

## Quarnford Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held Monday 13<sup>th</sup> August 2018

Present: Councillors G Wentworth, E Kidd, C. Candy, K Kidd, J Nash (Clerk)

08/18/01	Apologies
	Apologies were received from Geoff Tunnicliffe and Gill Heath
08/18/02	Minutes of meeting held 14 May 2018
	Minutes were approved and signed by the Chair, proposed Gary Wentworth, seconded Chris Candy
08/18/03	Matters arising
	No matters arising other than those on agenda
08/18/04	Accounts
	<p>Bank account:</p> <p>Business Reserve - £782.54 Current Account – £2578.15</p> <p>Expenditure:</p> <p>J Nash (Clerk) - £120.83 HMRC PAYE - £24.20 Quarnford Memorial Hall - £20.00 (2 x meetings) Zurich Insurance - £140 Flower Festival - £50</p> <p>Accounts were approved – Proposed: Gary Wentworth, seconded: Karen Kidd.</p> <p>It was agreed that Chris Candy should become an authorised signatory for the bank account. Janet gave him the forms to complete and he will take these to the bank.</p>
08/18/05	Playing field
	<p>Following the site meeting, a special parish council meeting had been held on 15<sup>th</sup> June at which councillors prepared a report (on file) to accompany a request to acquire the playing field for the parish. This was approved and sent to Ruth Edwards, Staffs County Council. Janet fed back subsequent email discussions with Ruth Edwards,</p> <p>It seems that, in error, the County Council's land ownership records show the access path as being on the wrong side of a wall and on Peak Park land rather than following the churchyard wall. This could potentially prove a stumbling block to the transfer. It would cost Staffs County Council in staff time and legal expenses to correct this error and it needs to be done before the field can be transferred to the PC. Instead, SCC might offer it to other landowners as there would be no issues with access. The Parish Council wondered how much this extra work for SCC would cost.</p>

	<p>There is also a problem with the path running along the side of the playground. This could potentially cause difficulties in the sale of the school.</p> <p>Councillors were very disappointed to hear that the playing field plan might not now happen and felt that it was unfair that they should be denied the field because of a mapping error in the past. They also felt that they had been misled at the site meeting, where they had been told that the path beside the old playground would be easily resolved. They had already agreed to fence it and build a gate etc, as well as maintain it into the future with volunteers.</p> <p>Janet was asked to express these concerns to Ruth Edwards and to copy Gill Heath into the response.</p>
08/18/06	Traffic problems
	<p>1 Orchard Farm. Local residents have complained to the PC that staff/visitors at Orchard Farm are driving along the lane too fast and also leaving the gate open allowing sheep to escape. They have been asked to be more considerate but this has had no impact. Janet was asked to write to the Manager on behalf of the PC to express these concerns and asking staff to be more aware.</p> <p>2. Parking. This summer it has been an issue everywhere but particularly visitors to Three Shires Head. Gary counted 12 cars on the verge near his property at Knotbury. On narrow lanes such as these it makes it very difficult to get past and also if people park opposite gates, residents have no space to turn in or out of their yards. Seems worse since the A54 was closed (till Nov). Gradbach car-park is not big enough and there is not enough parking in other areas of the parish. 'Access only' sign on Gary's road is not clear enough, and not in right position to be seen. Gary will send photos.</p> <p>Janet to feed back to Highways/Peak Park and to Gill Heath for support.</p>
08/18/07	Village events
	<p>Rose Queen raised £865  Fashion Show £405  Pig race £330  T Pot parade £30  Duck Race £930  Race night – possibly October/November  Meeting tomorrow night to discuss further plans.</p>
08/18/08	Planning
	<p>Chapel House – granted  Far Brook Farm - granted</p>
08/18/9	Highways
	<p>Corner Flash bottom – still not repaired  Gradbach Mill junction. Lack of line causes confusion. Road badly broken up  School to Church. New potholes appearing every day.</p> <p>All of these have been reported previously. Janet to report again.</p>

08/18/10	Correspondence
	Request from Douglas Macmillan Hospice for contribution. Councillors felt that at the moment finances are too stretched to be able to help.
08/18/11	Any other business
	Karen Kidd was welcomed as a new councillor. Janet will provide paperwork for her at the next meeting.
08/18/12	Date and time of next meeting
	Monday November 12 <sup>th</sup> . 7.30 in Memorial Hall