

**MINUTES OF QUENDON & RICKLING PARISH COUNCIL VIRTUAL MEETING
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 13TH JANUARY 2021 AT 7.30 PM. BY ZOOM ONLINE.**

Present: Sally Kitcat – Chairman (SK)
Tom Duncan – (TDN)
Katherine Nuthall- (KN)
Tony Dear (TD)
Ted Crow – (TC)

1 member of the public

County Councillor Ray Gooding – (RG)
District Councillor Neil Hargreaves – (NH)
Keith Williams – (KW) (Parish Clerk)

769. Declarations of Interest

None.

770. Apologies for Absence

Carrie Williams – (CW)

771. Minutes of the last meeting held on 8th December 2020 (already circulated)

The minutes of the last meeting held on 8th December were agreed as a true and accurate record and will be signed by the Chairman.

772. Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting on 8th December 2020

None

773. Public participation session

None

774. Co-option of Parish Councillor

The Parish Council is pleased to announce that Jennifer Sally Sutton (JS) was duly co-opted onto the Parish Council. The acceptance form was signed, and the register of interests will be submitted shortly.

775. Finance

a. Accounts balances (already circulated).
Noted.

b. Invoices and payments for approval.
Approved.

[165/2021]

Balance b/f @ 30/11/2020 40696.01

District Councillor Donation 500.00

Balance at 30/11/2020 41196.01

Payments to be authorised for December 2020

Payee	Chq No	Amount	Reason
e-on	dd	56.42	Electricity for November 2020
Payroo	online	6.00	Payroll expenses
Keith Williams	online	359.97	Clerk salary for December 2020
HMRC (Keith Williams)	online	90.00	PAYE December 2020
Total Payments for December 2020		512.39	
Balance @ 31/12/2020		40,683.62	

Football pitch hire receipts 90.00

Balance c/f @ 31/12/2020 40773.62

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

c. Agree Budget and Precept for 2021-2022.

A precept of £12500 was agreed and the parish clerk will submit the return to UDC.

776. Planning

1. UTT/20/3239/HHF – 2 Woodside, Rickling Green

Proposed construction of a conservatory to the rear elevation.

No objection.

2. UTT/20/3120/FUL – Quendon White House, Cambridge Road

Erection of one dwelling and associated development.

[The applicant, who was present in the Zoom meeting, was invited to make comments on the application].

Quendon and Rickling Parish Council objects to this application on the same grounds as for its predecessor (UTT/20/1248/FUL), as outlined below. Whilst the size of the development has reduced, the grounds on which we objected originally – namely location and elevation within the Conservation Area – are unchanged.

[166/2021]

The current application has many of the significant issues resulting in the refusal of the numerous previous applications on this site.

In short, these relate to the significant detrimental effect the proposal will have on the Conservation Area, specifically the deviation from the linear form of the village, and, given the elevation of the site, the overbearing effect the development will have on the existing Grade II listed building, the White House. These, among others, are well documented limitations to the development on the site and to date there have been no reasons for justification in deviating from this. Approval of this application is likely to set a precedent which could result in a slew of applications further degrading this protected area and should be avoided.

Decision: OBJECT

777. Correspondence

UK Network has undertaken a pre-site visit to assess the risk the Yew Tree presents to both their network and the public. They have noted that this tree is within a conservation area and consent would have to be gained from Uttlesford District Council to trim this tree.

They advise that the yew tree is overhanging the pavement, so much so the main stem breaches the boundary fence at chest height thereby slightly reducing the width of pathway available for the public to use between the boundary fence, the Yew tree and their overhead pole.

The main branches affecting the quality of illumination provided by the street light are lower down the tree and do not affect the network or the safety of the public from our network. The Parish Council will investigate further to see who is responsible for cutting the lower branches.

778. B1383

a) Highways Survey

KN advised that nothing further has been heard from Rissa, so there is nothing at this stage to report. RG has spoken to Rissa and is assured that the matter is proceeding but he recommends that the PC do not take any action for the time being. RG recommended KN contact him the middle of the following week for an update regarding Highway survey.

b) Quendon trees

RG believes that this is proceeding. He will pursue it with the authority.

779. Events

- The Christmas lights event had been very successful.
- Subject to covid restrictions the PC could consider having further take-away vans.
- The 7th August is being considered for the Quickling festival.

[167/2021]

780. Wildlife Friendly Village

This is an initiative that was seen on the “Countryfile” tv show about “re-wilding” some village areas. This would include introducing wild plants and flowers and leaving some verges unmown. The Parish Council is enthusiastic about the idea and will discuss in more depth over the coming months.

JS wondered if volunteers could produce hanging baskets and similar for displaying around the village.

781. Local Plan consultation – 9 themes

NH advised that the next theme would be number 4. The Parish Council could comment, for example, on development areas, transport issues and introduction of cycle ways.

782. Lockdown 3

The Parish Council would like to remind all villagers that the council is available to give every assistance possible to residents during the current lockdown period.

783. County and District Councillor reports

Neil Hargreaves (District Councillor)

- There are two testing centres in the area for persons who are not showing any covid symptoms.
- UDC is continuing with its commercial investment initiative. A further one million pounds has been earmarked for investment in a high-tec manufacturing business.
- In all there is a target to invest 300 million pounds which it is calculated will provide sufficient investment interest to make up for future shortfalls.

Ray Gooding (County Councillor)

- Some covid vaccinations had now been carried out.
- The government’s schools policy now covers the whole of Essex. Previously three districts had been outside tier 4.
- Nurseries and pre-schools are being allowed to remain open to assist families.
- There are rapid-testing centres now available for essential workers.

784 Date of next meeting

10th February 2021.

785. Closure of meeting

There being no further items to be discussed, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 20.22.

[168/2021]