

**DRAFT MINUTES OF QUENDON & RICKLING PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**HELD ON TUESDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2024 AT 7.30 PM.**

Present: Gari Spearpoint - (GS) Chair  
Sue Joannou - (SJ)  
Ray Hart – (RH)  
Peter Beaumont – (PB)  
Caroline Mackrill – (CM)  
Tom Duncan – (TDN)

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

**1509. Declarations of Interest**

RH is a friend of the resident to be discussed in item 9:Planning.

**1510. Apologies for Absence**

Cllr Neil Hargreaves (NH)  
Cllr Judy Emanuel (JE)

**1511. Minutes of the last meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> June 2024 (already circulated)**

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

**1512. Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> June 2024**

None.

**1513. Public participation session**

- A resident has volunteered to fit the posts around the Green if purchased by the Parish Council.
- Local farmers are still not cutting all the footpaths across their fields.
- UDC has indicated that there will further consultation on the Local Plan. Will the Parish Council be sending a representative to the consultation?

**1514. Correspondence**

- A request for funding has been received from the Rickling Ramblers Cricket Club. [Note: this will be dealt with under item 8 of the agenda].
- A resident wishes to bring to the Parish Council's attention the massive traffic problems arising from Cadent's closure of the B1383 between Quendon and Newport.
- There have been complaints about the number of potholes and the re-directed traffic.
- Footpaths are not being maintained.

**[333/2024]**

**1515. Parish Council policy documents**

- a. **Adoption of Freedom of Information policy.**  
Adopted.
- b. **Update of Standing Orders.**  
Update approved.
- c. **Review of Risk Assessment Policy.**  
Review approved.
- d. **Adoption of new Financial Regulations.**  
Adopted.
- e. **Adoption of Data Retention policy.**  
Adopted.

**1516. Grant application from Rickling Ramblers Cricket Club**

The maximum annual grant amount for the current year has already been allocated. However the Parish Council, after advice obtained by the Parish Clerk, considered the implications of Section 19 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 with particular reference to recreational activities and decided that this funding request fell within those guidelines. The Parish Council is therefore prepared to consider the application, subject to the usual grant requirements.

**1517. Planning**

Although there were no new planning applications to consider, the PC has been advised of an appeal to a planning refusal for Laundry Cottage, Cambridge Road. [The PC to provide a further response].

**1518. Village projects**

Some projects under consideration;

- New posts around the Green.
- Provision of new Village maps.
- Lights on the memorial.
- Village book repository.

**1519. Belchams Lane**

Pegasi have submitted some comments to the Link.

**1520. Generic email addresses for Parish Councillors**

TDN is continuing discussions. The feeling is that there should be individual email address for councillors, in addition to a group email address.

**[334/2024]**

**1521. Finance**

- a. **Accounts balances (already circulated).**  
Noted.
  
- b. **Invoices and payments for approval.**  
The payments were approved.

**FINANCE REPORT for JUNE 2024**

**Balance b/f @ 31/05/2024** 24728.86

**Payments to be authorised for June 2024**

<b>Payee</b>	<b>Chq No</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Reason</b>
James Penrose	Already paid	230.00	Grass cutting
npower	dd	90.28	Electricity for May 2024
Thelma Wilson	Already paid	45.00	Plants for trough
Village Hall Committee	online	2,500.00	Grant
Ted Crow	online	23.00	Mower fuel
Ted Crow	online	58.64	Football pitch supplies
Keith Williams	online	414.66	Salary for June 2024
Keith Williams	online	103.60	PAYE for June 2024
Payroo	online	6.00	Payroll expenses
Unity Trust Bank	dd	18.00	Service charge
<b>Total Payments for June 2024</b>		<b>3489.18</b>	

**Balances at 30/06/2024** Current A/C 21239.68

Savings A/C 20102.47

**Bank interest** 137.83  

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20240.30

**Total c/f at 30/06/2024** 41479.98

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

**[335/2024]**

**1522. Events**

The pub-hosted event will now be on 7<sup>th</sup> September.

**1523. County and District Councillor reports**

**Cllr Ray Gooding (RG)**

ECC has a new scheme where funds are allocated to County Councillors to be used for designated projects. RG has added repairs to the footway alongside the B1383 to his schedule of projects.

**1524. Date of next meeting**

**11<sup>th</sup> September 2024**

**1525. Closure of meeting**

There being no further items to be discussed, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 21.02.

**[336/2024]**