

QUENINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE QUENINGTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD
AT 7.30PM ON 10th MARCH 2022 AT QUENINGTON VILLAGE HALL

Present: Cllr Mike Scott (Chairman), Cllr Jan Sallis, Cllr Michael Sayer, Cllr Don Downes, Cllr Ben Rambaut (part), Cllr John Dooley, District Cllr Theodoulou (part)

In attendance: Penny Ibbotson (Clerk)

1. Apologies for absence: County Cllr Dom Morris

2. Open discussion: No matters raised.

3. Declaration of Interest on items on the agenda: None declared.

4. To consider applications for the co-opted vacancy: One candidate was interested but has decided not to volunteer so the vacancy will continue to be advertised.

5. To receive report from County Councillor Dom Morris: Dom has sent a written report (see attached).

6. To receive report from District Cllr Ray Theodoulou: Ray has seen the notes from the recent meeting with the Chief Executive of CDC and encourages the parish council to continue to push for change in the planning process. District Cllrs had tried to make changes in the past but were not successful.

Ray will continue to monitor planning applications and report back. There has been no progress with the Court Farm application with responses from some statutory consultees still being awaited.

It was agreed by all to bring forward item 7.3

7.3 Feedback from meeting with CDC regarding planning procedure: Ben reported on a positive meeting between representatives from parish councils and CDC. CDC seemed open to listening to concerns and have a genuine intention to work with town and parish councils to improve the planning process. Both CDC and the parish council group are to consider key points on how the planning process can be improved and then meet again to discuss further. The Review Panel process is very unlikely to be stopped so it is a case of trying to improve how this system works in the future. Proposals from the parish council group include:

- allowing Ward Cllrs to sit on the Review Panel
- having the Review Panel minutes circulated to all parish councils
- setting up a media group where parish councils can have direct contact with planners
- contested applications (material considerations) should always go Planning Committee

The aim is to have a more open and democratic process in place. Ray is happy to work with Ben to help reach this goal.

Ray Theodoulou and Ben Rambaut left the meeting.

7.0 Planning

7.1 To consider the following applications:

22/00548/FUL Enlarging ground floor extension and external remodelling altering a flat roof to a pitched roof at Hollyhock Cottage, Welsh Way, Honeycombe Leaze

NO OBJECTIONS

22/00357/FUL & 22/00358/LBC Conversion of stone barn to form separate dwelling at Mawley Farm House, Victoria Road, Quenington

NO OBJECTIONS

22/00407/FUL & 22/00408/LBC Replacement porch and rear doors and replacement of all windows at Grove House, Church Road, Quenington

NO OBJECTIONS

22/00787/TCONR Fell spruce due to cracking/movement of boundary wall at 2 The Laurels, Mawley Road, Quenington

NO OBJECTIONS

7.2 To receive March 2022 Planning Report: The March planning report was reviewed (see attached).

8. Minutes: The minutes of the meeting held on 13th January 2022 were agreed to be a true and accurate record of the proceedings and the Chair signed copies of the minutes.

9. Clerks Report:

- CDC has been chased about a new dog waste bin near Coneygar Cottages and I was advised that CDC will be launching a litter/dog waste bin review in April to review the coverage of litter and dog waste bins across the district and making sure that the coverage meets the demand. As part of that process, CDC will be contacting town and parish councils directly about bins in their area.
- I met with Bob Iles from Hatherop recently regarding improving Quenington playground, he recommends the company used for the Hatherop playground improvements and gave useful some advice. The next stage is to contact playground companies for quotes. It was agreed to carry out a survey of local residents for their thoughts on the playground –John offered to help with this. A quote to repair the basketball backboard has been requested.
- I have been to Donkeywell Forge to discuss the sheep sculpture and gave a copy of the risk assessment. They will now continue with preparing the sculpture following these guidelines; I have asked if it could be in place before the Fresh Air opening.
- The trees have been planted on the green and in the playground. A resident has complained about the location of one of the trees but it was not felt necessary to relocate it. It would be useful to have volunteers to help water the trees and Jan will contact a few nearby residents about this. Katie Blackwell has managed to raise funds through CDC crowdfunding to cover the costs of the bulb and tree planting and will forward this to QPC.
- Tani Phillips is standing down as tree officer so a new volunteer needs to be found.
- GAPTC will be carrying out the internal audit soon and the report will be ready for the May QPC meeting.
- The Welcome Pack is being updated and will be circulated shortly.
- The CDC Local Plan consultation is still open but ends on 20th March.
- There is an online Community Emergency Workshop on 7th April from 2-3.30pm or 27th April from 6.30-8pm. Mike Sayer is attending.

- It is time to arrange another meeting with the Local Highways Manager as there are a number of issues to report including drain clearing and a damaged stopcock cover.

10. Finance

10.1 To review and accept the March 2022 accounts: The accounts and bank reconciliation to 3rd March 2022 were reviewed and accepted (report attached).

10.2 To consider quote to reduce canopy of lime tree in Church Rd verge: A quote of £240 has been received, which is comparable to similar work, it was agreed to go ahead with this maintenance work.

10.3 To consider request for defibrillator in Honeycombe Leaze: Honeycombe Leaze residents have asked about a defibrillator in the hamlet. The initial cost would be in the region of £1,600 for a defibrillator and cabinet. There were concerns about the balance of cost against the number of people benefitting and the location of the cabinet, which would need access to electricity; it was felt that the defibrillator shouldn't be located on private property. **Action:** The Clerk will check on the criteria for having a defibrillator and feedback the concerns about location.

11. To consider request to reduce speed limit though Honeycombe Leaze: The Clerk has been in contact with the Local Highways Manager regarding the process for applying for a change in speed limit; there would need to be an initial survey to see if the site fitted specific Dept of Transport criteria and a consultation with the police. If this stage was passed it would cost in the region of £10,000 to have a change in the Traffic Regulation Order, **Action:** The Clerk to find out the criteria for a 30pmh area.

12. To consider request for additional bulb planting in Church Road verge and daffodil circles on the Green: It was agreed that bluebells could be planted in the daffodil circles to extend the flowering season and additional bulbs could be planted in the Church Road verge – the cost of this will be from the crowd funding money and the planting would be carried out by volunteers.

13. Update on Jubilee celebrations: Jan reported that plans are coming together for the joint village Jubilee event on Sunday 5th June. There will be a tea party theme and everyone will be asked to bring along their own picnic; there will be children's games and competitions, a bouncy castle, inflatable assault course, may pole and various other activities. **Actions:** The Clerk was asked to apply for a road closure for Quenington Hill and contact ECT for funding towards the event.

It is planned to light a beacon on Thursday 2nd June in each village, QPC was supportive of this idea.

14. Open discussion: Don asked for permission to use the Green for parking on Saturday 2nd April for an event in the village hall – permission was granted.

15. Date of Next Meetings/Events:

Spring Clean 10am on Saturday 19th March

Annual Village Meeting 7.30pm on Wednesday 7th April

AGM 7.30pm on Thursday 11th May

QPC Meeting 8pm on Thursday 11th May

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.05pm.

_____ Chairman

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Item 5 County Cllr Report

1. **Covid-19 Response**

The GCC website is regularly updated in line with Government restrictions and advice for Gloucestershire residents: <https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/covid-19-information-and-advice/>

2. **Council approves £521 million 2022/23 budget**

The budget is an increase of more than £38 million on 2021/22 levels and was approved by Council at a meeting on Wednesday, 16 February.

Funding has been agreed for 26-miles of cycle track from Stroud to Bishop's Cleeve, investment into our market towns and high streets, and ongoing support and protection of the most vulnerable in our communities

As well as this, the budget also includes:

£100 million for our roads

£150 million investment into school buildings in Gloucestershire

£14 million investment into Children and Young People's Services

£1 million per year to tackle climate change

£20 million invested into cycle routes across the county

£9 million extra to support vulnerable adults and those living with a disability

More investment into Gloucestershire Fire and Rescue Service

Despite the extra investment, the council is still expected to have one of the lowest council tax levels of any county council.

The budget will raise around £10.2 million to help fund services through a council tax increase of 1.99%. We will also apply the national social care precept at 1% to raise an additional £3.7 million to support the thousands of vulnerable adults we work with each year. Based on a band D property, this equates to a £3.50 monthly increase.

Amendments to the budget which were approved by Council include:

- An additional £250,000 to Community Speedwatch, making a total of £550,000
- £33,000 to prevent increases to the costs of parking permits
- £45,000 to pay for a biodiversity management officer to identify opportunities on Council land
- £120,000 to establish a recycling shop pilot at one of the county's household recycling centres
- £100,000 to reserve for traffic regulation orders (TRO)

3. Council to launch new project to support young families

Steps Ahead will provide enhanced support across the most disadvantaged neighbourhoods in Gloucestershire. By targeting areas that experience greater levels of deprivation, the project aims to reduce longer-term consequences of the pandemic, particularly those that lead to health inequalities of parents and children.

Children and Families Centres will offer focused programmes, tailored group and individual support for families who have been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The county council will work in partnership with Aspire Foundation, Barnardo's and the Health Visiting Team within Gloucestershire Health and Care NHS Foundation Trust to launch 'Steps Ahead', which will be funded with £919,509 from the government's Contain Outbreak Management Fund (COMF).

Support for families in Gloucester, Stroud and the Forest of Dean will be provided by Barnardo's, while support for families in Cheltenham, Tewkesbury and the Cotswolds will be provided by Aspire Foundation. Both services will also offer a targeted outreach programme for families in need of support who do not have easy access to an existing Children and Families Centre.

The Health Visiting Team will deliver bespoke health related advice and support county-wide. This will include tailored packages of care and group work to support child development, providing nutritional, sleep and behaviour advice, as well as supporting child/family relationships and infant mental health.

4. Proposed route of 26-mile 'cycle spine' revealed

Extending from Stroud to Bishop's Cleeve, the map shows how the route would pass through Gloucester and Cheltenham, creating a substantial cycling and walking network through the county.

Funding has already been committed to link Gloucester city centre to Cheltenham, with a route along the B4063.

This will be extended to the north with a route through Cheltenham, and on to Bishop's Cleeve. While, to the south the route will extend as far as Stroud, with work underway to identify the most appropriate route.

Sections of the route to the south of Gloucester city centre and to the north of Cheltenham are yet to be confirmed. However, proposals are in the process of being developed and funding has been committed to undertake further design. Residents will be consulted on the proposals once the plans are at a more advanced stage.

The county council is committed to tackling climate change and creating a Greener Gloucestershire.

Investing in cycling and walking infrastructure will help us work towards a Greener Gloucestershire by improving air quality and reducing carbon emissions from transport. Cycling and walking also improves the health and wellbeing of our residents.

View the map here: https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/media/2113204/gcc_3467-gloucestershire-cycle-spine-map.pdf

Cllr Dom Morris

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MARCH 2022 PLANNING REPORT

Change of use of Court Farmhouse and stable building to offices and education space. Alterations to Court Farmhouse and stable building, provision of landscaping, bicycle store, vehicular parking and alterations to access at Court Farm, Church Road, Quenington

21/02553/FUL & 21/02554/FUL

Status: Awaiting decision

Certificate of Lawful Existing Use or Development under Section 191 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 for the use of land as garden and hardstanding incidental to the enjoyment of the dwellinghouse at Simpson's Barn. Wrlsh Way, Honeycombe Leaze

21/04331/CLEUD

Status: Application Permitted

Conversion of agricultural barn to residential dwelling and erection of associated garage/store with associated works at Parsonage Barn, Donkeywell Farm, Quenington

21/04000/FUL

Status: Awaiting decision

Fell ash, reduce height of beech, maple and poplar at Mawley Field, Mawley Road, Quenington

22/00478/TCONR

Status: No objections

Reduce canopy of lime by up to 2m to reduce shading of adjacent property at Church Road, Quenington

22/00259/TCONR

Status: No objections

Fell cypress at Bank View, Victoria Road, Quenington

22/00226/TCONR

Status: No objections

Fell apple tree at 1 The Laurels, Mawley Road, Quenington

22/00291/TCONR

Status: Awaiting decision

March 2022 accounts

Bank balances as at 3rd March 2022

Savings.....£21,762.51

Current.....£13,462.42

Business saving account

Playground	£7,534.81
Cemetery Wall/Maintenance	£6,508.00
General Reserves	£6,000.00
Emergencies Fund	£1,500.00
Total	£21,542.81

Net Balance available **£219.70**

Current account

Jan 2021 Spreadsheet balance **£14,256.69**

Income

Webster R12 P22	£500.00
TOTAL	£500.00

Expenditure *(Notes in italics refer to minute when item approved)*

BACS66 Designer Metal tree guards <i>(Nov2021 Item 8)</i>	£312.00
BACS67 Penny Ibbotson Jan salary & expenses <i>(Jan 22 Item 9.7)</i>	£335.47
BACS68 Defib Warehouse defib battery (email approval – urgent 29/1/22)	£286.80
BACS69 Penny Ibbotson Jan salary <i>(Jan 22 Item 9.7)</i>	£240.00
BACS70 Community Heartbeat VETS system <i>(March 2016 item 9.2)</i>	£120.00
Total	£1,294.27

March Spreadsheet Balance **£13,462.42**

Total agrees with bank statement

Relevant Local Government Powers

Cheque No	Power
BACS66	Public Health Act 1875 s164, Open Spaces Act 1906 ss9&10
BACS67 & 69	Local Government Act 1972s151
BACS68 & 70	Local Government Act 1972s137