

**MINUTES OF QUENDON & RICKLING PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 8th NOVEMBER 2023 AT 7.30 PM.**

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

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

1357. Declarations of Interest

None

1358. Apologies for Absence

Caroline Mackrill – (CM)

1359. Minutes of the last meeting held on 11th October 2023 (already circulated)

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

1360. Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting on 11th October 2023

None

1361. Public participation session

- A resident confirmed a meeting of RGRA had been held. Works to upgrade the bathrooms in the Cricket Pavilion are progressing. Proposals enhance membership and representation across Rickling Ramblers teams are under evaluation'
- It is hoped that there will be a cricket tournament next year.
- There is concern that some motorists are still parking on the Green.
- Robert Timmins is leaving Pegasi. Does the PC know who his replacement will be?
- A light between the school and the pub is not working. [This is not a street light and is therefore not the responsibility of the PC].

1362. Correspondence

There had been comments that the footpaths across farm fields had not been reinstated. GS has contacted Robert Timmins who replied that he has copied in Mark Gemmill who will organise for matters to be rectified as soon as they were up to date with drilling

[300/2023]

1363. Planning

1. UTT/23/2670/HHF – 2671/LB – The Thatched Cottage, Cambridge Road

Proposed one and a half storey extension.

No objections.

2. UTT/23/2605/HHF-2 Red Brick Cottages, Cambridge Road

Proposed new access and car parking at front of the house and dropped kerb.

No objections.

3. UTT/23/2725/FUL – Land south of Providence Cottage, Cambridge Road

Proposed infill dwelling with associated landscaping and operational development.

The PC has reviewed this application carefully and with due regard to previous applications for this site where planning approval has been refused. We are satisfied that the proposed design, scale and materials proposed are in keeping with the Conservation Area and are aligned to the Housing Design principles in the published Neighbourhood Plan. The proposed single storey dwelling design largely addresses previous concerns regarding protection of the view and aspect of St Simon and St Jude Church Quendon as a Heritage Asset. Subject to a request for Article 4 designation to retain the design as it stands especially the roofline, the PC raises no material objections

1364. Finance

a. Accounts balances (already circulated).

Noted.

b. Invoices and payments for approval.

The payments were approved.

FINANCE REPORT for OCTOBER 2023

Balance b/f @ 30/09/2023

43989.48

Payments to be authorised for October 2023

Payee	Chq No	Amount	Reason
James Penrose	already paid	220.00	Grass cutting for September 2023
Ted Crow	already paid	240.00	Allocation payments
Ted Crow	already paid	210.00	Matchday preparation
npower	dd	83.00	Electricity for September 2023
Sue Joanniou	already paid	60.00	Prizes for Autumn Daze
Ted Crow	already paid	28.41	Fuel for mower
Keith Williams	online	386.76	Salary for October 2023
Keith Williams	online	96.60	PAYE for October 2023
Ted Crow	online	103.36	Grassline
Ted Crow	online	114.84	Grassline
Local Toilet Hire	online	132.00	Football pitch toilet
A&J Lighting	online	538.80	Street light repair

Total Payments for October 2023

2213.77

Balance at 31/10/2023

41775.71

Football Pitch income

665.00

Refund of duplicate payment

120.00

Balance c/f at 31/10/2023

42560.71

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

1365. Events

- The Christmas Tree Lights will be switched on on 1st December.
- A Father Christmas has been recruited.

1366. Footpaths update

No further information.

1367. B1383 update

GS has notified the area MP Kemi Badenoch concerning the condition of the pathway along the B1383. Ms Badenoch replied that she "will leave Lois & Ray to respond as they are best placed to advise re Highways. However, do let me know if you do not receive a response and I will be happy to follow up on your behalf." The wait for action continues.

[302/2023]

Road Closure

The B1383 is to be resurfaced between Newport and Stansted. This will be carried out in sections between 8th and 20th November, 20.00 and 05.00.

1368. Capital Projects for the Village

At present there are no projects in operation although suggestions have been made to finance, with donations, replacement of the Village Hall east-facing windows and re-decoration of the Hall.

1369. Neighbourhood Plan

Brandon Chapman reported that there had been a Steering Committee meeting the previous evening. Consultations will take place, it is hoped, in January or February of next year.

1370. Local Plan

a. Call for Sites

The draft Local Plan is out for consultation until mid-December. It would appear that Quendon and Rickling will not be required to provide housing under the Plan. UDC have decided to expand the designated development areas in Dunmow, Saffron Walden and Stansted, as well as larger villages. Newport has been allocated over 400 houses.

b. Next Steps

The outcome of the Local Plan will be communicated in due course to residents.

1371. Pond maintenance

Paul Wilsher (PW) is in communication with the contractors. They have to apply for a licence if there is the potential of killing wildlife, which has delayed commencement of operations. This may result in increased costs. It is hoped that work will commence in January or February next year.

1372. Salt bin fill up

Distribution is in hand.

1373. Grass mowing of wildlife areas

This has been carried out.

1374. County and District Councillor reports

Cllr Ray Gooding (RG)

A survey has shown that more work had been scheduled than had been budgeted for. RG is therefore applying for further funding. This will be discussed at a meeting next week.

[303/2023]

1375. Date of next meeting

13th December 2023.

1376. Closure of meeting

There being no further items to be discussed, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 21.05.

[304/2023]