

**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE QUARLEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON  
TUESDAY 14<sup>th</sup> of April 2026 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  
Borough Councillor Mrs M Flood  
Members of the Public – 6

**1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES**

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

**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**

Test Valley Borough Council have installed the street name signs. The Chair reported that favourable comments have been received from parishioners.

**Highways – Finger Post**

Cllr Hill reported that Pip Grob had collected the finger post and he hopes to start on it soon.

**Highways – Traffic Calming**

The Clerk reported that £2,130 was paid to Hampshire County Council on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of March 2026 for the speed indicator sign posts which has cleared though the bank account. No date for installation has been given, although a road closure sign has appeared for the 24<sup>th</sup> of April 2026.

**4. REPORTS – WILDFLOWER SEEDING**

Cllr Whittemore wished to thank those who came to help plant the wildflower seeds and bulbs. Cllr Whittemore will erect a sign that was donated by Test Valley Borough Council. There are plans to expand the planting in the future.

**BRUSH CUTTER COURSE** – It was reported that Sparsholt College are running a brush cutter course at a cost of £400+. As this is local it was agreed that Cllr Whittemore would book a place.

5. **FINANCE.**  
**END OF YEAR ACCOUNTS 2025/2026.**

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31<sup>ST</sup>  
MARCH 2026

RECEIPTS	£
Precept Test Valley Borough Council	3,150.00
Lengthsman Funding	1,000.00
	<b><u>£4,150.00</u></b>

PAYMENTS	
Administration - Audit	200.00
Website	206.90
Bank Charges	35.30

Clerks Wages	960.00
Street Lighting	188.14
Village Maintenance	980.00
VAT on Payments	37.63

Flashing Speed Signs – Project	2,435.04
Insurance	747.90
	<b><u>£5,790.91</u></b>

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS SUMMARY

Balance Brought Forward 1/4/2025	16,391.07
Add Receipts	4,150.00
Add Cheque No 608 not presented from Year 2024/2025	747.90
	<b>£21,288.97</b>

Less Payments	5,790.91
	<b><u>£15,498.06</u></b>

REPRESENTED BY FUNDS.

31 <sup>st</sup> March 2026	
Lloyds Bank 52853260	£15,338.08
HSBC Bank 80686506	£159.98
	<b><u>£15,498.06</u></b>

CERTIFICATE OF EXEMPTION – AGAR 2025/2026

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 N Constable. All agreed.

ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT 2025/2026

The Clerk read out the Annual Governance Statement 2025/2026 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 2025/2026

The Annual Accounting Statement 2025/2026 was approved by the Parish Council. Proposed by Cllr S Leech and seconded by Cllr N Constable. All agreed.

### **NEW AUDIT REGULATIONS.**

The Clerk reported that Parish Councils now have to have .gov.uk email addresses and websites. This was discussed. Cllr Whittemore and Mr James Love stated that they could arrange this and transfer the current website. The Chair thanked them for this kind offer; the Parish Council will fund any expenses and on-going costs.

### **6. VILLAGE HALL**

Mr James love reported that the village hall risk assessment is due to be done on the 24<sup>th</sup> of April 2026. Bookings are not great. The Pop-Up Pub is helping to support the finances. The heating is left on low to keep the building aired. Alternative heating is being looked at, this will depend on what grants are available. Wi-Fi controlled heating is also being looked at to give more flexibility and avoid hirers leaving on the heating by mistake. There may be a wasp's nest in the roof, any reports of wasp activity around the village hall to the Trustees would be most welcome.

### **7. PLANNING**

There were no new planning applications to discuss.

SOLAR FARM – The Chairman read extracts from a recent report that appeared in the Andover Advertiser:

Lains Farm, near Andover, and South Lynch Farm, to the west of Winchester, have both been awarded long-term inflation-linked Contracts for Difference under Allocation Round 7a, giving the schemes revenue certainty and paving the way for construction as early as 2027, subject to a final investment decision. Both schemes were originally brought forward by renewables developer Innova before being acquired by energy company Uniper as part of a wider solar portfolio.

The Parish Council were unsure if this will affect the £50,000 Community Payment that had been agreed by Innova. Cllr Constable will contact his Amport Parish Council contact to see if he can clarify the situation.

### **8. BOROUGH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS.**

#### **BOROUGH COUNCILLOR MRS M FLOOD.**

- Cllr Mrs S Hasselmann's report was sent out prior to the meeting and will be posted on Facebook.
- The Government have agreed to proposals for the splitting of Hampshire under devolution. Test Valley, Winchester County Council, The New Forest and East Hampshire will form one of the unitary Authorities. It is thought that the new authority will be based in Winchester and will be financially stable (however, there is still huge pressure to finance social care). It is not envisaged that

there will be any impact on Parish Councils who will continue to operate as normal.

- Cllr Mrs M Flood urged the Parish Council and the Village Hall to apply for any grants that are going while they are available.
- Cllr Mrs M Flood spoke about dog socialising to the Countryside classes that are being held a Bury Hill Meadows. Details are available on the TVBC Website.

**9. PARISH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

The Chair reported that the Pillhill Pan Parishes Forum have received an Environment Agency award for the work they have done. A copy has been made available to all the parishes involved at a cost of £44. Quarley and Fyfield have shared the cost for one plaque that will be displayed in the Parish Office.

**10. CORRESPONDENCE.**

The was no correspondence.

**11. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.**

Following a recent accident on the A303, large numbers of vehicles including HGVs left the A303 at Bush Farm Lane to avoid the tailback and caused damages to the verges in the village. Carlos Martin reported that he had raised the issue of the lack of signage at the A303 end indicating that the road is unsuitable for HGVs and the Chair will write to Highways in support of this.

The possibility of white lines indicating road narrowing by Bridge Cottage was also mentioned as the verge is being servilely eroded. This has been raised with Highways in the past and rejected.

**12. CLOSE OF THE MEETING.**

The Chairman thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting.

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

14<sup>th</sup> July 2026 at 6.30pm in the Quarley Village Hall.

**DATES OF MEETINGS FOR THE NEXT FINANCIAL YEAR**

14<sup>th</sup> of July 2026

10<sup>th</sup> of November 2026

9<sup>th</sup> of February 2027