



Quainton Village Society

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Dear QVS supporter,

Newsletter 2019/1

The Chairman's Newsletter – by which I try to bring you up to date with some of the actions and activities of QVS since I last wrote to you.

Membership

In a remarkably successful year for QVS, membership has now risen above the 'magic' 200 mark and is still rising. I believe that this is a testament to the relevance of QVS and its worth within our community.

It is also a tribute to those members of QVS who have taken our message and values to our community and especially made a welcome for newcomers to our lovely village.

Planning

Orchard Farm – now re-named Heritage Farm Park

Quainton Parish Council still awaits a response on the Permitted Development issues from Philip Dales, AVDC enforcement!

The Parish Council have now visited the site with Mr. Aldridge, the new owner of Heritage Farm Park, and have discussed with him the legal status of the buildings that have been erected on the site. Mr. Aldridge's intentions for his use of the site will, hopefully, eventually become clearer.

2) Trail Flatt farm – The appeal hearing against AVDC's enforcement notice has now been postponed until further notice.

3) Land behind 151 Station Road – The application to build 80 houses on this site was refused, and so was a subsequent proposal to reduce the number of houses to 40.

The appeal against the latter refusal by AVDC has currently been set for 12 March 2019 - please see my email dated 28 February 2019

4) Land between Seechfield and 62 Station Road – A decision has been delayed on the application to erect 13 houses on this site but it is believed that the S106 agreement may soon be finalised to allow the project to proceed.

March Social evening

Heavier rainfall and 'Flash' flooding – Droughts killing plants and cracking the earth in our gardens – Increased skin cancer risks due to increased levels of ultra violet radiation – Surely, we must all be aware by now that our climate is changing.

Governments talk about it, International conferences try to legislate



and even our schoolchildren went on strike recently in protest at the lack of action being taken to lessen Mankind's impact on our planet.

But what can we do about it? We certainly can't just ignore it!

Please come to our Social Evening on 12 March 2019 at 7.30pm in Quinton's Memorial Hall to hear Chris Beales, the Chairman of the Reading Climate Change Partnership talk.

You will be most welcome and we will, as usual, be serving wine and refreshments. Non-members are welcome subject to a modest charge of £4.

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HS2

On the evening of 27 February 2019, QVS members joined well over 300 people who attended the demonstration at Calvert against HS2's wanton destruction of the hedgerows and vegetation on a site in excess of 250 acres at Steeple Claydon. This destruction is set to go ahead, even though we are now in the nesting season and, importantly, when we are told that there are still no plans or costings for the majority of this phase of the line! The policy being adopted by HS2 appears to be one of 'destroy first and plan later'.

There will be a further meeting, this time at Steeple Claydon, on 7 March 2019.

Future Events

We will let you know in good time about what we are planning for 2019 and look forward to your company and to your continuing support.

Yours sincerely

Martin Jacobs