

Minutes of the Quarley Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday the 14th of July 2026 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
Borough Councillor Mrs M Flood
County Councillor Mr C Donnelly
Members of the Public – 3

Apologies: Borough Councillor Mrs S Hasslemann.

1. WELCOME.

The Chair opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. There were no Declarations of interest.

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.

FINGER POST – The finger post has been repaired and re-assembled. The Parish Council are very pleased with the repair, thanked Cllr L Hill for organising it and asked her to relay their thanks to Pip Grob. Cllr Mr C Donnelly was thanked for his grant of £600 to cover the cost.

TRAFFIC CALMING – The flashing speed signs were delivered and given to Simon Nightingale to install. A further delay has occurred as the wrong size brackets for the speed sign mounting plate were sent. The correct brackets have been ordered and the signs will be installed on the 18th of July 2026. **AFTER NOTE:** Speed signs fitted and now working on the 18th of July 2026.

.GOV.UK EMAIL ADDRESS.

The '.Gov.UK' email address for parish councils is not yet mandatory but a recommendation. The Parish Council will monitor legislation before taking action.

WILDFLOWER SEEDING.

Cllr Whittemore reported that stinging nettles have taken over the areas that were planted with wildflowers. He will strim the nettles and the edge of the green. More maintenance is planned for next year. Cllr Whittemore reported that he has not yet booked the brush cutter course at Sparsholt College due to family commitments but is still keen to proceed.

A303 SIGNAGE.

The Chair reported that she had contacted Hampshire Highways and Highways Agency regarding the issue of HGVs and vehicles using Bush Farm Lane to avoid delays on the A303. Hampshire Highways confirmed that signage on the A303 is the responsibility of Highways Agency and poor sight lines meant that signs on the existing width restriction poles in Bush Lane is unsuitable. The Highways Agency

noted the problems the village has but will not take action as Bush Farm Lane is not an accident blackspot.

4. REPORTS.

FOOTPATHS.

The Chair wished to thank Laura White for keeping the Parish Footpaths cut.

WEBSITE.

Mandy Hobson reported that she has new material to go on the website over the coming weeks.

FULLERTON PAN PARISH FORUM.

The Chair reported that Fullerton Pan Parish Forum has been formed to cover all the parishes whose sewage is processed by the Fullerton Sewage Treatment Plant. The lining of sewer pipes is on-going; there is a scheme underway on restoring the River Anton and the capacity of the Fullerton Sewage Treatment Plant is being increased to cope with increasing demand.

5. FINANCE.

1ST April 2026 to 14th July 2026.

INCOME.

TVBC 1/2 Precept	= £ 1,575.00
TVBC Community Grant	= £ 445.00
HCC Grant – Signpost	= £ 600.00
	= <u>£ 2,620.00</u>

EXPENDITURE.

Bank Charges	= £ 5.85
Clerk Administration Fee	= £ 320.00
Ionis – Website Hosting Fees	= £ 76.80 (£19.20 a month)
M Bailey– Village Maintenance	= £ 560.00
S Leech – Pan Parish Plaque	= £ 22.00
Zoe Wilson – Community Grant	= £ 445.00
Pip – Repair old sign	= £ 720.00
Stock Signs – 2 x Flashing Signs	= £ 7,436.40
P Reynolds – Audit	= £ 210.00
	= <u>£ 9,796.05</u>

SUMMARY.

Opening Balance 1/4/26	= £ 15,498.08
+ Income – April to July	= £ 2,620.00
	= <u>£ 18,118.08</u>

Less Expenditure

April, May, June and July	= £ 9,796.05
Total Cash in Lloyds Bank	= <u>£ 8,322.03</u>

Parish Council working balance	= £ 4,519.03
Solar Farm Money	= £ 3,803.00
	= <u>£ 8,322.03</u>

VAT to be reclaimed = £ 1,453.70

6. VILLAGE HALL.

Mr James Love reported on the Village Hall:

- The Village Hall Trustees hope to purchase a barbecue with a budget of £400. County Councillor Mr C Donnelly offered the trustees a grant of £400.
- Future improvements include upgrading the kitchen and toilets. Getting builders to quote to do the toilets is proving difficult.
- There is a possibility that the Café will return to the Village Hall.
- Cllr Mr C Donnelly reported that TVBC will continue with their Community Grants until devolution in 2028 and urged the Village Hall Trustees to take advantage of the grants available.

7. PLANNING.

There were no new planning applications to discuss.

8. COUNTY AND BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Cllr Mrs M Flood reported that her report is on the village Facebook page and highlighted the following:

- Southern Water are imposing a hosepipe ban to come into force over the next few days.
- Test Valley Borough Council are reviewing proceeding with the Local Development Plan due to time constraints and the loss of some previously identified building land. TVBC has organised a briefing meeting with the Parish Councils on the 20th of July 2026.

Cllr Mr C Donnelly reported:

- Hampshire County Council are again providing summer activities for children. Details can be found on the TVBC and HCC Websites.
- The A342 Working Group are to be invited to County Hall for a meeting with the new Head of Hampshire Highways. An invite to Parish Councils will be sent out in September.

9. PARISH COUNCILLORS REPORTS

The Chair reported that Hampshire Highways have still not cleared the drains by the war memorial, 6 months after it was first reported. Cllr Mr C Donnelly will speak to Highways and report back.

11. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

Mandy Hobson reported that a water tanker was seen in the village extracting water from a hydrant. It was reported that there have been several incidents in the area of rogue tankers stealing water. This will be monitored.

12. CLOSE OF THE MEETING.

The Chair thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting.

13. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING.

10th of November 2026