

**MINUTES OF QUENDON & RICKLING PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 14th FEBRUARY 2024 AT 7.30 PM.**

Present: Tom Duncan – (TDN) Chairman
Sue Joannou - (SJ)
Philip Sowter – (PS)
Caroline Mackrill – (CM)

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

1412. Declarations of Interest

None

1413. Apologies for Absence

Gari Spearpoint - (GS)

1414. Minutes of the last meeting held on 10th January 2024 (already circulated)

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

1415. Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting on 10th January 2024

None.

1416. Public participation session

There is a faulty light opposite the post box in Rickling Green.

1417. Correspondence

An enquiry was received by the clerk regarding a burial in the Church graveyard. The clerk referred the enquirer to the Church.

There are some unpaid football pitch invoices. Ted Crow is investigating.

1418. Planning

1. UTT/24/0107/HHF-Rosella, Brick Kiln Lane

Retrospective application for removal of unauthorised metal railings and erection of new boundary hedge.

No objections.

2. UTT/24/0288/HHF-2 Red Brick Cottages, Cambridge Road

New driveway and dropped kerb.

No objections.

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1419. Finance

a. Accounts balances (already circulated).

Noted.

b. Invoices and payments for approval.

The payments were approved.

FINANCE REPORT for JANUARY 2024

Balance b/f @ 31/12/2023 39269.03

Payments to be authorised for January 2024

Payee	Chq No	Amount	Reason
npower	dd	113.30	Electricity for December 2023
Payroo	Already paid	6.00	Payroll expenses for December 2023
Quendon and Rickling Village Hall	Already paid	371.75	Hall hire and defibrillator expense
Terrace & Garden	Already paid	100.00	Christmas tree
Local Toilet Hire	Already paid	132.00	Toilet hire 25/1/24 - 21/2/24
Keith Williams	online	414.66	Salary for January 2024
HMRC (Keith Williams)	online	103.60	PAYE for January 2024
A&J Lighting	online	514.80	LED replacement light
Transfer to Savings A/C	Already paid	20,000.00	Transfer
Ted Crow	online	80.00	Matchday preparations
Ted Crow	online	95.00	Allocation payments
Ted Crow	online	114.84	Pitchmarking paint
Total Payments for January 2024		22045.95	
Balances at 31/01/2024	Current A/C	17223.08	
	Savings A/C	20000.00	
Football Pitch income		0.00	
Total c/f at 31/01/2024		37223.08	

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

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1420. Erosion of The Green

Large lorries delivering to Maces Farm have been driving onto the Green when turning into the farm and causing extensive erosion of the grass. Repairs are currently in operation.

SJ is obtaining quotes for replacing old posts and installing new posts in the area of the Green from the school to just before the pavilion. The posts will be cemented in to prevent removal. The owner of the Green has not previously wanted posts all the way round.

TD has suggested writing to Maces Farm pointing out the damage which is being caused. CM will draft a suitable letter, to be sent by the clerk.

1421. Upcoming Pegasi consultation exhibition

Pegasi are progressing with an amended planning proposal of 110 houses on the football pitch area. They will offer an alternative site for an all-weather pitch with changing rooms. The proposal is still for rental properties only.

1422. Events

1. Pumpkin competition

- All of last year's entrants have indicated that they wish to enter the year's competition.
- The chosen variety is "Atlantic Giant".
- Katherine Nuthall will be organising the event.
- Judging will take place at Autumn Daze.

2. Set a date in diary for Quickling

The provisional date will be 6th or 7th July.

1423. Councillor training

SJ and CM had both attended new councillor training courses which they found very instructive.

1424. Defibrillator responsibility

Ljiljana would like to step down as co-ordinator. A search is therefore on for a replacement. SJ would like to know what would be involved in the position.

1425. Recruitment of new councillors

The council should be looking to find applicants for the two existing vacancies. CM suggested giving a presentation at village events to explain what is involved with being a parish councillor.

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1426. Footpaths update

There is no further update. The council needs to ensure that Maces Farm cut their footpaths to the correct width.

1427. B1383 update

Some of the overgrowth has now been cut. There is now space to walk along the footway without stepping onto the road, but the footway itself still needs work by Highways to clear it properly.

1428. Capital Projects for the Village

This is still being collated with suggestions invited.

1429. Neighbourhood Plan

Brendan Chapman (BC) was unable to attend the most recent meeting. Most activity for the Plan relates to Newport. There will be a consultation with the village. BC will speak to the organisers regarding the format.

1430. Pond maintenance

Ecologists turned up in the pouring rain and looked at both ponds. They will return soon to do a proper search for evidence of Greater Crested Newts (GCN). They will contact the contractors to agree what is to be done and how to proceed, but would hope to be able to get the paperwork done before the end of the month – once into March the pond comes alive again and they would be unwilling to authorize works once spring is sprung.

Their first impressions – good newt habitat at Brick Kiln pond, not so good at Dell pond. It would appear that there has been some hydrocarbon leak into Dell pond as the water is murky grey/black. This could just be run-off from the road or possibly from Maces Farm vehicle maintenance. Time has run out this year to apply for a GCN licence.

1431. Update of Emergency Plan

Some details are out of date and need to be corrected. TD to provide an updated document.

1432. County and District Councillor reports

None received.

1433. Date of next meeting

13th March 2024

1434. Closure of meeting

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

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