

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

Present: Tom Duncan – (TDN) Chairman
Ljiljana Ortolja-Baird – (LOB)
Robert Ryder – (RR)
Philip Sowter – (PS)

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

1204. Declarations of Interest

None

1205. Apologies for Absence

Gari Spearpoint – (GS)

1206. Minutes of the last meeting held on 11th January 2023 (already circulated)

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

1207. Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting on 11th January 2023

The Village Hall Committee are happy to proceed with the wi-fi and internet connection.

1208. Public participation session

A resident has volunteered to sit on the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Committee.

1209. Correspondence

Stonebond have apparently removed the gate at Monarchs Place. A barrier needs to be installed by Trinity, the company looking after the grounds, prior to any planning application.

1210. Planning

There were no planning applications to consider.

1211. Finance

a. Accounts balances (already circulated).

Noted.

b. Invoices and payments for approval.

The payments were approved.

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FINANCE REPORT for JANUARY 2023

Balance b/f @ 31/12/2022 40699.59

Payments to be authorised for January 2023

| Payee | Chq No | Amount | Reason |
|--|--------|-----------------|-------------------------------|
| Npower | dd | 51.74 | Electricity for December 2022 |
| Payroo | online | 6.00 | Payroll expenses |
| Sue Phillips | online | 116.70 | Xmas Fountain expenses |
| Local Toilet Hire | online | 127.20 | Football pitch toilets |
| Keith Williams | online | 386.76 | Salary January 2023 |
| HMRC (Keith Williams) | online | 96.60 | PAYE January 2023 |
| Ted Crow | online | 114.84 | Pitch marking paint |
| Ted Crow | online | 130.00 | Allocation payments |
| Ted Crow | online | 20.00 | Matchday preparations |
| Ted Crow | online | 29.97 | Padlock and cable |
| Ted Crow | online | 32.70 | Mower fuel |
| Total Payments for January 2023 | | 1112.51 | |
| Balance at 31/01/2023 | | 39587.08 | |
| VAT refund | | 606.30 | |
| Balance c/f at 31/01/2023 | | 40193.38 | |

Please note: The payment to HMRC and was made

1212. New Model Code of Conduct

The Parish Council agreed to adopt the new Model Code of Conduct.

1213. Events

Cricketers Arms events schedule

Andy McNaughton, the pub General Manager, addressed the Parish Council. He would very much like to co-ordinate the pub activities with those planned by the Council, particularly with reference to the Coronation. The Monday would appear to be the main date for activity and he would be happy to provide music and a barbeque.

1214. Footpaths update

County Councillor Ray Gooding accompanied Lee Scott from Uttlesford District Council in a visit to Quendon to view the condition of the footway alongside the B1383. There has been no response from Lee Scott to date.

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1215. Assets of Community Value

The Village Hall – as this is owned by a trust, the legal position needs to be clarified before a decision is taken whether to apply for registration as an Asset of Community Value.

The Cricketers Arms – an application will be submitted to register this as an Asset of Community Value.

The Pavilion - an application will be submitted to register this as an Asset of Community Value.

1216. Uttlesford Food Bank

LOB has agreed to be the contact for this scheme.

1217. Defibrillator

Some of the current operatives will be stepping down and replacements will need to be found. PS has agreed to volunteer.

The Village Hall Committee has requested an increase in the annual donation from the Parish Council to £150. This was agreed.

1218. Website review

The Council will look into a general revamping of the website.

1219. Litter Pick

It was decided that there would be a litter pick every three months, the next one to be in March.

1220. Bradleys Barn decision update

UDC have advised that prior planning approval will not be necessary for any development. It is understood that the proposition is for 5 x 2/3 bedroom homes which will be available for rent.

1221. Maces Farm open surgery session

Rob Timmins has advised that the next open house on Maces Farm will be on 15th February.

1222. County and District Councillor reports

District Councillor Neil Hargreaves

- The budget is due to be presented. The council tax will increase by 3% which should generate a further £190,000 in income. This will be used to support residents who are in need.
- The cost of planning applications and pre-consultations work is to be reviewed.
- Car park charges are likely to increase.
- More planning application fees are being retained by UDC than expected.
- Council rents are to increase by 7%. The average rent will be £107 per week. 33% of the budget is spent on housing benefit.
- Commercial property investment is down.

There is to be a refresh of the Neighbourhood Plan. Any developments outside the village limits will be strongly opposed. There have been two meetings with the consultants who have been retained to assist with the Neighbourhood Plan. They will be visiting the area and are due to meet with planning officers. They would like a representative from the Parish Council to be in the group.

1223. Date of next meeting

8th March 2023

1224. Closure of meeting

There being no further items to be discussed, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 21.24.

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