

## **DRAFT MINUTES OF THE QUARLEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2025 IN 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 (arrival delayed)  
Mr P Whyton – Village Hall Trustee  
Mr J Love – Village Hall Trustee  
County Councillor Mr C Donnelly  
Borough Councillor Mrs M Flood  
Members of the Public – 8

### **1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES**

The Chair opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. Apologies were received from Borough Councillor Mrs S Hasselmann.

### **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 Chair reported that the Clerk had spoken to TVBC and that they confirmed that installation should be before the end of January 2026.

#### **Highways – Finger Post**

Cllr Hill reported that she had given Pip Grob instructions to repair the post but to date he has not started work on it. Cllr Hill to continue to follow this up.

#### **Highways – Traffic Calming**

The Chair reminded the meeting that the Parish Council agreed last year to use part of the £10,000 that they have on deposit from the original solar farm on two speed indicator signs for either end of the village. HCC were adamant that the monitors had to be fitted on existing signage posts although the Parish Council did not think that the 30mph repeater post in the hedge near the Rectory was the ideal siting for one and preferred the option of installing a new post on the opposite side of the road, just before the church. The Parish Council have been waiting for the extensions to be put on the existing posts but to date this has not happened despite chasing the Council. Someone has finally come out to look at the posts and agreed that the one in the hedge by The Rectory is not a good idea and so they are now happy that a new post is erected on the opposite side and will provide a quote for this. The Chair reported that another village had received a quote for £600 for an external party to do this which is an option the PC may consider. The post that was to be extended at the Grateley end of the village has been hit so HCC will be replacing that post with one which

already has an extension on it. The PC have the licence for the signs in place which cost £300.00 and is a one-off fee. It will not need renewing.

4. **REPORTS – WILD FLOWER SEEDING**

Cllr Whittemore informed the meeting that TVBC and Prosperity England officers who are offering grants for orchard planting and wild flower seeding, are coming out on Monday 17 November 2025 to discuss our application to establish some wild flowers on the lane to Etwall and the top of the green. Cllr Whittemore thinks that the seed will cost about £150 and that if the village get the go-ahead to plant the wild flowers volunteers may be needed to clean the areas up for planting. He would like to do the seeding before Spring, preferably in February or March. Joanna Ferguson reminded the meeting that there are snowdrops already planted around the war memorial so it would be best to plant and tidy up after the snowdrops have finished flowering. Cllr Whittemore to report back following his meeting on 17 November.

5. **FINANCE**

The Chair informed the meeting that the Parish Council have moved banks from HSBC to Lloyds.

Financial Report for August, September, October and November 2025

INCOME.		
½ Precept		£ 1,575.00
		<b>£ 1,575.00</b>
EXPENDITURE.		
Bank Charges	= £	15.05
Clerk Administration Fee	= £	320.00
Ionis – Website Hosting Fees	= £	76.80
(£19.20 a month)		
M Bailey– Village Maintenance	= £	560.00
HCC – Street Lighting	= £	97.18
HCC – FSS Licence	= £	300.00
R.N. Waterman - Years Exp + OA	= £	91.70
		<b>= £ 1,460.73</b>
<b><u>SUMMARY</u></b>		
Opening Balance 1/4/24	= £	16,391.07
+ Income – Precept April	= £	1,575.00
+ Income – Precept Sept	= £	1,575.00
		<b>= £19,541.07</b>
Less Expenditure		
April, May, June and July		885.89
Aug, Sept, Oct and Nov		1,460.73
		<b>= £2,346.62</b>
Total Cash in Bank	=	<b>£17,194.45</b>

Lloyds = £ 16,573.15  
HSBC = £ 621.30

Parish Council working Balance = £ 7,194.45  
Solar Farm Money = £ 10,000.00  
= **£17,194.45**

6. **VILLAGE HALL**

Paul Whyton had nothing to report.

7. **PLANNING**

The Chair reported that there were various tree work applications in the Parish and that there was an application in at Middlecot Stables for retention of their mobile home. The Chair had no comments to make on this.

Paul Whyton commented on how well he thought the felling of the dead and dying ash trees along Bush Lane was carried out by the landowners, with minimal disruption to the village.

**Test Valley Borough Council Draft Local Plan**

Cllr Flood talked about the Draft Local Plan, informing everyone that the consultation period closed in September. There had been over 1900 responses which are going to take the policy team a long time to work through. She was hoping that Regulation 19 would be out for consultation early summer next year. The main landowner in the Weyhill development has pulled out which will significantly affect the proposals there. Generally, there are a lot of speculative development applications in at the moment where developers are trying to take advantage of the current housing shortages.

8. **COUNTY AND BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORTS**

Borough Councillor Flood highlighted that Borough Councillor Hasselmann had already distributed their report. We should hear more about the local government re-organisation in late November. Proposals will then go out to consultation. BC Flood is hoping that the new theatre in the Chantry Centre will be built before the re-organisation. She also highlighted the resilience grants available for villages.

County Councillor Donnelly said he had nothing to report which was relevant to Quarley.

9. **PARISH COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS**

Cllr Hill reported that Highways have added Give Way signs by Bridge Cottage from Bush Farm Lane but not at the Cholderton Lane junction. It was noted that although a welcomed addition it was not requested by the Parish Council.

10. **CORRESPONDENCE.**

The was no correspondence.

**11. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.**

Mrs J Ferguson reported that the surface on the Thruxton Down Road (old A303) on the corner under the A303 Bridge is breaking up by the entrance to the Thruxton Down Farm site which seems to still be in operation. County Councillor Mr C Donnelly will speak to Councillor Phil Lashbrook about this.

Rachael de Renzy Channer spoke about the governance and operation of the Village Hall. She felt that the village would appreciate an open review of how the Village Hall is governed, its financial position and how any income is spent. This view was supported by others present. The feeling in the Village is that they are not consulted on what they want from a Village Hall. After some discussion this matter was referred to the trustees for their consideration.

**12. CLOSE OF THE MEETING.**

The Chairman thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting.

**13. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING.**

10<sup>th</sup> of February 2026 at 6.30pm in the Quarley Village Hall.