

Minutes of the Quarley Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday the 11th of January 2025 in the Quarley Village Hall at 6.30pm.

Present: Cllr S Leech - Chair
Cllr N Constable
Cllr Y Whyton
Cllr I Whittemore
Richard Waterman – Parish Clerk
Mr P Whyton – Village Hall Trustee
Members of the Public – 9

Apologies: Mrs C Rowe, County Councillor Mr C Donnelly and Borough Councillors Mrs M Flood and Mrs S Hasslemann.

WELCOME.

The Chair opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST.

There were no declarations of interest recorded.

PARISH COUNCIL VACANCY.

The Chair was sorry to report that due to work commitments Cllr Mr Peter Doran has tendered his resignation. The Clerk will inform Test Valley Borough Council so that the necessary documentation advertising the vacancy can be displayed. The Chair wished to thank Cllr P Doran for his contribution during his time on the Parish Council.

The Chair reported that she and Cllr N Constable had met with three potential volunteers to fill the current vacancy on the Parish Council and made their recommendation to the council. Cllr N Constable proposed that Mr Ian Whittemore be co opted onto the Parish Council. Seconded by Cllr Y Whyton. All agreed. Mr Ian Whittemore signed the Declaration of Office and was welcomed onto the Parish Council.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING.

The Chair signed the minutes of the previous meeting as a true record. Proposed by Cllr N Constable and seconded by Cllr Y Whyton. Matters arising from those minutes:

WAR MEMORIAL – Mr P Fletcher has been asked to quote to give the War Memorial a light clean in the Spring.

HIGHWAYS – The Clerk reported that the street name signs (Skew Road, Park Lane and Bush Farm Lane) should be installed by the end of the first financial quarter.

TREES – The trees that need pruning on the approach to Etwall have been reported to Arter Housing.

The overgrown tree around the street light adjacent to the Notice Board is due to be cut back within the next few days.

REPORTS.

WEBSITE – www.quarleyvillage.co.uk

Mrs M Hobson reported that the Website is running OK. The list of Councillors will be updated, and it was confirmed that Laura White will be kept on the contacts under

Footpaths. The Clerk was asked to make sure that Mrs M Hobson is sent the agenda to go on the website.

TRAFFIC CALMING

- Hampshire County Council Highways will not consider adding 30mph painted signage to the roads
- HCC Highways have been contacted to request a site evaluation for the placing of the flashing speed signs. There is a £270 fee for this service.
- Four quotes have been received for flashing speed signs - all solar powered.

COMPANY	Model	Size	Price + VAT
TWM	Mini300	549mm x 314mm	£3,652.33
Mallatite	Viasis Mini	634mm x 786mm	£2,659.00
Westcotec	Mini		£4,200.00
ElanCity	Standard	770mm x 710mm	£2,339.99

It was felt that the size of the equipment was an important factor due to narrow road through Quarley and the large farm vehicles that use the road. After a lengthy discussion it was agreed that the deciding factor will lie with the recommendation from Hampshire County Council as to where the units can be sited.

Cllr I Whittemore felt that there must be more flashing speed signs available and offered to investigate and report back to the Parish Council.

FINANCE.

Financial Report for December 2024, January and February 2025

INCOME.

VAT Refund = £ 1,508.41
£ 1,508.41

EXPENDITURE.

Bank Charges = £ 61.40
 Clerk Administration Fee = £ 240.00
 Ionis – Website Hosting Fees = £ 57.60 (£19.20 a month)
 Mr B Pearce – Village Maintenance = £ 45.00
= £ 404.00

SUMMARY.

Opening Balance 1/4/24 = £ 15,230.20
 + Income = £ 3,150.00
 + VAT Refund = £ 1,508.41
= £19,888.61

Less Expenditure

April = £86.60
 May, June and July = £623.00
 Aug, Sept, Oct and Nov = £2,057.65
 Dec, Jan and Feb = £404.00
= £ 3,171.25

Total Cash in Bank = **£16,717.36**

Parish Council working Balance = £ 6,717.36
 Solar Farm Money = £ 10,000.00
= £16,717.36

VILLAGE HALL.

Mr Paul Whyton reported:

- Bookings have been quiet over the winter but are starting to pick up again.
- An interview for a new Village Hall Trustee will be held over the next few days

PLANNING.

There were no new planning applications to discuss.

BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Borough Councillors Mrs M Flood and Mrs S Hasslemann sent their report prior to the meeting, and this was distributed to the Parish Councillors. The report will be put on the Quarley Website. Items of interest:

- Weekly food waste collections.
- Test Valley Community Resilience Forum
- Victory in Europe Day – A grant of £500 is available from Test Valley Borough Council to help parishes celebrate the event. It was agreed that the Village Hall will apply for the grant and organise a celebration party.
- Sakura Cherry Tree Project UK.

PARISH COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS.

The Chair reported that she had attended a 'Teams' Meeting organised by Test Valley Borough Council to discuss devolution. The Government are proposing a single unitary Authority to manage the Counties, the middle tier of Local Government will go (TVBC) and the unitary Authority will be governed by an elected Mayor.

Nothing has been confirmed. Parish Councils were encouraged to look at their financing for the future and start building up a healthy reserve as funding for projects and maintenance are likely to be cut.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

There were no further issues raised.

CLOSE OF THE MEETING.

The Chair thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting.

DATE OF THE 2004/2005 MEETINGS.

The dates for the 2025/2026 meetings:

8th of April 2025

15th of July 2025

11th of November 2025

10th of February 2026

6.30pm start time.

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING.

8TH April 2025 at 6.30pm in the Quarley Village Hall.