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Minutes of the meeting held in the Village Hall on the **19 November 2024** which started at 7:00pm and the following business was transacted.

Present: Cllrs. Javes (Chair) Shellard, Core, Loucaides, Padbury.

1 member of the public. The Clerk

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- **19-11-1 CHAIRMANS ANNOUNCEMENTS** were made.
- **19-11-2 APOLOGIES** for absence received and approved for

Cllr. Rooks

- **19-11-3** There were no **DISPENSATION** requests and no **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** on items on the agenda.
- 19-11-4 It was **RESOLVED** to approve **MINUTES** of the meeting held on 17 September 2024
- **19-11-5** The **WARD COUNCILLOR** was unable to make the meeting.
- **19-11-6 POLICIES** of the Council were discussed and due to new legislation, the council will need to adopt a new policy for Sexual Harassment. The Local association is working on a template, and this should be introduced in January 2025.
- **19-11-7 ITEMS MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISH TO RAISE** were discussed.

A resident has asked that the Parish Council assist with a complaint, sent in writing, regarding the recent bus timetable changes. The council, together with the Ward councillors, are already involved in the issue and the letter will be forwarded to the bus company and the Ward councillors for comment.

19-11-8 PLANNING APPLICATIONS were reviewed.

Manor Oak Homes

A meeting was held between the local councils involved in the proposed development together with Daniel Callis from Planning at WNC to try and gain information regarding the status of the application. It is not expected to be heard until the first quarter of 2025 and could be as late as May 2025.

The Government is reviewing the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) which may have an impact on planning decisions, but this may not be ready in time for the hearing of the Manor Oak application.

19-11-9 It was **RESOLVED** to approve the **FINANCE REPORT** for the 7 Months to 31 October 2024, and to approve **PAYMENTS** of the attached accounts and approve adjustments to the Asset Register as below.

It was **RESOLVED** to approve opening a deposit account with Unity Trust Bank.

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the Clerk's Pay Award for 2024-25 an increase from £15.21 to £15.84 per hour.

19-11-10 To review the **COMMUNITY FUND**.

The **REMEMBRANCE AREA** ideas were discussed together with a proposed location. The Council approved the proposed location (Village Green) subject to further investigations regarding the power cable that runs across the Village Green. The council also requested that a "Terms of Reference" should be put in place.

19-11-11 To review any other **MEETINGS ATTENDED**.

Cllr. Javes attended the local Climate Summit and has circulated the details.

The council met with Acorn Bioenergy who will be running the Anaerobic Digestion Facility near Courteenhall (East Lodge). The company will have a scheme in place which gives funding to local communities for projects which benefit the community, similar idea to the Wind Farm Community Fund. Once up and running (September 2025) funds will be made available to Courteenhall and Quinton through a "Committee" made of residents and the Parish Councils. Once more information is available details will be published

19-11-12 WORKING PARTY reports were reviewed, and a comprehensive study was made of the available options regarding speed reduction / traffic calming through the village. The council is awaiting the outcome of speed / traffic data collections, once received and application will be made to Highways for some additional traffic calming options on Wootton Road.

The hedgerow on Wootton Road has not been cut for some time, the Clerk will follow up with the landowner.

The hedge on both sections of the Village Green will need some attention in the new year, the Clerk will ask for quotations for the work.

- 19-11-13 The BUDGET for 2025/26 was discussed and it was noted that a Church Grant has been applied for. This will be discussed, and a decision will be made at the budget meeting in January.
- 19-11-14 It was **RESOLVED** to approve a new **GRASS CUTTING** contract, the successful company will be notified in due course.
- 19-11-15 CORRESPONDENCE / CONSULTATION DOCUMENTS were reviewed.

It was agreed that the council would renew its subscription to CPRE at £36.00.

Elections 2025 were discussed, and the Clerk advised the process will begin in January, all councillors will need to stand for election.

Dog Fouling was again discussed and if anyone has any information regarding the owners of dogs that foul, they should advise the Clerk.

19-11-16 To receive **ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING** on 21 January 2025.

Budget Elections Bus Services Traffic Calming

19-11-17 Meeting **CLOSED at 8:45pm**.

John Scott

Clerk to Quinton Parish Council

Members of the public are welcome at all meetings of the Council and an opportunity to speak will be given at the appropriate time within the meeting. Members of the public may also address the Council upon individual items listed on the agenda for a period not longer than 3 minutes provided that three clear days' notice is given to the Parish Clerk of the intention. Parish Council meetings are held in a public place and attendees need to be aware that under new legislation the meeting may be recorded and/or photographs taken. If any member of the public intends to record or take photographs, as a courtesy will you please declare this at the beginning of the meeting.

Accounts to be approved and paid.

Payments Made Since the Last Meeting

Aug-24	N J Blackwell	1410	173.10	34.62	207.72	Grass Cutting	18-Sep	947524904
Sep-24	Villa Hall (Stipend)	124/35	1,000.00	-	1,000.00	Grants for Stipend	18-Sep	443267337
Sep-24	Clerk Salary September		251.29		251.29	Staff Costs	18-Sep	474221727
Sep-24	HMRC		62.60		62.60	Staff Costs	18-Sep	655639860
Sep-24	N J Blackwell	1439	173.10	34.62	207.72	Grass Cutting	10-Oct	571970373
Oct-24	N Power	IN11631095	246.37	12.32	258.69	Electricity Supply	14-Oct	DD
Sep-24	Unity Bank		18.00	-	18.00	Bank Charges	30-Sep	DD
Oct-24	Unity Bank		5.40		5.40	Bank Charges	31-Oct	DD
Oct-24	Clerk Salary October		251.29		251.29	Staff Costs	31-Oct	889502056
Oct-24	HMRC		62.60		62.60	Staff Costs	31-Oct	945176911