

**MINUTES OF QUENDON & RICKLING PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 9th FEBRUARY 2022 AT 7.30 PM.**

Present: Sally Kitcat – (SK) Chairman
Tom Duncan – (TDN)
Jennie Sutton – (JS)
Katherine Nuthall - (KN)
Carrie Williams- (CW)
Gari Spearpoint – (GS)

Keith Williams – (Parish Clerk) (KW)
1 member of the public

991. Declarations of Interest

None

992. Apologies for Absence

District Councillor Judy Emanuel – (JE)
District Councillor Neil Hargreaves – (NH)

993. Minutes of the last meeting held on 12th January 2022 (already circulated)

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

994. Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting on 12th January 2022

- CW has been looking into suitable entertainment for the Queens Jubilee celebrations, including music groups.
- It has not yet been decided whether a beacon will be lit.
- The budget for the celebrations will be decided at the next monthly meeting.

995. Resignation of parish councillor

Carrie Williams announced her resignation from the parish council with immediate effect. SK, on behalf of the whole parish council, thanked her for her contribution during her period as councillor.

The parish clerk will advise UDC, and will post the normal vacancy notice.

996. Public participation session

None.

997. Correspondence

An emailed report has been received from District Councillor Neil Hargreaves.

- The Dept for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC) has taken over control from UDC for planning applications. This means that developers of sites that are either of 10 homes or more, or greater than 1 hectare, can bypass UDC and seek approval directly from the Planning Inspectorate, which is an agency of DLUHC.
- 16.5% of Uttlesford's refused planning applications have been overturned on appeal.
- At UDC we are working with DLUHC to understand what process they want to use and what it takes for local residents to be able to decide for themselves again.
- Parish councils should continue to respond to planning applications and look out for guidance from UDC as the DLUHC makes it clear how they'd like the new process to work.
- All consultees and residents only get 21 days to respond to applications. If refused, applicants cannot appeal.

An email was received from David Ball thanking the Parish Council for its work on behalf of the village community

998. Finance

a. Accounts balances (already circulated).

Noted.

b. Invoices and payments for approval.

The payments were approved.

FINANCE REPORT for JANUARY 2022

Balance b/f @ 31/12/2021

41524.44

Payments to be authorised for January 2022

Payee	Chq No	Amount	Reason
Ted Crow (already paid)	online	9.50	Hazard warning tape
Payroo (already paid)	online	6.00	Payroll expenses
Quendon & Rickling Village Hall (already paid)	online	157.00	Hall hire and defibrillator Clerk's salary January 2022
Keith Williams (already paid)	online	359.97	
HMRC (Keith Williams)	online	90.00	PAYE for January 2022 Access to Cricketers Arms
George Draper (already paid)	online	250.00	
Local Toilet Hire (already paid)	online	127.20	Football pitch toilet hire
Ted Crow (already paid)	online	15.38	Grass marking paint
Total Payments for January 2022 [215/2022]		1015.05	

Balance @ 31/01/2022	40509.39
VAT refund	766.56
Pumpkin competition	58.00
Football Pitch hire	305.00
Balance c/f @ 31/01/2022	41638.95

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

999. Replacement contractor for grass maintenance

A contractor has been appointed at a rate of £190 per month agreed.

1000. Planning

1. UTT/21/3743-4/HHF – Rickling House, Cambridge Road

Replacement of existing timber conservatory and roof and windows, of the leisure complex.

No objections.

2. UTT/22/0132/HHF – 1 Rickling House Cottages, Rickling Green Road

Proposed extension to and conversion of garage to annexe.

Objection. The size of the planned extension is too big in our view and it detracts from the Grade II Listed cottage and its setting.

1001. Footpaths and responsibilities

GS has been investigating and has been in contact with a Public Rights of Way (PROW) official who has offered to visit the various footpaths to see what action needs to be taken. GS will arrange dates.

1002. Local community meeting with Pegasi

The letters have been distributed amongst residents advising them of the meeting with Pegasi on Thursday 24th February at 7.15pm in the Quendon & Rickling Primary School Hall. There will be an Extraordinary Parish Council meeting first at which a Pegasi representative will be invited to address the Parish Council, followed by an open meeting with residents.

1003. B1383

KN has had no further update since the 20th January. We do not have a start date for the implementation of the Quendon Traffic Calming Scheme.

[216/2022]

There is still some disagreement with Highways regarding the type of bollards to be installed. Highways want plastic but the Parish Council is insisting on cast iron as this is within the Conservation Area. We are waiting for confirmation Highways are installing Cast Iron Bollards.

We are awaiting to find out when the Traffic Speed Survey pre-implementation of the traffic calming scheme will be done.

a) Second LHP submission

Phase II LHP request for tackling speeding and dangerous manoeuvres along the Cambridge Road was submitted to Highways 18th January. County Councillor Ray Gooding has asked Highways and the LHP panel to review installation of the island that has been omitted from the Quendon Traffic Scheme.

1004. Litter Pick

JS advised that the last pick went well and there have been more volunteers. 5 bags were filled.

1005. Meeting with Uttlesford District Council CEO Peter Holt

TDN and SK met with Peter Holt (PH). PH would like more feedback on UDC's operations. He would like to further engage parish councils.

1006. Consider financing a noticeboard requesting that parents leave access near school for local residents

No agreement was made on this. It will be discussed again in the future.

1007. County and District Councillor reports

District Cllr Neil Hargreaves (report submitted)

- A new head of the Planning Dept is being sought.
- There is a proposal for the Council Tax to rise by £5 per year, based on band D properties.
- Council house rents are proposed to increase by 4.9%.
- The largest component of council income comes from the commercial investment portfolio. However new government rules will restrict how much of this commercial investment income local authorities can use to support local council services.
- The consensus from UDC senior finance staff is that the finance reduction could be limited to £4 million after four years.

1008. Date of next meeting

9th March 2022

1009. Closure of meeting

There being no further items to be discussed, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 21.18.

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