

**Minutes of the Quarley Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday the 16th of July 2024 in the Quarley Village Hall at 6.30pm.**

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 M Flood  
County Councillor Mr C Donnelly.  
Members of the Public – 3

Apologies: Cllr L White, Borough Councillor Mrs S Hasselmann, Mrs M Hodgson, Mrs C Rowe and Mrs R Walker.

**WELCOME.**

The Chair opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

**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:

WAR MEMORIAL – The Chair reported that John Tait who has now taken over the mowing of the grass around the war memorial has taken a look at the broken posts and has suggested the following action:

- 5 new posts are purchased. These will be placed at the back of the war memorial, moving the older posts to the front so they match with the older existing posts.
- The existing chains will be cleaned and painted
- The total cost should come in under £500.

The Parish Council agreed to this expenditure and also agreed to ask Mr P Fletcher for a quote to give the war memorial a light clean.

HIGHWAYS – The Clerk reported that the street name signs have been logged with TVBC, but he had no further news on when they would be installed.

**REPORTS.**

WEBSITE – The Website is now ready to go live – [www.quarleyvillage.co.uk](http://www.quarleyvillage.co.uk)  
A photograph of the Parish Councillors will be organised to go on the website.

FOOTPATHS – Cllr L White has reported that she is cutting footpaths when time and the weather permits. Cllr L White is aware that the footpath from the Drum is overgrown, and she hopes to tackle this soon.

PAN PARISH FORUM – The Chair reported that the PPR has been renamed to 'Pillhill Pan Parish Forum'. The Pillhill lining of the sewers project is coming to an end and no tankers are currently employed. Southern Water have kept back £800,000.00 from the £2.5 Million budget to fund any further work that may be needed.

## **FINANCE.**

Financial Report May, June and July 2024

### INCOME.

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

### EXPENDITURE.

Bank Charges = £ 10.40  
Clerk Administration Fee = £ 240.00  
P Reynolds – Audit = £ 180.00  
Ionis – Website Hosting Fees = £ 57.60 (£19.20 a month)  
Mr B Pearce – Village Maintenance = £ 135.00  
**£ 623.00**

### **SUMMARY.**

Opening Balance 1/4/24 = £ 15,230.20  
+ Income = £ 1,575.00  
= **£16,805.20**

Less Expenditure

April = £86.60  
May, June and July = £623.00  
= **£ 709.60**

Total Cash in Bank = **£16,095.60**

Parish Council working Balance = £ 6,095.60  
Solar Farm Money = £ 10,000.00  
= **£16,095.60**

The Clerk reported that a new Treasurers and Deposit Account is in the process of being opened with Lloyds Bank.

## **VILLAGE HALL.**

Mr Paul Whyton reported:

- The new boiler has been fitted. The plumber carried out additional work to run the hot water system off the new boiler. The existing immersion heaters on the water tank were left in place so there is a backup.
- The Trustees have received conformation from TVBC that an extension to the grant has been granted to the end of 2024.
- 16 tons of surface dressing has been delivered for the car park – this will help to tidy up the look and fill in the dips that fill with water after rainfall.
- Quotes are being sorted to refurbish the toilets and provide a dedicated disabled toilet.
- The fire exit doors and the entrance doors are to be replaced and a new system using a key safe will be installed for the front doors.

## **RESILIENCE.**

When to fire up the generator was discussed at length:

- It was suggested as a 'rule of thumb' that if the electricity company confirm that the power will be off for more than 8 hours in the summer and 4 hours in the winter the generator should be fired up.
- The Village Hall do not want to store petrol on safety grounds and there are petrol stations nearby if prolonged usage of the generator is required.

## **PLANNING.**

24/01466/FULLN – Demolition of store, and erection of extension to provide hall, shower, bedroom and garden room – The Hayloft, Park Lane, Quarley – NO OBJECTION.

The appeal for the Retrospective Planning Application for the Thruxton Down Farm site will take place in September at the Guildhall.

Mrs Lucinda Hill reported that Home Farm received planning permission to take down the 15 deceased trees in Bush Farm Lane. There should be no disruption to traffic while the work is being done. It is hoped that a mixture of replacement trees will be looked at in the future.

SOLAR FARM – The Chair reported that the planning application for the extension to the solar farm has been re-submitted. The applicant considers they have addressed all the concerns raised by the CAA. Therefore the Community Benefit grant to the village of some £53,000.00 is back on the table. The Chair suggested that with this in mind the Parish Council should not spend any of the £10,000.00 currently held and wait until it is confirmed if we are to receive any further funding. This was agreed. Cllr Mrs M Flood stated that she will be calling the Solar Farm Planning Application to committee when it is submitted.

It was noted that Thruxton Airfield plan to increase event capacity to 80,000, extend the runway and create a party and entertainment venue. The Parish Council will keep a close eye on this.

## **COUNTY COUNCILLOR MR C DONNELLY**

Cllr Mr C Donnelly said that Hampshire County Council are re-calibrating after the recent general election and will be contacting government to discuss the £100 million shortfall in funding. A recent report has confirmed that the schools in Test Valley are of a good standard. Amport School was the top performer.

Cllr Mr C Donnelly offered a grant to cover the work to the war memorial, for which he was thanked. He stated that he will personally be going out over the summer cleaning road signs and asked that the Parish Council highlight any they would like cleaned.

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

Borough Councillor Mrs M Flood reported that all the funeral homes in Test Valley have been inspected and she was pleased to report that they are all up to standard. TVBC are putting on events every Friday during the School Holidays.

**PARISH COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS.**

There were no other issues raised that had not been already discussed.

**MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.**

Mrs Lucinda Hill spoke about the traffic plans put in place on event days at Thruxton Race Circuit. It would be helpful if local farmers were informed of road closures as this does cause problems when trying to move vehicles around the farm.

The Chair noted this and will see what she can do to help.

**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:

**19<sup>th</sup> of November 2024**

**11<sup>th</sup> of February 2025**

**8<sup>th</sup> of April 2025**

**15<sup>th</sup> of July 2025**

**18<sup>th</sup> of November 2025**

**6.30pm start time.**

**DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING.**

19<sup>th</sup> of November 2024 at 6.30pm in the Quarley Village Hall.