

**DRAFT MINUTES OF QUENDON & RICKLING PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 13th MARCH 2024 AT 7.30 PM.**

Present: Gari Spearpoint - (GS) - Chairman
Sue Joannou - (SJ)
Philip Sowter – (PS)
Caroline Mackrill – (CM)

District Cllr Neil Hargreaves (NH)
Keith Williams (KW)-Parish Clerk
3 members of the public

1435. Declarations of Interest

SJ in respect of agenda item 15.
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1436. Apologies for Absence

Tom Duncan – (TDN)
County Cllr Ray Gooding - (RG)

1437. Minutes of the last meeting held on 14th February 2024 (already circulated)

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

1438. Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting on 14th February 2024

None.

1439. Public participation session

None.

1440. Correspondence

A resident enquired about improving/renovating the gravel access road to the front of his house. The clerk explained to him that the PC was not responsible for private roads.

An email has been received requesting hire of the marquee.

GS has asked RG for more information regarding installation of cats eyes.

1441. Planning

- 1. UTT/23/2923/HHF-Foxley House, Rickling Green Road**
Two storey extension and roof alterations.

No further comments except to reiterate previous comments regarding access.

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2. UTT/24/0530/HHF & 0531/LB-1 Waterbutt Row, Cambridge Road

Single storey rear extension.

No objections.

3. UTT/23/1201/DOC-Laundry Cottage, Cambridge Road

Appeal against planning refusal.

Noted – no response to application.

1442. Erosion of the Green

1. Letter to Maces Farm.

The parish clerk has written to Maces Farm to draw their attention to the damage being caused by the delivery lorries. An answer is awaited.

2. Posts around the Green.

SJ will obtain 3 quotes for replacing the existing posts. Agreement will need to be obtained from the landowner.

1443. School liaison meeting to re-engage with school

SJ is meeting with the school on Wednesday 20th March.

1444. Pond maintenance

Paul Wilsher is still hopeful that the work will be completed before the end of 2024.

1445. Grass cutting

James Penrose has completed the first grass cutting of the new year.

1446. Village projects

1. Village Hall request for support.

The application for grant money was discussed. It was decided that the parish clerk should request that the Village Hall Committee complete a grant application form. The grant would then be considered for a decision at the monthly meeting following receipt of the completed form.

2. Village maps update

SJ is trying to trace an up to date map to be presented to the previous company for mounting.

3. CM has made contact with a contractor who will quote for installing lights on the Fountain.

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1447. Finance**a. Accounts balances (already circulated).**

Noted.

b. Invoices and payments for approval.

The payments were approved.

FINANCE REPORT for FEBRUARY 2024

Balance b/f @ 31/01/2024

17223.08

Payments to be authorised for February 2024

Payee	Chq No	Amount	Reason
Bishops Band	Already paid	50.00	Christmas carols
npower	dd	121.94	Electricity for January 2023
Quendon & Rickling Village Hall	Already paid	95.00	Defibrillator
Payroo	Already paid	6.00	Payroll expenses for Jan 2024
Local Toilet Hire	Already paid	132.00	Football toilet hire
A&J Lighting	online	538.80	Repair and replace with LED lights
Keith Williams	online	414.66	Salary for February 2024
HMRC (Keith Williams)	online	103.60	PAYE for February 2024
Ted Crow	online	135.00	Allocation payments
Ted Crow	online	30.00	Matchday preparations
Total Payments for February 2024		1627.00	
Football Pitch income		1155.00	
Balances at 29/02/2024	Current A/C	16751.08	
	Savings A/C	20000.00	
Total c/f at 29/02/2024		36751.08	

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

1448. Events**Quickling.**

A provisional date of Saturday 6th July has been set but a final decision has yet to be made.

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1449. Pegasi exhibition

There are two dates for the exhibition; Thursday 14th March and Saturday 16th March.

1450. Footpaths update

No further updates.

1451. B1383 update

GS continues to chase Cllr Gooding for updated information.

1452. Neighbourhood Plan

A consultation is starting Monday 18th March, although this will mainly be applicable to residents of Newport. Cllr Hargreaves advised that the Plan has already been quoted in several successful refusals.

PS wished to place on record acknowledgement of the considerable amount of work undertaken on the Plan by Cllrs Hargreave and Emanuel.

1453. Discuss purchase of tarmac to repair road leading to football pitch

It is acknowledged that the extra traffic resulting from use of the football pitch has caused damage to the adjoining road. It was therefore agreed that Ted Crow should be authorised to purchase the tarmac at a cost of £110.20 (inclusive of VAT) which will be refunded by the Parish Council. The parish clerk to advise Ted.

1454. County and District Councillor reports

District Councillor Neil Hargreaves

1. He had attended a Business Awards meeting and was very impressed by the number of businesses represented.
2. In respect of council rents, we have 2,800 council houses and the proposed rent increase, following a below inflation increase last year is the 7.7% allowed by the Government, bringing average rents up to £126 a week, which is a lot lower than private sector rents.'

1455. Date of next meeting

10th April 2024

1456. Closure of meeting

There being no further items to be discussed, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 20.52.

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