of the next Quidhampton Parish Council meeting will be held on Tuesday 11th March 2025 at 7:30pm at Quidhampton Village Hall.

Meeting ended 9.25pm.

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