

Quidhampton Parish Council



Minutes of the Meeting of Quidhampton Parish Council
Held on Tuesday 16th July 2024
At 7.30pm in Quidhampton Village Hall

Present: Cllr Jackie Peters (JP), Cllr Julia Thomas (JT), Cllr Howard Rowley (HR), Cllr Sam Martin (SM)

Plus: Sasha Stagg - Clerk

Members of the public:

49/24 Apologies for absence: Cllr Paul Cripps (PC), Cllr Pauline Church (PCH)

50/24 Open Forum:

Steph Kershaw attended with a view to becoming a Parish Councillor. Proposed: JT, Seconded HR.

51/24 Declarations of interest: None

52/24 To receive a report from Cllr Pauline Church (Wiltshire Council) – Cllr Church not present.

53/24 The **Minutes of the Parish Council meeting** held on Tuesday 14th May 2024 and Thursday 27th June 2024 were unanimously approved.

Matter arising: None

54/24 Highways

- i) It was confirmed that the bollards are all now in place. One was originally missing but that has now been installed. It was noted that cars quite often drive over the pavement by 1 & 2 The Grange. To be kept an eye on.
- ii) Cllr Martin advised that he is now in possession of the SID computer but the SID had been out of action due to flat batteries. Now up and running. It is only currently showing average speeds through the village, where ideally it is good to collect individual data. There were no objections to getting more granular data as it will be useful to back up various things such as the hopeful reinstatement of Speedwatch.
- iii) Following the withdrawal of Community Speedwatch from the village, the Council were in full support of beginning the process to get it reinstated. However there will definitely need to be a group of volunteers who are willing to run it, and there is training that needs to be undertaken which is largely online. Research to be done as to how to start the process. It was previously done out of committee by Joy Wagstaff and Ken Taylor.

- iv) Cllr Thomas to email Cllr Church to get her backing with regard to implementing further road safety measures in the village via LHFIFG following the visit from Perry Payne. **Action JT.**
- v) There has been a notable increase in HGV's driving through the village since the closure of South Western Road. Need to write to Highways to ask for better signage. Lower Bemerton are currently doing a vehicle count and it would be interesting to see their results, in particular with regard to the number of heavy vehicles using the road. If any lorries are spotted driving through the village they should be reported via 'Lorry Watch' on My Wilts, noting the company's name and number. A question was raised as to what is happening with the car park at Coronation Square where there is due to be a cycleway installed. Cllr Church to be asked for an update. **Action SS.**

55/24 Village Maintenance

- i) There had been no further progress on the removal of the phonebox. Cllr Rowley to update at next meeting.
- ii) It was noted that the top of Footshill and the junction with the A3094 needed vegetation and shrubs cutting back, and a spindly Ash removing. SS to contact Parish Steward, noting that the cherry trees should be left intact as they were planted in memory of 'Smokey'. **Action SS.**

56/24 Recreation Ground

- i) Cllr Thomas confirmed that there was nothing of concern to report from the weekly playground checks, where she usually carries them out on a Sunday evening, although she did note that there were sometimes teenagers in there.
- ii) SS confirmed that the bin emptying had now been sorted and that Grist Environmental are emptying them on a regular basis.

57/24 Finance

- i) Cashflow and Payments report was unanimously approved.

CASH FLOW REPORT

Period: 15 May 2024 to 16 July 2024

Date	Method	Payee	Details	Amount
31/05/2024	CHQ	Paul Cripps	Google office invoice May 24	60.00
01/06/2024	S/O	A J Stagg	Clerks gross salary + office allowance May 24	323.56
30/06/2024	CHQ	Bawdens	Invoice 29651	71.06
30/06/2024	CHQ	Paul Cripps	Google office invoice June 24	60.20
01/07/2024	S/O	A J Stagg	Clerks gross salary + office allowance June 24	323.56
15/07/2024	CHQ	Quidhampton Village Hall	Meetings 12/3, 14/5, 16/7, 10/9, 12/11	130.00
16/07/2024	CHQ	A J Stagg	Backpay June/July £48.54 x 2	97.08
			TOTAL	1,065.46

- ii) Still no further update on access to the bank. SS to liaise with Cllr Cripps. **Action SS.**

58/24 Neighbourhood Plan

- i) Cllr Rowley advised that he had been working away recently and so had not made any further progress with the Neighbourhood Plan. He noted that some rules have now changed which may have an impact on the plan.

59/24 Village Emergency Plan

- i) Cllr Peters reported that the defibrillator had been out of action as the batteries had run out and the pads were out of date, however it is now back up and running thanks to Ian Day. He has agreed to be custodian, taking over from Mary, and will do regular checks to ensure that it remains operational and accessible. He has also written a piece for the Emergency Plan. There should be a maintenance book for it which is believed to be in the pub. Any problems with the defib should in the first instance be reported to Ian Day, and then to SS. If the appliance is used then we are able to obtain free replacement pads.

60/24 Governance

- i) Steph Kershaw was welcomed to the committee meaning that there are now 6 Councillors. There are, however, still opportunities for further Councillors so the committee is keen to hear from anyone who might be interested.
- ii) Cllr Martin advised that he was currently liaising with Cllr Cripps to gain access to the website administration. He will then take a look and consider what improvements could be made. It was suggested that a 'Meet the Councillor' page would be useful, and the Emergency Plan also needs to go on there.

61/24 Correspondence/AOB/Urgent matters/Round Table

- Chris Edge had questioned whether the Recreation Ground bin should be moved onto the path. It was agreed that it should remain where it is.
- Cllr Rowley reported that the Village Hall are currently looking for grants to assist with the update of the building. Improvements including to the windows, floor and toilets will be done during the course of the next year.
- Cllr Peters suggested that it would be helpful for Councillors to have a handbook containing guidance on being a Councillor. There is a publication available – 'A guide to being a Parish Councillor'. SS to research and buy some more. **Action SS.**
- A question was raised as to where all the signs for the defibrillator are. Cllr Peters to ask Ian Day to look into. **Action JP.**

62/24 Next Parish Council Meeting

The date of the next Quidhampton Parish Council meeting will be held on Tuesday 10th September 2024 at 7:30pm at Quidhampton Village Hall.

Meeting ended 8.40pm.

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