



QUEEN CAMEL PARISH COUNCIL

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**Minutes of the Full Parish Council Meeting held via Zoom Conference Call
Facilities on Monday 11th January 2021 at 7:30pm**

Public Question Time

There were 12 members of the public virtually in attendance during the Zoom meeting.

Immediately prior to the meeting members of the public were provided with the opportunity to speak. Members of the public were asked speak for up to the prescribed 15 minutes in total. 3no. members of public spoke about:

- the suggested, informally consulted upon, proposal to provide bollards at Blackwell Road including removal from sat-nav, "rat-runs" and safety as the priority.
- QCPC was asked to acknowledge receipt of the Playing Field Committee (PFC) accounts, development plan and draft lease early October 2020; that the PFC has been paid rent; and that the Council should reconsider the decision of the Finance Committee to put Grant 2020/21 on hold.

Present: Vice Chairman Sue Gettings, together with Councillors Brian Hewlett, Dan Hewlett, Kathy Grainger, John Brendon, Bryan Norman and Jude Coggins

Also Present: County and District Councillor Mike Lewis and Parish Clerk and RFO Stephen Hill.

01/01 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Councillor Baker and Councillor Thornewell.

02/01 Declarations of interest

Councillor Gettings declared a personal interest with respect to the Playing Field Committee. Councillor Grainger declared a personal interest with respect to Blackwell Road.

03/01 Minutes of the previous meetings to be confirmed as correct

Council approved as a correct record the minutes of the previous meetings held on 14th December 2020 to be signed by the Chair at a later date.

It was resolved to approve the minutes of the meetings held on Monday 14th December 2020, as an accurate record of the meetings.

For 7, Against 0, Abstained 0

<http://queencamelpc.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/DRAFT-Minutes-14th-December-2020.pdf>

04/01 Action Points from Previous Meeting (all other matters are on the Agenda)

- The Grants & Donations Policy, Procedures and Application Form (14 December 2020) have been included on the Council's website.
- The Community Benefit Fund terms of reference and grant application procedure (14 December 2020) have been included on the Council's website.
- SSDC has been provided with the Council's consultation comments on Planning Applications.
- The Flood Committee (Working Group) has been provided with the Council's decisions arising from its minutes of meeting 23 November 2020.
- SCC has been provided with Council's decision not to support SCC's proposal for Blackwell Road (refer to item 09/01 b).

- The Neighbourhood Watch (NW) group has been asked for its opinion on the best organisational function, for the relationship between NW and the QCPC (planned to be considered by Council 8 February 2021).

05/01 To receive County and District Councillor reports.

- Covid-19 update and the vaccination programme; SSDC and SCC staff seconded to Covid-19 or furloughed;
- suggesting putting generic phone no. on Noticeboards;
- phosphates remains an issue, not resolved at the moment;
- SSDC East Area Committee has been cancelled;
- round 1 Climate Emergency Community Fund assessment by SCC has been delayed.

06/01 Applications for bids to SCC Climate Emergency Community Fund

SCC has opened (1 October 2020) the opportunity for bids to its £1m Climate Emergency Community Fund. Council received an update following appointment of a Working Group to prepare bid/s and decided to approve drafting of bids (at its meeting 14 December 2020) for submission by 12 January 2021. Council received an update on those applications. There was a query about costs quoted for heat pump and solar panel for Memorial Hall. <https://www.somerset.gov.uk/waste-planning-and-land/climate-emergency/somerset-climate-emergency-community-fund-2020-2021/>

07/01 Parish Council Noticeboards

A quote has been provided from a local company for new and relocation of Noticeboards compared with book price for proprietary Noticeboards.

It was resolved to aim to bid to the Community Benefit Fund for new and relocated Noticeboards.

For 7, Against 0, Abstained 0

08/01 Update on lease to Playing Field Committee and Working Group

Council received an update on renewal of the lease from the Parish Council to the Playing Field Committee (PFC); the transfer of other adjacent land; a Grant 2020/21 and agreed that Members of the (previous) Working Group meet with the PFC (Councillors Brendon, Norman and Baker).

09/01 Highway Works

a) Wales Bridge

Council heard that SCC highway/bridge team has not updated on planned works to Wales Bridge (Clerk and County Councillor to follow up).

b) Blackwell Road, Gason Lane and Traits Lane

Following Council 14 December 2020 and feedback to SCC, no response has to date been provided by SCC. Council noted the impact of the decision to upgrade the A303. It was agreed that Councillors Norman and D Hewlett meet on site with County Councillor Lewis and member of public.

c) Drains and Culvert A359

Following Council 14 December 2020 Council has not received a feedback from SCC after Flood Committee 23 November 2020.

10/01 Footpaths and Environment

The QC Environment Warden (Councillor Grainger) updated Council on works to improve footpaths including at Dark Lane.

11/01 Planning Applications

There were no Planning Applications for consultation nor need to report Recommendations to the District Council.

12/01 Notification of Planning Applications

Council noted the Planning Applications about which the Council has received Notification but is not required to be consulted.

13/01 Previous Planning Applications

Council noted the Planning Applications which have been Decided (Permitted, Permitted with Conditions, Refused, Permission not Required) or Pending Decision.

14/01 Correspondence (not included elsewhere in the Agenda)

none

15/01 Draft Budget 21/22

Council considered the draft budget 21/22, which was considered by Finance Committee 2 December 2020 and Full Council 14 December 2020. Council is asked to decide the Budget 2021/22 and Precept 2021/22 £17,819.

a. Council resolved to agree the budget 2021/22.

For 7, Against 0, Abstained 0

b. Council resolved to agree the Precept 2021/22 at £17,819.

For 7, Against 0, Abstained 0

16/01 To Authorise Accounts for Payment (December 2020)

Council authorised payments.

For 7, Against 0, Abstained 0

Clerk December 2020 Salary 1/12/20-31/12/20 £353.41 (inc £33.50 Home Office Allowance)

HMRC PAYE £79.80

PATA Payroll services (Set-up plus Oct, Nov, Dec 2020) £43.25

Meeting ended 20:55

Date of next meeting – The next Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 8th February 2021. All items to be considered for inclusion on the agenda must be received by the Clerk by **9.00am on Thursday 4th February 2021.**

Signed.....*S. Jettings*.....

Date*18/01/21*.....