

Minutes of the Quarley Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday the 8th of April 2025 in the Quarley Village Hall at 6.30pm.

Present: Cllr S Leech - Chair
Cllr N Constable
Cllr L Hill
Cllr I Whittemore
Cllr Y Whyton
Richard Waterman – Parish Clerk
Mr P Whyton – Village Hall Trustee
Borough Councillor Mrs S Hasselmann.
Members of the Public – 7

Apologies: County Councillor Mr C Donnelly, Borough Councillor Mrs M Flood.

WELCOME.

The Chair opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST.

There were no Declarations of interest recorded.

PARISH COUNCIL VACANCY.

Test Valley Borough Council have informed the clerk that the Parish Council can co-opt to fill the vacancy.

Cllr S Leech proposed that Lucinda Hill be co-opted onto the Parish Council to fill the vacancy. This was seconded by Cllr N Constable. All Agreed. Lucinda Hill signed the declaration of office and was welcomed onto the Parish Council.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING.

The Chair signed the minutes of the previous meeting as a true record. Matters arising from those minutes:

TREES – The Clerk reported that Aster Housing have been to inspect the trees. While on site they were approached by a resident who was not keen for any work to be carried out. Aster will schedule the pruning of the trees into their maintenance program – no time scale has been given.

The overgrown tree around the street light adjacent to the Notice Board has been cut back.

HIGHWAYS – The Clerk reminded the Parish Council that the street name signs (Skew Road, Park Lane and Bush Farm Lane) should be installed by the end of the first financial quarter.

It was reported that one of the road mirrors at the end of Skew Road has been damaged. The Clerk was asked to order a replacement. It was noted that the road mirror at the Park Lane junction needs adjusting.

TRAFFIC CALMING - Cllr I Whittemore has provided a further company who supply the smaller flashing speed signs and details have been downloaded for consideration.

Hampshire Highways have been sent an email confirming that Quarley Parish Council would like a survey carried out to confirm if the road through the village is suitable for a Flashing Speed Sign at either end. Hampshire Highways have not yet indicated if or when they will carry out the survey.

REPORTS.

WEBSITE – www.quarleyvillage.co.uk

Mandy Hobson spoke about the website. The website is running ok and regularly being viewed. More content is required especially on village history.

FINANCE.

End of Year Accounts – 2024/2025

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH 2025

RECEIPTS	£
Precept Test Valley Borough Council	3,150.00
VAT Refund	1,508.41
	<u>£4,658.41</u>

PAYMENTS	
Administration - Audit	180.00
Website	240.00
Bank Charges	66.40
Admin Expenses	41.70
Clerks Wages	960.00
Village Maintenance - War Memorial	477.10
Grass Cutting	476.00
Street Lighting	172.96
VAT on Payments	105.48
Village barbecue	30.00
Insurance	747.90
	<u>£3,497.54</u>

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS SUMMARY	
Balance Brought Forward 1/4/2024	15,230.20
Add Receipts	4,658.41
	£19,888.61
Less Payments	3,497.54
	<u>£16,391.07</u>

REPRESENTED BY FUNDS	
Bank Account 80686506 – 31/3/2025	16,391.07
	<u>£16,391.07</u>

The Parish Council agreed to adopt the End of Year Account as a true record.
Proposed by Cllr S Leech and seconded by Cllr Y Whyton.

CERTIFICATE OF EXEMPTION – AGAR 2024/2025

The Parish Council agreed to submit a Certificate of Exemption as the turnover was below £25,000. Proposed by Cllr S Leech and seconded by Cllr Y Whyton. All agreed.

ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT 2024/2025

The Clerk read out the Annual Governance Statement 2024/2025 ensuring that there is a sound system of internal control, including arrangements for the preparation of the Accounting Statement. The Annual Governance Statement was approved by the Parish Council. Proposed by Cllr S Leech and seconded by Cllr N Constable. All Agreed.

ANNUAL ACCOUNTING STATEMENTS 2024/2025

The Annual Accounting Statement 2024/2025 was approved by the Parish Council. Proposed by Cllr S Leech and seconded by Cllr N Constable. All agreed.

VILLAGE HALL.

Mr Paul Whyton reported:

- Mr James Love has now joined the Village Hall Trustees.
- New tables have been purchased.
- A professional cleaning company have been engaged to give the village hall a full clean and they also carry out PAT Testing.
- The Village Hall Risk Assessment has been updated.
- Plans for 3 unisex toilets and a disabled one are being explored.
- Test Valley Borough Council have given a grant of £500 towards the 80th VE Day Celebrations. A singer has been booked. Further details will follow.
- Setting up a management committee for the day to day running of the village hall is being looked into. Cllr Z Whyton and Cllr I Whittemore have expressed an interest in getting involved.
- Ways to improve the aesthetics of the village hall are being explored.

PLANNING.

25/00575/VARN – Vary condition 2 (approved plans) of 24/01730/FULLN (Erection of detached garage with office space, two storey front and side extension and addition of an alterations to windows and doors) to allow for change of materials for garage – Little Oaks, Quarley – NO OBJECTION.

The Solar Farm Extension has been agreed in principle and has gone to the Head of Planning at Test Valley Borough Council who will consult with the Airfield and Thruxton Parish Council.

BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Borough Councillor S Hasselmann had circulated her report prior to the meeting and highlighted the following points:

- Test Valley Borough Council are giving a £500 grant to help Parishes celebrate the 80th VE Day.
- TVBC are funding a new Riverside Park in Andover Town.
- The new Monxton Village Hall is now open and well worth a visit.
- The Borough Council are struggling with the large increase of 78% in new house building set by the Government.
- Devolution is the main concern of the Borough and County Councils. There will be a consultation on the re-organisation at some point.

PARISH COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS.

Cllr I Whittemore suggested that a 'Beautify the Village' project is undertaken. This was thought a good idea. Cllr I Whittemore reported that he has been investigating seed producers, free cherry trees and possible grants that may be available.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

There were no further issues raised.

CLOSE OF THE MEETING.

The Chair thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting.

DATES OF THE 2004/2005 MEETINGS.

The dates for the 2025/2026 meetings:

15th of July 2025

11th of November 2025

10th of February 2026

6.30pm start time.

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING.

8TH April 2025 at 6.30pm in the Quarley Village Hall.