

Minutes of the Quarley Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 17th of October 2023 in the Quarley Village Hall at 6.00pm.

Present: Cllr S Leech - Chair
Cllr N Constable
Cllr P Doran
Cllr Y Whyton
Richard Waterman – Parish Clerk
Mr P Whyton – Village Hall Trustee
Borough Councillor Mrs S Hasselmann.
Member of the Public – 3

Apologies: Cllr L White, County Councillor Mr C Donnelly, Borough Councillor Mrs M Flood, Mrs C Rowe and Mrs R Walker.

WELCOME.

The Chair opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

PARISH COUNCIL VACANCY.

Cllr S Leech proposed that Ms Yazmin Whyton be cop-opted onto the Parish Council. This was seconded by Cllr P Doran. All agreed. Ms Yazmin Whyton signed the Declaration of Office and was welcomed onto the Parish Council.

The Chair was pleased to report that the Parish Council now has its full complement of Councillors.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST.

There were no Declarations of interest recorded.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING.

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

VILLAGE GATEWAYS – The Clerk reported that Hampshire County Council have acknowledged receipt of the letter enquiring about Village Gateways.

WAR MEMORIAL – Mr P Fletcher the stone mason that did work on the Church has carried out test patches on the war memorial to ascertain the best cleaning compound to remove the lichen without damaging the stone. The compound has been agreed and the Parish Council are waiting for the final quote.

Mr Brian Pearce has been asked to tidy up the area around the War Memorial before Remembrance Day.

DAFFODIL BULBS – The Chair wished to thank those who helped plant the Daffodil Bulbs around the village.

REPORTS.

WEBSITE – No report.

FOOTPATHS.

Cllr L White has cut some village footpaths and would welcome any feedback on other which need attention. The Chair wished to Thank Cllr L White for the excellent work she is doing, it is much appreciated by walkers in the Village.

PAN PARISH FORUM.

The Chairs of the parishes along the Pill Hill Brook meet three times a year with Southern Water to discuss ground water and sewage issues.

Southern Water have moved the repair work on private and public sewers to the South of the A303 in their continued effort to try and stop ground water infiltration.

SOLAR FARM

Cllr Mr N Constable reported that the planning application for the Solar Farm Company did not receive planning permission due to concerns about 'yellow glare' from the site from the Aviation Authority. Cllr Mr N Constable believed that the Solar Farm Company will appeal.

FINANCE.

INCOME.

TVBC ½ Precept = £ 1,575.00
= **£ 1,575.00**

EXPENDITURE.

Bank Charges = £ 19.00
Clerk Administration Fee = £ 240.00
Flower Bulbs = £ 104.00
Administration = £ 115.80
Mr B Pearce Grass Cutting = £ 90.00
Gallager Insurance = £ 739.72
= **£ 1,308.52**

SUMMARY.

Opening Balance 1/4/23 = 28,929.03
+ Income May = 2,075.00
July = 1,000.00
October = 1,575.00
= **£ 33,579.03**

Less Expenditure

May = 7,559.78
July = 1,421.46
October = 1,308.52
= **£ 10,289.76**

Total Cash in Bank = **£ 23,289.27**

Parish Council working Balance = £ 8,289.27
Solar Farm Money = £ 10,000.00
Resilience Grant = £ 5,000.00
= **£ 23,289.27**

VILLAGE HALL.

RESILIENCE PROJECT - The Chair was pleased to report that the Hall Trustees and the Parish Council have worked together and agreed terms for the Resilience Project. A copy of the signed agreement will be attached to the master copy of these minutes.

The Chair was pleased to report that the electrics have been installed to enable the switch over from mains electricity to generator if there is a power failure. A Generator has been ordered that will provide all the electricity required in the village hall. There will be a small group of 6 that will be trained to switch over to generator power and get the Village Hall up and running.

PLAY AREA – No news to report.

VILLAGE HALL TRUSTEES – Mr Paul Whyton reported:

- The pop-up coffee shop and pub are going well.
- The Village Hall Trustees have submitted several funding applications to improve the building.
- The front doors are to be replaced and a motion sensor light installed in the entrance.
- The internal lighting is to be replaced with LEDs to help save energy costs and assist with the loading when the generator is used.
- The gutters and down pipes have been cleared and this has stopped water penetration into the building.
- There is a constant list of on-going maintenance that is being addressed.
- Unfortunately, the Upholstery Club has folded, and the Trustees are advertising the availability of the hall to try and attract new bookings.
- Mr P Whyton wished to thank the volunteers who are giving their time to the Village Hall.

PLANNING.

There were no new Planning Applications to discuss.

BOROUGH COUNCILLOR MRS S HASSELMANN.

Borough Councillor Mrs S Hasselmann reported:

- Test Valley Borough Council are providing energy efficiency grants to low-income families.
- Grants are also available to assist with the purchasing of defibrillators.
- The next 'Thriving Community' workshop is to take place at Kings Somborne on the 1st of November 2023. A mapping exercise on Village Assets is planned. Following feedback from the first meeting, discussions will be Ward based.
- Test Valley Borough Council will be holding a Resilience Forum – details will be sent to the Parish Clerk.
- Due to the boundary change Quarley will no longer be in the Kit Malthouse MP constituency after the next election. Quarley will move into Caroline Nokes MP constituency. Caroline Nokes MP is planning to visit Quarley to meet residents and the Parish Council.

PARISH COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

CLLR Y WHYTON – Reported that a new flier for the Quarley Social Calender should be out soon. The publication will contain dates of events in the village and will initially be

distributed every month. The flier is an independent publication at a cost of £17 per run.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

Although not a Parish Council issue the subject of the poor postal service from the Andover Sorting Office was discussed.

CLOSE OF THE MEETING.

The Chair thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting.

DATE OF THE 2004/2005 MEETINGS.

The dates for the 2024/2025 meetings were confirmed:

23rd January 2024

9th of April 2024

16th of July 2024

19th of November 2024

11th of February 2024

6.30pm start time.

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING.

23rd of January 2024 at 6.30pm in the Quarley Village Hall.