

**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE QUARLEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
TUESDAY 10TH FEBRUARY 2026 IN QUARLEY VILLAGE HALL AT 6.30PM**

Present: Cllr S Leech – Chair
Cllr L Hill
Cllr I Whittemore
Cllr Y Whyton
Richard Waterman – Parish Clerk
County Councillor Mr C Donnelly
Borough Councillor Mrs S Hasslemann
Members of the Public – 5

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

The Chair opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. Apologies were received from Borough Councillor Mrs M Flood, Mrs C Rowe, Mr J Love and Mr P Whyton.

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The Chair signed the minutes of the previous meeting as a true and accurate record.

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES

Highways – Street Name Signs

The Clerk reported that there has been a delay in the installation of the signs. TVBC have confirmed that the installation is within their current programme of works.

Highways – Finger Post

Cllr Hill reported that Pip Grob has been busy and hopes to start work on the finger post in February/March.

Highways – Traffic Calming

The Clerk reported that Hampshire County Council have confirmed that a road closure will be required to fit the post for the flashing speed signs, so the revised quote for the installation is now £2,130.

The Parish Council asked the Clerk to investigate if the work could be done when the road is closed to work on the blocked drain by the War Memorial to keep the cost down. If this is not possible the Parish Council reluctantly agreed to proceed with the installation quote.

4. REPORTS – WILDFLOWER SEEDING

Cllr Whittemore reported that he is still waiting for the bulbs and wildflower seeds to be delivered. The wildflower seeding will run from the end of the Village Green towards Etwall. A date for cleaning up the area and planting will be announced. Anyone wishing to volunteer to help with this task will be most welcome. Cllr Whittemore will be attending a suitable training course to use the Brush Cutter.

5. **FINANCE.**

Financial Report for December 2025, January and February 2026

INCOME.

Nil

EXPENDITURE.

Bank Charges	= £	2.00	
Clerk Administration Fee	= £	240.00	
Ionis – Website Hosting Fees	= £	57.60	(£19.20 a month)
M Bailey– Village Maintenance	= £	280.00	
Gallager Insurance	= £	749.90	
	=	£ 1,329.50	

SUMMARY.

Opening Balance 1/4/24	= £	16,391.07
+ Income – Precept April	= £	1,575.00
+ Income – Precept Sept	= £	1,575.00
	=	£19,541.07

Less Expenditure

April, May, June and July	885.89
Aug, Sept, Oct and Nov	1,460.73
Dec, Jan and Feb	1,329.50
	= £3,676.12

Total Cash in Bank = **£15,864.95**

Lloyds = £ 15,864.95

Parish Council working Balance	= £	5,864.95
Solar Farm Money	= £	10,000.00
	=	£15,864.95

A Deposit Account will be opened with Lloyds Bank.

2026/2027 PRECEPT.

The Quarley Parish Council Precept will remain at £3,150 for the Financial Year 2026/2027.

6. **VILLAGE HALL**

There was no report from the trustees. It was noted that the additional exterior lighting is a welcome addition and that there are fewer cars using the car park when the hall is not occupied.

7. **PLANNING**

The Chair reported that the retrospective planning application for Thruxton Down Farm is still pending and the site continues to operate.

Tree work at the Old Rectory – NO COMMENT.

New Fencing at Threepenny Cottage – NO OBJECTION

8. **COUNTY AND BOROUGH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS.**

COUNTY COUNCILLOR MR C DONNELLY.

- Cllr Mr C Donnelly reported that Hampshire County Council have given a grant of £500,000 to Harrowway School for a new Youth Centre.
- Hampshire County Council have made a saving of £100 Million on their budget but still have a shortfall of £40 Million to find.
- The 23rd of March 2026 is 'D Day' for the Government decision on how Hampshire will be split under devolution.

BOROUGH COUNCILLOR MRS S HASSELMANN.

- Cllr Mrs S Hasselmann's report was posted on Facebook. The report contained information on the following:
- An update on the Draft Borough Plan.
- Test Valley are investigating an initiative to give the River Test and its tributaries National Park status.
- Further fly tippers have been identified and successfully prosecuted.
- TVBC have a Building Energy Support Grant available to help community buildings. The Parish Council thought that this may be of interest to the Village Hall Trustees.
- TVBC are planning to install a pond at Bury Hill.
- Project Workshops are looking at putting on a craft fair.

9. **PARISH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

The Parish Council discussed Highways issues.

- Recent flooding at the corner by the War Memorial was reported to Hampshire Highways who came out to deal with the problem. Work has been scheduled to clear the silt from the soakaway and this will involve closing the road.
- The bank opposite the corner that floods is being eroded by vehicles avoiding the flooding. This will also be reported to Highways.
- The lengthsman will be asked to dig out the grips on Bush Farm Lane that have silted up.

10. **CORRESPONDENCE.**

The was no correspondence.

11. **MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.**

- The Parish Council were informed by a member of the public that he intends to start a Fish and Chip service to the Pop-Up Pub. The Parish Council supported this.
- The Parish Council were informed that a resident is stopping lorries travelling through the village, telling them not to use this route. The Parish Council were unaware of this but concerns have been raised about the damage caused by lorries. It was noted that lorries cannot access Monxton via Grateley and have to come through the village.

12. **CLOSE OF THE MEETING.**

The Chairman thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting.

13. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING.

14th April 2026 at 6.30pm in the Quarley Village Hall.

DATES OF MEETINGS FOR THE NEXT FINANCIAL YEAR

14th of April 2026

14th of July 2026

10th of November 2026

9th of February 2027