

Quidhampton Parish Council



Minutes of the Meeting of Quidhampton Parish Council
Held on Tuesday 11th March 2025
At 7.30pm in Quidhampton Village Hall

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

Plus: Sasha Stagg – Clerk (SS)

Members of the public: Ken Taylor

14/25 **Apologies for absence:** Cllr Paul Cripps (PC), Cllr Daniel Nelson-Smith (DNS), Cllr Mike Donohue (MD), Cllr Pauline Church (PCh)

15/25 **Open Forum:** None

16/25 **Declarations of interest:** None

17/25 **To receive a report from Cllr Pauline Church (Wiltshire Council)** – Not present

18/25 The **Minutes of the Parish Council meeting** held on Tuesday 14th January 2025 were unanimously approved.

Matter arising:

- SS had received further information from the owner of Haswell Cottage with regard to their desire to move a priority sign to enable easier drive access, and SS has subsequently written to Paul Shaddock to ascertain costs. No reply to date. SS to chase. **Action SS.**
- No further progress had been re obtaining more information on Lorry Watch. The number of HGV's driving through the village has decreased now that Salisbury roadworks are complete. No further action, but to be monitored.
- Cllr Nelson-Smith advised that he had spent some time exploring the village website and now has a good understanding of how WordPress works. To move forward with updates and modifications he will need full access to the site. However, before making any changes it would be useful to have a collective discussion on requirements. SS to speak to DNS directly. **Action SS.**

19/25 **Highways**

- i) SID update – Cllr Peters advised that there was still a problem with the SID batteries where they are not holding their charge. She had been in touch with the company who supplied the SID and it is possible to retro fit a solar panel to charge the batteries. As it is currently stands, the battery needs changing every week and weigh over 5kg, so likely to be difficult to find anyone who will want to volunteer for this job.

The quote to fit solar charging, cables and a mounting kit, along with 2 new batteries was £818.39 plus £235.20. It would need to be sent back in its original packaging although there was some doubt as to whether we still had that. Options to be considered further at the next Parish Council meeting.

Cllr Martin confirmed that he was still not able to access the SID laptop as he did not have the password. Cllr Cripps to be consulted to see if he can help.

- ii) Reinstatement of Speedwatch - No further progress to date, although it was noted that for the traffic survey the Council would need to decide the best location for this to be carried out.

- iii) Cllr Peters reported on her attendance at the recent Area Board meeting that she and Cllr Nelson-Smith had attended. It was clear that no LHFIG money was available as there were already bids in for all of next year. JP wondered if Salisbury Reds might contribute towards the cost of the work as the current road layout/give way issue by Egham Place causes them problems too.

It was suggested that clearing the shrubbery under the cherry trees at the corner of the A3094 could be a community project. Alternatively we could employ someone for a day to do the work.

Cllr Thomas advised that in order to progress our LHFIG bid, a highways improvement request needs to be submitted on the Wilts Council website. We will need the results of a traffic survey and to put a strong case forward, using photos and perhaps video as evidence when making the presentation. There are things that we will not be able to achieve so JT proposed that our application includes:

- Moving the give way lines at Egham Place.
- Double yellow lines at Hampton Court
- Move the speed limit sign on the A3094, or add one more sign on the east side of the road.

Cllr Peters suggested (not for inclusion in our application) that we consider installing a mirror at the side of the road at the entrance to Boyswood to improve visibility.

- iv) SS advised that she had spoken with Howard Rowley regarding the parking problems at Hampton Court when they previously existed. At the time, he spoke to the local police who advised that it was a civil matter like all illegal/irresponsible parking. Mr Court would therefore need to raise the matter with the local policy for them to enforce.

8.20pm - Cllr Martin joined the meeting

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Village Maintenance

- i) Cllr Peters had spoken to Peter Edge re obtaining the old-fashioned red phonebox that had been offered to the village. It is currently located at The Guild in Wilton, and still waiting for final confirmation as to whether or not the village can have it. Cllr Nelson-Smith suggested that it would be worth reaching out to the villagers to see if anyone is willing to help install it. This could also be used as a opportunity to capture some promotional photos and share them on social media to showcase community efforts.
- ii) The village noticeboard glass has now been cleaned but new knobs are needed as the current door handle has fallen off. It also ideally needs sanding down and revarnishing.

21/25

Recreation Ground

- i) Cllr Thomas had nothing of note to report from her weekly playground checks. The bins are all now being emptied regularly, to be monitored as the weather improves and are used more frequently.
- ii) Cllr Nelson-Smith reported via email that a poll was recently conducted to understand the demographics of those using the village recreation ground. The engagement was strong, with a total of 45 submissions, providing us with a broad understanding of not only the number of children using the park but also the families who would welcome improvements we propose. Next steps would be to explore available funding options. Once we have a clearer picture of what's feasible, we can present a few suggestions to the families for further input, using both another poll and direct email communication.
Ken Tayler advised that there were Landfill Grants obtainable through Wessex Community Action. This to be explored along with any other potential funding avenues.

22/25

Finance

- i) Cashflow and payments report was unanimously approved.

CASH FLOW REPORT				
Period: 14 January to 11 March 2025				
Date	Method	Payee	Details	Amount
30/01/2025		Bawdens	Invoice 30406	71.06
31/01/2025		Grist Environmental	inv P211914 bin emptying	30.57
31/01/2025		Paul Cripps	Google Office Jan 25	42.00
01/02/2025	S/O	A J Stagg	Clerks gross salary + office allowance Jan 25	323.56
28/02/2025		Bawdens	Invoice 30468 Grounds maintenance	71.06
28/02/2025		Paul Cripps	Google office Feb 25	42.00
01/03/2025	S/O	A J Stagg	Clerks gross salary + office allowance Feb 25	323.56
11/03/2025		A J Stagg	Backpay Feb & March £48.54 x 2	97.08
			TOTAL	1,000.89

- ii) SS was delighted to confirm that she now has full bank access and had completed a mandate to remove old signatories. It was agreed that the Chair and Vice Chair should both be new signatories. SS to meet with Cllr Cripps to complete the necessary paperwork. **Action SS.**
- iii) The asset register had been reviewed and it was noted that there are in fact 3 poo bins in the village, and only one bus shelter. The register had been amended accordingly.
The Village own a brushcutter which is stored by Peter Dawson. He still has it and suggested that he could potentially buy it. It was agreed that all villagers should have the opportunity to purchase it. Note to be sent out to see if anyone is interested.

23/25

Village Emergency Plan

- i) A map of the village is required to complete the Emergency Plan. SS to access Parish Online to obtain a map.
SS advised that she had received an email from a villager regarding potential defibrillator training. Online training is available at a cost but would need to ensure

that people attended. It was agreed that this should form part of the emergency plan. SS to speak to Ian Day to ask whether he has any plans for training. **Action SS.**

24/25

Correspondence/AOB/Urgent matters/Round Table

- Cllr Kershaw advised that there was a meeting being held tomorrow, at the White Horse at 7pm, regarding VE Day celebrations.
- Local elections are coming up in May and all councillors need to complete relevant paperwork should they wish to remain a councillor. SS to provide paperwork along with instructions.
- Cllr Peters noted that there had been a catapult incident in the village which Chris Edge had captured on CCTV.
- Cllr Kershaw asked who is responsible for the flag to go on the village flagpole. SK confirmed that she was happy to purchase one.
- Cllr Kershaw announced that sadly she had handed her notice in to give up the White Horse Pub as they can no longer afford to keep it going. They will be leaving at the beginning of June and the pub will then close unless new tenants are found.
- Cllr Thomas suggested that it would be helpful if councillors formed a WhatsApp group for informal communications. SS to set up. **Action SS.**
- SS had received a report from the local policing team regarding recent incidents in the area which included a minor RTC, a vehicle obstruction, and reports of a possible homeless person sleeping in tents at the Foots Hill junction.

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Next Parish Council Meeting

The date of the next Quidhampton Parish Council meeting will be held on Tuesday 13th May 2025 at 7:30pm at Quidhampton Village Hall.

Meeting ended 9.13pm.

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