

MINUTES OF QUARNDON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON 21.5.21 AT QUARNDON VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT: Councillors: Dr M Pitt (Chair), R Kirkland, Dr P Hodson, K Thomas, S Walton, Parish Clerk, Councillor Orton (AVBC)

COVID SAFETY IN MEETINGS

All attendees said that they were happy that the actions to mitigate Covid-19 risks for the meeting were satisfactory.

21/030 ELECTION OF CHAIR

Councillor M Pitt was nominated and elected as Chair.

21/031 ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR

Councillor P Hodson was nominated and elected as Vice Chair.

21/032 PUBLIC SPEAKING

Councillor Orton reported that parishioners had raised concerns about the advertising boards for Kedleston Grange and lights being left on all night. Anyone that has been waiting for a new bin should get one this week.

Councillors asked if there was an update on the Local Plan. Councillor Orton reported that it should be a priority.

21/033 APOLOGIES

Councillors Turner, Harris & Richardson, Councillor G Kinsella (DCC)

21/034 VARIATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS

None

21/035 DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

None

21/036 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was resolved that the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 26.4.21 were approved and will be signed by the Chair.

21/037 TO DETERMINE WHICH ITEMS IF ANY FROM PART 1 OF THE AGENDA SHOULD BE TAKEN WITH THE PUBLIC EXCLUDED

None

21/38 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councillor Pitt reported that we now have the S106 monies for the improvements to Barn Close playing field and community garden projects. Councillors had met via Zoom with Gez Kinsella the new DCC Councillor representative. A summary of the issues facing Quarndon was given and Councillor Kinsella explained his priorities. It was agreed to thank Chris Short for his support during his DCC Councillor term. An email from the Vicar thanking the Parish Council for the donation towards the repair of St Paul's Church clock had been received.

21/039 PLANNING

Applications

- AVA/2021/0506 38 Woodlands Lane Demolition of conservatory and erection of single storey rear extension - No objections
- AVA/2021/0498 The Barn, 93 Burley Lane Two storey side extension.
We note the new Juliette balcony overlooking the garden of No. 95 but feel the loss of amenity to be negligible, however the Parish Council are unable to support the application 'as it stands' because it is in breach of QNP Policy QDBC1 and hence we are unable to adequately assess the likely impact on the street scene.

Approved

- AVA/2021/0233 103 Church Road Proposed side extension. Demolition of existing of existing outbuilding and car port to erect detached garage
- AVA-2021-0207 100 Church Road Demolition of existing conservatory and replace with an orangery
- AVA-2021-0302 177 Burley Lane Proposed single storey rear extension and first floor extension to rear

Refused

- TRE-2021-0938 170 Burley Lane Beech Tree 1 as per details in attached file

21/040 KEDLESTON GRANGE DEVELOPMENT ISSUES INCLUDING FLOOD RISK

AVBC had responded as detailed in 21/054 since the last meeting. It was agreed to follow up the matter further with Chris Rogers DCC. Councillor Thomas to draft a proposed response.

21/041 APPOINTMENT OF WORKING GROUPS

The working groups were reviewed and updated.

21/042 ANNUAL REVIEW OF POLICIES & PROCEDURES

It was resolved to accept the policies & procedures that had been circulated.

21/043 POPPYFIELDS SECTION 106 PROJECTS UPDATE (BARN CLOSE PLAYING FIELD AND COMMUNITY GARDEN)

Councillor Turner had sent in the following report on the Barn Close playing field project:-

- Drainage: exploring a range of remedies with Councillors Richardson and Kirkland. Planning to have trial site assessment holes dug in order to find the most effective way to drain top area of field
- Fencing and clearance of brambles and self-seeders: Paul Fox's quote accepted. His firm will do this once bird nesting season over
- Volunteers to clean and repaint existing play equipment. Two residents have volunteered. Thanks to Keith Thomas for help in facilitating this. CT to arrange site visit with volunteers at beginning of June. Costs for materials to be estimated then.
- Progressing updates to lease with Land Agent and landlords

Councillor Kirkland also gave an overview of the drainage issues.

Councillor Thomas gave an update on the Community Garden Project:-

- Wildflowers germinating.
- Woodwork around Millennium sundial removed and bank landscaped.
- Sedum mat laid on sundial in place of purple slate chippings.
- Bin area laid with stone chips and flag stones.

The benches have been ordered.

21/044 GROUNDS MAINTENANCE

Nothing to report.

21/045 BLOOMING QUARNDON 2021 UPDATE

Lamppost testing took place w/e 30 April. Plantscape haven't sent results as their email system is inoperative. They promised today (Friday 21 May) to put the results in the post to Councillor Thomas who will apply for DCC lamppost licence as soon as results received. Installation expected mid-June.

21/046 INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT

The internal audit had been received and was noted.

21/047 PROPOSED CAR BOOT SALE IN VILLAGE HALL CAR PARK ON 19TH JUNE

Councillors had no objections for the use of the car park to host a car boot sale to raise funds for the pre-school. The Poetry Trail will be taking place on the same day, with nearby displays of poems at the Village Hall, St Paul's Church, Curzon School and the Community garden. The restricted car parking in the area should be stressed as there could be a number of visitors for the sale and the Poetry Trail. The pre-school organiser has been asked to provide marshalling.

21/048 WILD FLOWER VERGES

The wildflower verges have re-germinated and done well again this year.

21/049 DERBYSHIRE'S 20'S PLENTY CAMPAIGN – INCLUDING STICKER PURCHASES

Councillor Thomas gave an update on the campaign.

- Hardyal Dhindsa lost the PCC election to Angelique Foster but she is reported to support 20's Plenty. Councillor Thomas has asked her to confirm via her website contact facility.
- Sarah Dines MP has agreed to support 20's Plenty in her constituency in response to a letter we sent from QCG on 10 May 2021.
- Joined a 20's Plenty for Derbyshire Zoom meeting with Simon Tranter (DCC officer responsible for Highways Safety Schemes) on Monday 17 May 2021. DCC only allocate £500k to £1M to Safety Schemes from a Highways budget of £20-

30M. To change 30mph speed limit signs to 20mph in an individual local area would cost ~£5k for the signage, but >£50k for design, regulation bureaucracy, and consultation. Not surprising it never gets priority for funding.

- Have challenged DCC with a “Question to Council” for their 26 May meeting to think differently about how to introduce 20mph areas. Suggested following the model used by Lancashire County Council of doing the Regulation paperwork once for the whole county and appending a list of the specific local areas to this generic Regulation. This was fast and efficient, costing just £60k for the whole county. Councillors agreed to write to DCC in support of this proposal.
- Gez Kinsella, newly elected Green Party county councillor will visit Quarndon on Thursday 27 May for cycle tour of road safety issues and possible walking/cycle path links to Derby and Kedleston.
- A proposal to purchase 100 bin stickers for £90 was made. It was agreed to defer this until the next meeting.

21/050 CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

Councillor Kirkland has this in hand.

21/051 CLERK’S REPORT

- Nothing to report

21/052 CORRESPONDENCE FOR ACTION

None

21/053 ACCOUNTS

RESOLVE: That the Accounts listed below be accepted for payment.

| Payee | Item | £ |
|-----------------|------------------------------|----------------|
| Mrs L Storey | Salary/Expenses | 201.36 |
| HMRC | PAYE | 50.00 |
| Colin Clarke | Various S106 | 155.20 |
| Fox Landscaping | Grounds maintenance 7046 | 70.00 |
| C Turner | Keys | 10.00 |
| Colin Clarke | Gravel | 152.72 |
| Parish Online | Subscription | 40.50 |
| Quarndon PCC | Donation | 1500.00 |
| Fox Landscaping | Excavation works Church Road | 660.00 |
| John E Wright | Printing | 34.68 |
| Total | | 2874.46 |

Monthly accounts circulated

21/054 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

- DALC April/May newsletter
- AVBC update ref Kedleston Grange flooding. This is an issue for Derbyshire County Council (DCC) as the Lead Local Flood Authority (LLFA) and a statutory consultee that advises the Local Planning Authority (LPA). I have been advised that its officer reviewed the information and asked for additional information, etc from the applicant before agreeing the scheme. I have been further advised that it’s officer has responded numerous times to your council and objectors about the surface water issues at the site. The officer has stated that the issues this year were as a result of the water course being blocked by a third party – not Miller Homes. When the pond was full due to the persistent heavy rain earlier in the year Miller Homes pumped water from it to another to avoid overflow. The LLFA has been dealing with the water course being blocked by a fence under the Land Drainage Act. The problem is that since its investigations started, the landowner has died and so it cannot serve notice on the occupier/landowner. It is all still in probate, so DCC’s solicitors are liaising with the deceased’s solicitor to try to resolve this.
Regarding your point 2, the LLFA has advised that the ponds do not feature spillways because overflow is managed in pipes and chambers. I believe this has already been communicated to your council.
The officer of the LLFA has stated that if your council would like to highlight the particular flaws it believes exist, then he will investigate them. He maintains, however, that the LLFA has gone through the information submitted thoroughly and, in terms of the surface water strategy, Miller Homes has exceeded the industry standard.
Regarding your suggestion that this council commission an independent review, I should stress that the LLFA is independent of the applicant and LPA, and was consulted on the drainage condition and reviewed it accordingly. Consequently the LPA does not consider that such a review is necessary.
- Road Safety Webinar

- DCC Mobile library routes
- Excellence Awards - DALC – Nominations
- Community News - 21 April 2021

21/055 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

- Monday 28 June 2021 7.30 pm Upper Hall Quarndon Village Hall

21/056 POINTS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

Christmas lights
20s Plenty