

DRAFT MINUTES OF QUENDON & RICKLING PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 8TH DECEMBER 2021 AT 7.30 PM.

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

Keith Williams – (Parish Clerk) (KW)
0 members of the public

954. Declarations of Interest

TDN declared an interest in item 14.2 on the agenda as neighbour of the applicant.

955. Apologies for Absence

District Cllr Neil Hargreaves (NH)

956. Minutes of the last meeting held on 10th November 2021 (already circulated)

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

957. Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting on 10th November 2021

None.

958. Public participation session

None

959. Correspondence

Various items have been discussed about the estate with Robert Timmins from Maces Farm and this is a brief synopsis of his reply.

- a. Damage to the village verges is not the responsibility of the farm unless their vehicles cause the damage.
- b. Security staff are needed to stop any entry to Quendon Woods when deer shoots are held as individuals are not adhering to the public footpaths and, in fact, they do not need to notify the villages of these shoots because it is private land.
- c. The footpaths on the estate are being audited to make sure that people are walking where they are supposed to be walking and they have asked the County Council to erect new or better signage where required.
- d. The footpath leading into Quendon Woods, just south of the village, across the footpath over which HGV's were collecting timber, was scraped back last year by the estate. It is now the responsibility of the County Council.
- e. Any discarded black plastic on the estate footpaths from hay bales has been collected and will continue to be. They have expressed their disappointment to the contractor. It was also asked that the public take their rubbish home or place it in an appropriate bin.

[206/2021]

Peter Holt (CEO of Uttlesford District Council) will be hosting a meeting of parish councils. Quendon and Rickling Parish Council has been invited.

The operative from Stonebond did not turn up at the Bowling Club as had been arranged. They have however sent out a representative to take photographs as it their intention to restore the ground to the condition it was in prior to their use.

960. Finance

a. Accounts balances (already circulated).

Noted.

b. Invoices and payments for approval.

The payments were approved.

c. Agree Precept for 2022-2023

The precept requirement was discussed. It was agreed to decide the requirement at the meeting on 12th January 2022.

d. Refund of donation

It was agreed to refund the donation of £733.33.

961. Clerk's new computer

A budget of £600 was agreed. TDN will recommend a suitable replacement.

962. Utility Aid

The Parish Council has decided not to pursue this initiative.

963. Mobile Florist

This will be starting in the new year and will be sited at the front of The Cricketers Arms.

964. Verges of the Green

Maces Farm had been approached but denied that the damage to the verge was caused by their vehicles. It has been suggested that logs or large stones could be put on the edges of the Green to discourage vehicles parking.

965. Replacement contractor for grass maintenance

Enquiries are currently being made and further information will follow.

966. Agree purchase of replacement car park security post.

It was agreed to fund the purchase of a replacement security post, following damage to the original post by an unknown vehicle.

[207/2021]

967. Planning

1. UTT/21/3465/HHF – Hill House, Cambridge Road

Full refurbishment of the existing house including replacement of existing conservatories and addition of balcony to side elevation.

No objection although the Parish Council would like to encourage the use of some flint in the brickwork which would be in keeping with the conservation area requirements.

2. UTT/21/3506/LB – Kiln Cottage, Brick Kiln Lane

Replacement of external wall surface. (Amendment to earlier approved applications UTT/0988/10/LB and UTT/18/0547/LB).

No objection.

968. B1383

a) Traffic Calming Scheme

RG advised that nothing has shown up following a low ground survey. He is meeting with the officers shortly and is confident that work should commence sometime in January or February 2022.

b) VAS signs

The sign has now been repaired.

c) Junction of Green Road and B1383

Some residents have expressed concern regarding the cars which are parked very close to the junction as they feel this could be a potential safety hazard. This is a police matter and RG will contact the police to bring the matter to their attention. He suggests that the residents should also be encouraged to contact the police.

969. Events

- The Christmas Lights Switch On will be Saturday 11th December.
- A donation of £80 has been received from Sue Lydamore which will be used to purchase lights.
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970. Access to properties in vicinity of The Cricketers Arms

SK has asked the pub if they could put up a bigger sign indicating where cars should park. The school will be writing to parents asking them to keep the access to adjoining properties clear.

971. County and District Councillor reports

District Councillor Neil Hargreaves (report submitted in his absence).

- A new UDC Council Leader, Cllr Petrina Lees, has been appointed.
- The current leader John Lodge is stepping down before the next elections in May 2023.
- The new Chief Executive Peter Holt visited Newport on 6th December.
- A PIP application in Newport, refused and taken to appeal, has sought to cast doubt on the weight to be given to the Neighbourhood Plan. A full rebuttal has been done.

County Councillor Ray Gooding.

- Social care takes up the largest proportion, 80%, of total expenditure.
- In the social care market ECC make block bookings and as a result pay reduced rates. New regulations will allow people who self-fund care to receive the same rates as the local authority. There is some concern that this may result in an overall increase in rates.
- There is still some Locality Fund available.

972. Date of next meeting

12th January 2022

973. Closure of meeting

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

[209/2021]