

**MINUTES OF QUENDON & RICKLING PARISH COUNCIL VIRTUAL MEETING
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 8TH JULY 2020 AT 7.30 PM. BY ZOOM ONLINE.**

Present: Sally Kitcat – Chairman (SK)
Carrie Williams – (CW)
Ted Crow – (TC)
Tom Duncan – (TDN)
Ele Stoneham (ES)
Katherine Nuthall (KN)
Tony Dear (TD)

Neil Hargreaves (NH)- District Councillor
Ray Gooding (RG) – (County Councillor)
Keith Williams – (KW) (Parish Clerk)

1 member of the public.

661. Declarations of Interest

None.

662. Apologies for Absence

None

663. Minutes of the last meeting held on 10th June 2020 (already circulated)

The minutes of the last meeting held on 10th June 2020 were agreed as a true and accurate record.

664. Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting on 10th June 2020

- The £500 grant to Rickling Ramblers was cancelled.
- The UDC Garden Waste facility will cost £70 for one hour, with the skip left on a Saturday between 2.30 and 3.30. TDN will investigate further.
- The response to the planning application discussed at the last meeting was submitted to UDC Planning and is included on their website.

665. Public participation session

Mr Richard White expressed his disappointment that the Parish Council chose to object to the planning application referred to.

666. Finance

- a. **Account balances (already circulated).**
Noted.
- b. **Invoices and payments for approval.**
Approved.

[135/2020]

FINANCE REPORT for JUNE 2020

Balance b/f @ 31/05/20 53597.17

Payments to be authorised for June 2020

Payee	Chq No	Amount	Reason
Unity Bank	1150	500.00	Opening deposit - Unity Trust Bank
e-on	dd	58.30	Electricity for May 2020
Payroo (Keith Williams)	1147	6.00	Payroll expenses
Durant Cricket	1153	1980.00	Purchase of cricket net
Thelma Wilson	1152	34.00	Flowers for fountain trough
Edward Crow	1155	1600.00	Purchase of mower
Stuart Michael Associates	1156	2820.00	Highways survey
Brian Blackwell	1157	160.00	Grass cutting
Keith Williams	1158	343.72	Clerk salary for June 2020
HMRC (Keith Williams)	1159	85.80	PAYE June 2020

Total Payments 7587.82

Balance c/f @ 30/06/20

Lloyds	46,009.35
Unity Trust	500.00

Total 46,509.35

Please note: The payments to HMRC and Payroo were made by the parish clerk and are being reimbursed.

Payment of £500 was for opening deposit of Unity Trust Bank a/c.

c. Unity Bank

The Parish Clerk confirmed that the account was now open. There were two more forms requiring signature following which the balance in the Lloyds Bank account can be transferred to Unity Trust Bank.

667. Correspondence

A communication had been received from Strutt and Parker regarding development proposals. They propose building housing estates totalling between 150 and 180 houses between the football pitch and Belchams Lane and land off Brick Kiln Lane. No plans or documentation were supplied. Cllr Hargreaves advised that the football pitch site had been rejected in the now withdrawn Local Plan and had been reassessed for the Neighbourhood Plan and was also rejected. There was unanimous objection to development of such large scale in the village.

CW has been contacted by a villager noting that recycling does not include ink cartridges. Could the PC set up a facility for collection of same? TC will make enquiries to see what arrangements UDC offers for recycling of ink cartridges, batteries and the like.

ES has received an enquiry asking if the goal posts on the football pitch can be re-erected for use by children. He would consider setting up a five-a-side pitch away from the main pitches.

668. Stonebond Contribution Grant

- The cricket cage has been purchased.
- A grant request of £150 from the Community Café was agreed.
- The Bowls Club would like to replace the carpet in the clubhouse with composite flooring. This would make the venue suitable for hired events. A grant of £2000 towards the cost of the flooring was agreed.

669. Football Pitch

TC provided an update. Some of the points are as follows;

- A sanitiser station has been installed.
- The goal posts have been repaired.
- The pitches are being prepared for next season.
- There will be girls football training.
- TC had received very complimentary comments on the condition of the pitch.
- A portaloo will be needed by 12th August when the season resumes. This was agreed.

670. Neighbourhood Watch

No volunteers have yet come forward.

671. Ponds

TDN advised that various ponds are currently nearly dry. Can they be dredged to allow more water to enter? SK advised that they had been dredged previously some years ago. She will speak to Graham of Maces Farm and Rickling Hall to see if something can be done.

672. Noticeboards

Renovation has been completed and old faded posters removed. A new village map will be required when the building developments have been completed.

673. B1383

a) Quendon Trees

The operative responsible for watering the trees believes all the trees are dead. The officer with responsibility for these trees at ECC is sick leave. SK will pursue the matter with the authority.

RG said to let him have photographs and he will pursue the matter with ECC.

b) Highways Survey

KN advised that residents have been commenting on the report although there have not actually been many comments thus far.

674. County and District Councillor reports

Neil Hargreaves (District Councillor)

- There is specific reference to Quendon and Rickling residents in the Neighbourhood Plan.
- On the subject of the Neighbourhood Plan, the alterations have been completed. There are some contentious issues which it is hoped will be resolved in the next two to three weeks.

Ray Gooding (County Councillor)

- Covid-19 is still taking a lot of Council time. There are currently 1307 people in Essex hospitals. West Essex appears to be the worst affected area, and near the M11.
- 90% of children are back at school.
- Adult learning resumes on the 9th July.

675. Date of next meeting

9th September 2020. [Note: There is no meeting currently scheduled for August].

676. Closure of meeting

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

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