

Minutes of the Quarley Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday the 19th of November 2024 in the Quarley Village Hall at 6.30pm.

Present: Cllr S Leech - Chair
Cllr N Constable
Cllr Y Whyton
Richard Waterman – Parish Clerk
Mr P Whyton – Village Hall Trustee
Borough Councillor Mrs S Hasselmann
County Councillor Mr C Donnelly.
Members of the Public – 6

Apologies: Cllr P Doran, Borough Councillor Mrs M Flood, 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.

PARISH COUNCIL VACANCY.

The Chair reported that Cllr L White had resigned and wished to thank her for all the work she has done during her time on the Parish Council. Test Valley Borough Council have been informed of the vacancy and have issued the Vacancy Notice that is displayed in the Parish for 30 days. At the end of the 30 days TVBC will notify the Parish Council if the vacancy can be filled by co-option or if an election is required.

The Chair reported that three parishioners have expressed an interest in joining 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 – The work on War Memorial posts has been completed by Mr J Tate and Mr B Cousins who were thanked for their work. The Parish Council discussed cleaning and re-painting the chains but agreed to keep a watching brief and maybe tackle this in the future. The Clerk will ask Mr P Fletcher to quote to give the War Memorial a light clean in the Spring.

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

The Chair reported that she had spoken to Borough Councillor Mr Phil Lashbrook about the traffic plans that are put in place on event days at Thruxton Race Circuit. Cllr Mr Phil Lashbrook has been very helpful and will in future inform the Chair well in advance of Thruxton events. The Chair will put the dates on the Village Facebook Page.

REPORTS.

WEBSITE – www.quarleyvillage.co.uk

Mrs M Hobson reported that the Website is now live and running OK. The PC minutes and agendas are on the website. The Parish Council were made aware of spam Emails.

FOOTPATHS – The Chair reported that Laura White will continue to act as parish footpath warden. Mr John Tate has expressed an interest in being trained to use the brush cutter too. The Parish Clerk is exploring training courses.

TREES – It was reported that the trees on the approach to the Etwall junction on Park Lane are overgrown and need cutting back. The Clerk confirmed that the trees are the property of Aster and that he will report this to their maintenance department. It was also reported that the trees around the streetlight on the corner behind the noticeboard need cutting back as they are restricting the light from Street Light. The Clerk will report this to HCC.

FINANCE.

Financial Report August, September, October and November 2024

INCOME.

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

EXPENDITURE.

Bank Charges = £ 10.80
Clerk Administration Fee = £ 320.00
Mr Tate - War Memorial Posts = £ 500.00
Ionis – Website Hosting Fees = £ 76.80 (£19.20 a month)
Mr B Pearce – Village Maintenance = £ 251.00
Gallaghers Insurance = £ 747.90
HCC - Street Lighting = £ 109.45
R N Waterman = £ 41.70
= £ 2,057.65

SUMMARY.

Opening Balance 1/4/24 = £ 15,230.20
+ Income = £ 3,150.00
= £18,380.20

Less Expenditure

April = £86.60
May, June and July = £623.00
Aug, Sept, Oct and Nov = £2,057.65
= £ 2,767.25

Total Cash in Bank = **£15,612.95**

Parish Council working Balance = £ 5,612.95
Solar Farm Money = £ 10,000.00
= £15,612.95

2025/2026 PRECEPT.

The Parish Council discussed the Precept for 2025/2026 and agreed that there would be no increase. The Quarley Parish Council Precept for the financial year 2025/2026 was set at £3,150.

VILLAGE HALL.

Mr Paul Whyton reported:

- The fire and exit doors have been replaced.
- The next job on the list is to look at the facias and soffits of the Village Hall.
- Quotes are still being sorted to refurbish the toilets and provide a dedicated disabled toilet.
- Bookings are good and there has been a lot of enquiries for hiring the hall.
- There are now three posts missing from around the Village Green. The Chair confirmed that she had reported this to Highways on several occasions. County Councillor Mr C Donnelly stated that if the Chair copied him in on the emails to HCC Highways, he would escalate the matter.
- Mrs R Walker is standing down as a Village Hall trustee. The search for a new trustee is in progress.

PLANNING.

The appeal for the Retrospective Planning Application for the Thruxton Down Farm site is still ongoing.

Recent Planning applications in the area included:

- The provision of bigger offices and a training centre on Thruxton Race Circuit.
- Horse related facilities including stabling at Middlecott Manor.
- Heat Pump and Solar Panels at a property in Etwall, Quarley – NO OBJECTION.

SOLAR FARM – The Chair stated that the Solar Farm Planning Application does not seem to be making any progress. Thruxton Airdrome is still opposing the application and no decision has been made.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR MR C DONNELLY

Cllr Mr C Donnelly reported:

- HCC are holding a Flood Forum to look at water courses in Hampshire to identify responsibilities and to enhance their enforcement procedure.
- HCC are looking at their policies on Children with special needs.
- HCC are providing hubs for free school meals and activities during the Christmas Holidays.
- HCC and TVBC are working together to provide help to those struggling with the withdrawal of the Winter Fuel payment. Residents who have concerns should contact Citizens Advice.

BOROUGH COUNCILLOR MRS S HASSELMANN

Cllr Mrs S Hasselmann will send her report to Mandy Hobson to put onto the Website.

Cllr Mrs S Hasselmann highlighted the following points from her report:

- TVBC have made £20,000 available to help with the shortfall in the withdrawal of the Winter Fuel payment, with possible additional funding if needed.
- TVBC are holding a workshop on how Historic Buildings can be made more energy efficient.

PARISH COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS.

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

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

TRAFIC CALMING.

After a lengthy discussion on traffic calming through the village the following points were noted and agreed.

- The Parish Council will apply to HCC for a survey to position two/three posts for a flashing speed sign and a licence to operate the equipment.
- The cost of a solar powered flashing speed reminder sign that will record data will be investigated. The Parish Council will purchase one or two depending on the price, the cost coming from the existing solar farm grant.
- It was suggested that HCC are approached to ask for 30MPH to be painted on the road and a constant white line added either side of the road to narrow the road. Larger 30MPH signage was also suggested. The Clerk will investigate with Mandy Ware at Hampshire Highways.

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:

11th of February 2025

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.

11th of February 2025 at 6.30pm in the Quarley Village Hall.