

QUENINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT
QUENINGTON VILLAGE HALL
on Thursday 13th June 2019

Present: Cllr Michael Scott (Chairman), Cllr Michael Sayer, Cllr Mitch Watkins, Cllr Anne Willis and Cllr John Dooley

In attendance: Penny Ibbotson (Clerk) and 4 members of public.

1. **Apologies for absence:** Apologies were accepted from Cllr Janet Sallis and Cllr Don Downes.
2. **Declaration of Interest on Items on the Agenda:** None declared
3. **To hear concerns from members of the public regarding noise from xylem:** A number of residents living close to xylem reported their concerns regarding activities at the factory.
 - There used to be a resident liaison group that met regularly with xylem, minutes from 10 years ago show that the concerns raised today were raised previously and have still not been resolved to the satisfaction of nearby residents.
 - There had been an agreement that fork lift trucks belonging to xylem would be fitted with a reversing 'buzzer' rather than a 'bleeper' as buzzing doesn't travel as far; to date not all vehicles have been changed.
 - The noise from the fan on the roof is disturbing residents. Xylem has been contacted about this and there has been mention of a silencer being fitted but xylem has concerns about extra loading on the roof and cost. The Environmental Health Officer has been out in the past to take noise readings and the noise is below the required 50dB limit at the perimeter but residents feel that the noise is deflected and can be higher within their gardens. The planning permission allows for working hours of 8am to 5pm yet the fan is often turned on by 7.50am. The fan has been very quiet in the last 2 weeks the reason for this is not known so it is unclear whether this is permanent or not.
 - There are fumes being emitted that smell like paint fumes, are these within current guidelines?
 - The siting of the smoking area intrudes on the privacy of No2 Spring Gardens as it faces into the bedroom.
 - The gravel car park is meant to be only for overflow parking but seems to be in constant use.
 - There seems to be an increase in Saturday morning working, which increases the frequency of disturbances.
 - What is the state of the Travel Plan raised in 2009 to reduce the number of vehicles entering the site?

Complaints about noise were made last year and xylem responded by having an open afternoon for residents; this hasn't resolved the issues. Residents do

not want to see the factory close as it adds a vibrancy to the village but would like xylem to take more responsibility towards nearby residents.

It was agreed that the Parish Council would contact xylem and discuss the concerns raised.

4. **To approve bank reconciliation for financial year ending 31st March 2019:** The bank statements and receipts and payments were reviewed and the reconciliation was approved.
5. **To complete and approve Section 1 of the Annual Return (Annual Governance Statement) for financial year ending 31 March 2019:** Section 1 was completed and approved by all present then signed by the Chairman and the Clerk.
6. **To approve Section 2 of the Annual Return (Accounting Statement) for financial year ending 31 March 2019:** Section 2 was approved by all present then signed by the Chairman.
7. **To review explanation of variances:** The explanations of variances of more than 15% from last year were reviewed and approved.
8. **To confirm approval of £500 donation for the repair of football goals:** Quenington Bulldogs have offered to organise the repair of the goal mouths in the playground by levelling and laying astroturf. It was agreed that the £500 allocated in the budget for playground equipment could be used towards this project.
9. **To discuss matters relating to the cemetery extension:** There was a general discussion about various aspects of running the cemetery extension and the following decisions were made:
 - 9.1 **Layout of Graves:** Cremation plots would be located against the eastern boundary wall and then the full burial plots would start. Rows would be labelled A,B,C etc to distinguish from the rows in the existing cemetery. A memorial seat is to be placed in the corner of the eastern and southern walls.
 - 9.2 **Green Burials:** Green burials would not be offered as there is no space for the planting of memorial trees.
 - 9.3 **Reservation of Plots:** Plots will be able to be reserved but only under the following rule – *‘Reservations are only available to residents of the Parish of Quenington. This is defined as having had a Quenington Parish address in the last 10 years; exceptions to this rule would be at the discretion of Quenington Parish Council’.*
 - 9.4 **Consecration:** Council cemeteries do not have to be consecrated; if an area is consecrated this must be defined on the ground and there must also be an area of unconsecrated land similarly defined for other faiths. It was agreed not to arrange for the extension to be consecrated.
 - 9.5 **Management of Water Pipe Corridor:** The area under the trees cannot be used for burials due to the presence of an underground water pipe. It is currently overgrown with lots of nettles; when the grass

cutting contract is prepared for next year, regular strimming of this area will be added on.

9.6 Review of Regulations: This will be reviewed by a working group, which will report back to the July meeting.

9.7 Fees: Fees will also be reviewed by the working group.

10. To agree next stage in process of securing unstable memorials in existing cemetery: There will be a visit the cemetery to review which memorials still need to be stabilised.

11. Planning Application: 19/02003/TCONR Yew – reduce height and spread by up to 3m, clear roof by 1m and take lower limbs off flower bed at Wallsend, Church Road, Quenington: NO OBJECTIONS

12. Any Other Business:

- There are a lot of overgrown hedges at the moment, a request is to be put in CHEQS for residents to cut back from their properties.

13. Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 11th July 2019

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 10.05pm

_____ Chairman _____ Date