

DRAFT MINUTES OF QUENDON & RICKLING PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 8TH JUNE 2022 AT 7.30 PM.

Present: Tom Duncan – (TDN) Chairman
Katherine Nuthall - (KN)
Gari Spearpoint – (GS)
Jennie Sutton – (JS)
Philip Sowter – (PS)
Robert Ryder – (RR)
Ljiljana Ortolja-Baird – (LOB)

County Councillor Ray Gooding (RG)

Keith Williams (KW)-Parish Clerk
2 members of the public

1072. Declarations of Interest

None

1073. Apologies for Absence

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

1074. Minutes of the last meeting held on 11th May 2022 (already circulated)

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

1075. Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting on 11th May 2022

Chris Phillips had installed some solar lights for the Jubilee. These were very successful and will be left up on the fountain. Comments from residents will be monitored.

1076. Public participation session

- Is anything further known about the Call for Sites? No dates yet known.
- Is there any more information on Pegasi's intentions? There is nothing definite to date.

1077. Resignation of parish councillor

Katherine Nuthall announced her resignation from the parish council. The parish clerk will advise UDC who will be asked to issue the usual vacancy advice form, which will be posted to the website and noticeboards.

1078. Correspondence

- There has been a suggestion to organise a Boundary Walk around the village. This is something which can be considered for next year.
- Will the parish council provide funding for decoration of the fountain this Christmas? This will be discussed at the next monthly meeting.
- An enquiry has been made regarding hire of the marquee. The parish clerk will contact the enquirer and advise that the charge is £75 with the hiree being responsible for erecting and dismantling the marquee. There will be a refundable deposit of £100. A suitable rental agreement will be prepared.
- The Welcome Pack has been fully updated and a copy sent to a new resident.

1079. Finance

a. Accounts balances (already circulated).

Noted.

b. Invoices and payments for approval.

The payments were approved.

c. Sign off AGAR Certificate of Exemption

The Internal Audit having been completed, the Certificate of Exemption was signed by the Chairman and Responsible Financial Officer.

FINANCE REPORT for MAY 2022

Balance b/f @ 30/04/2022

44277.27

Payments to be authorised for May 2022

Payee	Chq No	Amount	Reason
Ted Crow (already paid)	online	43.30	Mower fuel
			Allocation payments
Ted Crow (already paid)	online	50.00	April
Ted Crow (already paid)	online	50.00	Matchday preparations April
Designer Metal (already paid)	online	72.00	Tree guard
Payroo	online	6.00	Payroll expenses
Npower	dd	64.52	Electricity for April 2022
Ted Crow	online	20.00	Matchday preparations May
Ted Crow	online	100.00	Allocation payments May (1)
Carrie Williams	online	21.00	Temporary Event Notice
Gallagher Insurance (already paid)	online	680.83	Insurance renewal premium
Keith Williams	online	359.13	Salary for May 2022
HMRC (Keith Williams)	online	89.80	PAYE for May 2022
			Grass
James Penrose	online	220.00	cutting
Ted Crow	online	80.00	Allocation payments for May (2)
Ted Crow	online	82.84	Football pitch expenses
Robert Rudd	online	180.00	Removal of elder and planting tree
Folies	online	210.00	Planters for fountain
G L Parry (Voice Box)	online	1,282.50	Jubilee entertainment
Total Payments for May 2022		3611.92	
Football pitch receipts		0.00	
Precept (first instalment)		0.00	
Balance @ 31/05/2022		40665.35	

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

1080. Planning

- a. **UTT/22/1300/LB-Laundry Cottage, Cambridge Road**
Proposed replacement windows and door.

No objections.

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1081. Events

a. Jubilee Picnic

The Picnic was a great success. The parish council would like to thank Katherine Nuthall and Carrie Williams for making the necessary arrangements, and Sue and Chris Phillips and Liz Spearpoint for all their efforts.

b. Fountain Decoration

This was very well received. Once again the council would like to thank Katherine Nuthall and Carrie Williams for making the necessary arrangements.

1082. Footpaths

- GS has been in touch with his contact at Highways with regards to Forsters Footpath. The contact will arrange for cutting back of the overhanging branches. This is likely to be in August.
- The footway between Quendon and Newport is in a very poor, and potentially dangerous, condition. GS has escalated to our MP and RG has spoken to Lee Scott at Highways who is trying to arrange funding for ongoing maintenance.

1083. B1383

a. Update on snagging

- RG advised that the contractors are looking into the various snagging issues. He is awaiting their advice.
- Regarding the white lines, there are various options which RG will present to the parish council for consideration.
- Phase 2 has been validated and handed over to the design team to produce a plan.

b. Parking on B1383 Cambridge Road as traffic calming.

It has been confirmed that it is legal to park on Cambridge Road in the village. There is a suggestion that this would help to reduce speeding traffic. RR was concerned that this would give obstructed views of the traffic for children wishing to cross the road. There is also a concern that if the parish council should recommend parking in the road then, in the event of some damage to parked cars, there could be suggestions of some responsibility on the part of the council.

c. Community Speedwatch

The Speedwatch group was quite active five years ago to promote traffic calming measures, but not in recent years. There are now some residents who would like to resurrect the initiative. LOB believes that there needs to be a good body of volunteers if this is to work. A notice will be placed in The Link.

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1084. Tulip Tree

The tree has been planted near the site of the elder tree at the pub/school, with a guard in place.

1085. Installation of new vicar Rev Peter Allen

The new vicar was installed at Newport Church. He will cover Newport, Quendon, Widdington and Stansted Airport. He is from Yorkshire and is a member of the Church Army. Both he and his wife are keen runners. His first service will be at 11.15am in Quendon Church this coming weekend.

1086. Maces Farm Information Boards

The farm suggested erecting information boards around the farm to inform residents about their activities and operations. LOB will be meeting with the farm shortly to discuss their boundaries.

1087. Bench replacement options

PS has made a temporary repair to the bench situated near the pub. Another bench situated near the pub is in very poor condition. PS is to have a further look at a permanent solution and suggest what action to take. JS will look at benches made from composite material.

1088. County and District Councillor reports

District Councillor Neil Hargreaves (report sent and circulated)

1. Little Canfield bin lorry depot is now in operation. The Shire Hill site is now up for renting out and the one in the centre of Dunmow is earmarked for sale for housing.
2. UDC staff are back in the office now but only hot desking, with a large proportion working remotely. The hospital part will be rented out to a commercial tenant. Council members were invited to look round the new arrangements last week with the chief exec and to welcome staff back.
3. The office at Canfield is also in use, and Stansted Walpole meadows will be shortly.
4. The new head of Planning, Dean Armitage starts this month
5. Although outside UDCs remit, the Chief Exec has been working with the DWP to have Job centre and related services in Stansted, Walden and possibly Dunmow, in UDC or parish buildings. Currently people with no jobs have to go to Braintree every week, which is unreasonable and impractical.

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- Drain covers are being stolen across the county so replacement of broken covers can be a problem.
- There is a problem with support for persons leaving hospital who require ongoing care. Previously ECC was allowed to have social workers within the hospital but this is no longer allowed. This can result in there being a time gap between a patient leaving hospital and the arrangement of home care.

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1089. Date of next meeting

13th July 2022

1090. Closure of meeting

There being no further items to be discussed, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 21.07.

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