

QUENINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT
QUENINGTON VILLAGE HALL
on Monday 4th June 2018

Present: Cllr Michael Scott (Chairman), Cllr Don Downes, Cllr Michael Sayer and Cllr John Dooley

In attendance: District & County Cllr Theodoulou, Penny Ibbotson (Clerk) and three members of public.

1. **Apologies for absence:** Apologies were accepted from Cllr Maurice Denton, Cllr Janet Sallis and Cllr Serena Robinson.
2. **Declaration of Interest on Items on the Agenda:** None declared
3. **To discuss Parish Plan Questionnaire:** Margaret Stranks (MS) has volunteered to help with the production of the Parish Plan questionnaire and had circulated a draft for review. The questionnaire is to be produced at a large font to make it as accessible as possible and will be distributed as a hard copy to all houses in the Parish.
Various amendments to the questions were discussed and agreed, Margaret will circulate a revised copy for approval.
There were also a number of further actions:
 - A Data Protection statement to be added (Clerk)
 - The introduction paragraph is to be made more user friendly, the Clerk's contact details added and information included to advise that results will be reported back to a parish meeting.(MS)
 - Costings to produce the questionnaire are to be investigated (MS)
 - Funding for the Parish Plan is to be looked into (Clerk)
 - A list of houses/streets in Quenington parish to be prepared (Clerk)
4. **To receive report from Internal Auditor:** The Internal Auditor had no comments/actions following his audit of the accounts.
5. **To approve bank reconciliation for financial year ending 31st March 2018:** The reconciliation was approved.
6. **To complete and approve Section 1 of the Annual Return (Annual Governance Statement) for financial year ending 31 March 2018:** Section 1 was completed and approved by all present then signed by the Chairman and the Clerk.
7. **To approve Section 2 of the Annual Return (Accounting Statement) for financial year ending 31 March 2018:** The Clerk had circulated the figures for the Annual Return, which had been approved by the Internal Auditor. Section 2 was approved by all present then signed by the Chairman. The period for the exercise of public rights is 20th June to 31st July 2018.
8. **To review explanation of variances:** The explanations of variances of more than 15% from last year were reviewed and approved.

9. To consider the following Planning Applications:

18/01631/TELEC Erection of base station and mast at Fowler's Hill, Quenington

The applicant had responded regarding the sites previously suggested by QPC to advise that the coverage was not adequate in these locations.

It was not clear who owned the land for this current application as Highways only own the first 3ft of a verge. A suggestion has been for the base station to be located behind the wall to make it less visible, this would however then be within the AONB.

CDC Officers have indicated that they will refuse this application due to the impact on the adjacent AONB/Historic Park. The application has currently been deferred to the Planning committee to make a decision.

It was agreed that although Quenington Parish Council is very keen to have improved communication services in the village, it does not think that this is a suitable location due to the visual impact of a large structure and associated base station on the grass verge. The location would also impact on the adjacent AONB and there is concern about how vehicles would access this location on a high verge on a steep road. An OBJECTION response would be given.

As QPC has agreed with CDC, there is no need for the application to go to CDC Planning Committee and can be determined by the CDC Planning Officer.

QPC is willing to consider other locations within the parish and Cllr Theodoulou will contact the applicant to ask for the proposed site at Rag Hill to be reconsidered.

18/01692/FUL Proposed single storey extension at Village Institute, Church Road, Quenington: SUPPORT the application.

18/01678/FUL Proposed garage and garden machinery store and gardener's wc at the Little House, Victoria Rd, Quenington: The applicant has taken on board the comments made on the previous application and this revised scheme was SUPPORTED.

18/01548/FUL Proposed erection of fishing lodge at land to east of River Coln, Quenington: OBJECT to the application as the proposed scale of the lodge is too large for its location and purpose as a fishing lodge. It was not clear how the lodge would be accessed.

18/01851/TCONR Work to Maple at Meadowlands, Church Rd, Quenington: NO OBJECTIONS (due to timescale the application had been responded to via email)

10. Any Other Business:

- A request has been made for blue grit bins along the top of Rag Hill – the Clerk will pass the request on to Highways.
- There has been a slight hold up to the Community Speedwatch scheme as the police officer the team had been working with has left, a replacement is to start soon. Police approval for locations in Netherton and near the bus stop on the Green is needed before monitoring can begin at these new sites.
- Mike Scott passed on Air Tattoo information and stickers to the Clerk to distribute as needed. The footpath along Whelford Road has been relocated to behind the fence for security reasons.

11. Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 12th July 2018

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.40pm

_____ Chairman _____ Date