

**MINUTES OF QUENDON & RICKLING PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 13TH DECEMBER 2023 AT 7.30 PM.**

Present: Tom Duncan – (TDN) Chairman
Philip Sowter – (PS)
Sue Joannou - (SJ)

County Cllr Ray Gooding (RG)
Keith Williams (KW)-Parish Clerk
2 members of the public

1377. Declarations of Interest

None

1378. Apologies for Absence

Gari Spearpoint - (GS)
Caroline Mackrill – (CM)
Cllr Neil Hargreaves
Cllr Judy Emanuel
Cllr Ray Gooding

1379. Minutes of the last meeting held on 8th November 2023 (already circulated)

The minutes of the last meeting were agreed as a true and accurate record and were signed by the Chairman.

1380. Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting on 8th November 2023

Pegasi is in the process of recruiting a replacement for Robert Timmins.

1381. Public participation session

Can something be done about the state of the ground in front of the post box?

1382. Correspondence

The light opposite The Lilacs has still not been fixed.
UK Power Networks has confirmed that it will be trimming the yew tree at Yew Tree Cottage that overhangs the powerline.

1383. Planning

UTT/23/3058/HHF-32 Coney Acre, Brick Kiln Lane
Proposed single storey side and rear extensions and proposed new porch

No objections.

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1384. Finance

a. Accounts balances (already circulated).

Noted.

b. Invoices and payments for approval.

The payments were approved.

c. Agree precept for 2024/2025

A precept of £14203 was agreed. The parish clerk will notify UDC.

FINANCE REPORT for NOVEMBER 2023

Balance b/f @ 31/10/2023

42560.71

Payments to be authorised for November 2023

Payee	Chq No	Amount	Reason
Payroo	Already paid	6.00	Payroll expenses for September 2023
Parish Online	Already paid	45.00	Digital mapping
Payroo	Already paid	6.00	Payroll expenses for October 2023
James Penrose	Already paid	220.00	Grass cutting to 15/11/23
npower	dd	95.17	Electricity for October 2023
Keith Williams	online	386.76	Salary for November 2023
Keith Williams	online	96.60	PAYE for November 2023
GWB Horticulture	online	750.00	Ground maintenance
Ted Crow	online	114.84	Pitch marking paint
Ted Crow	online	170.00	Allocation payments November 2023
Ted Crow	online	120.00	Matchday preparations November 2023
Ted Crow	online	70.00	Matchday preparations October 2023
Ted Crow	online	185.00	Allocation payments October 2023
Local Toilet Hire	online	132.00	Football pitch toilet hire
Ted Crow	online	54.99	Respect barrier
Total Payments for November 2023		2452.36	
Balance at 30/11/2023		40108.35	
Football Pitch income		70.00	
Marquee hire		50.00	
VAT refund		783.07	
Balance c/f at 30/11/2023		41011.42	

Please note: The payment to HMRC and was made by the parish clerk and is being reimbursed.

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1385. Events

Christmas Tree

The tree has been installed by the pub and was accompanied by a band and a visit from Father Christmas.

1386. Footpaths update

GS submitted this report in his absence.

- PROW paths in general, no issues reported requiring action.

1387. B1383 update

GS submitted this report in his absence.

- B1383; from Ray; "Firstly, I will have to give my apologies for next weeks meeting because I have to attend the Uttlesford Civic Ceremony in my role as Vice Chairman of Essex but I will of course update you before the meeting.

I am currently trying to sort out the date to meet with the Engineer and will let you know as soon as that is arranged. Obviously a busy time at the moment particularly as the engineer is responsible for arranging the gritting across the County and that is never as simple as it sounds.

Just to let you know though I will be meeting with Kemi and her assistant Jon on Friday this week. I know that it is Jon who has been working on this for her so I will update him and will let you know the outcome of the conversation."

1388. Capital Projects for the Village

SJ will pursue this and sound out potential projects. Repairs and re-decoration of the Village Hall have already been suggested, plus improvements to the toilet facilities. Replacement of the posts around the cricket green will also be added to the projects list.

1389. Neighbourhood Plan

The open consultation is about to begin. A decision has been made that no Quendon and Rickling development sites will be included in the Neighbourhood Plan consultation,.

1390. Pond maintenance

Before the maintenance can commence an investigation needs to be made by an expert to establish the presence or otherwise of great crested newts. This is may not happen until Spring.

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1391. County and District Councillor reports

Cllr Neil Hargreaves (report submitted in his absence)

We had a zoom meeting with Pegasi on Tuesday. A little disappointing in that they provided no further detail on their proposed development.

However, in response to the two points we wanted to raise, they did declare firstly that they will be going ahead with submitting a planning application to UDC, probably around June next year. Secondly, when asked if/when they would be presenting to the Parish, they replied that they would like to and that maybe in February or March.

The Parish Council met last night and have decided that they do not wish to include any development sites within Q & R in the Neighbourhood Plan. There is a strong feeling that the local community will not favour the Pegasi proposals but there would be an opportunity to make comment whenever Pegasi submitted their application later next year.

1392. Agree new Parish Clerk pay scale

The new pay scale was agreed and will be implemented from December 2023, back-dated to April 2023.

1393. Date of next meeting

10th January 2024

1394. Closure of meeting

There being no further items to be discussed, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 20.49.

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