

**MINUTES OF QUENDON & RICKLING PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2021 AT 7.30 PM.**

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

Judy Emanuel (District Councillor) – (JE)  
Keith Williams – (KW) (Parish Clerk)

2 members of the public

**827. Declarations of Interest**

None.

**828. Apologies for Absence**

Jennie Sutton – (JS)  
District Councillor Neil Hargreaves – (NH)

**829. Minutes of the last meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> March 2021 (already circulated)**

The minutes of the last meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> March 2021 were agreed as a true and accurate record and will be signed by the Chairman.

**830. Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> March 2021**

The refund from e-on has been credited to the bank account.

**831. Public participation session**

Brandon Chapman wished to thank all residents who voted for the Neighbourhood Plan.

**832. Finance**

**a. Accounts balances (already circulated).**

Noted.

**b. Invoices and payments for approval.**

The payments were approved.

**[177/2021]**

## FINANCE REPORT for APRIL 2021

Balance b/f @ 31/03/2021 36794.58

### Payments to be authorised for April 2021

Payee	Chq No	Amount	Reason
Quendon & Rickling Village Hall	online	80.00	Hall hire and defibrillator costs
Katherine Nuthall	online	22.14	Thank you gift
e-on	dd	58.30	Electricity for March 2021
Payroo	online	6.00	Payroll expenses
Local Toilet Hire	online	127.20	Toilet hire for village use
Yvonne Morton	online	75.00	Internal audit fee
Brian Blackwell	online	160.00	Grass cutting
Keith Williams	online	360.17	Clerk salary for April 2021
HMRC (Keith Williams)	online	89.80	PAYE April 2021
Came & Co	online	634.96	Renewal of insurance policy
<b>Total Payments for April 2021</b>		<b>1613.57</b>	
<b>Precept received (first instalment)</b>		<b>6250.00</b>	
<b>Football Pitch hire fees received</b>		<b>610.00</b>	
<b>Donation received</b>		<b>500.00</b>	
Balance @ 30/04/2021		42541.01	
<b>Balance c/f @ 30/04/2021</b>		<b>42541.01</b>	

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

**c. Consider Section 1 - Annual Governance Statement 2020/21**

The Parish Council is satisfied that there is a sound system of internal control in place, including arrangements for the preparation of the Accounting Statements. The Chairman will sign the Statement.

**d. Consider Section 2 – Accounting Statements 2020/21**

The Accounting Statements were approved. The Chairman will sign the Statement.

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**833. SSE**

TD had attended a meeting where SSE outlined the current position of the Stansted Airport appeal. MAG had been given 6 months to lodge their appeal They actually submitted it after 5 months and 28 days. It was now being considered.

There had been a significant development as the Government has agreed that all aviation emissions are to be subject to legal limits under the Climate Change Act. SSE Chairman Peter Sanders considered that this was a major cause for celebration and something that SSE had long argued for.

**834. Correspondence**

The path running between the allotment and Long Ridge and into the wood is very overgrown so volunteers have offered to cut it back. KW/SK to request permission from the landowners.

**835. Planning**

**1. UTT/21/1185/FUL – Birds End, Brixton Lane**

Proposed demolition of existing amenity building and erection of 1 detached dwelling.

No objections.

**2. UTT/20/2121/OP – Land West of Pennington Lane**

Appeal against previous refusal of application.

No further comments.

**836. Football pitch and portacabins**

TC gave an update on the current position. He was pleased to advise that due the substantial use of the pitch by various teams, it was paying for itself.

Although he is standing down from the Parish Council [see minute item 844] he is happy to continue to oversee all aspects of the football pitch.

**837. Village Map**

It was agreed that the maps, one to be displayed outside the village hall and the other one on the pub wall, needed updating. Brandon Chapman will provide TD with the original map to enable him to make the necessary amendments.

**838. Footpaths**

The steps at the footpath at the north end of Quendon are still in a poor condition. The steps are to be repaired by the PROW restoration team over the summer.

**[179/2021]**

**839. Dog deposits**

There have been complaints but the Parish Council feels there is little that they can do other than to remind people of their responsibilities.

**840. Wildlife Friendly Village**

Already it has been noted that some residents are leaving areas of grass unmown to encourage wild flowers. Two areas of the green are now planned to create a wildflower meadow.

**841. B1383**

**a) 40 mph buffer zone**

The engineer had initially considered that there was not sufficient highways land on the eastern side of the road to install both signs and which would require extensive vegetation removal. However it has now been confirmed that it is viable so installation can proceed.

The speed limit is still legally enforceable with the signs on one side of the road but as it is more visually impactful to provide a gateway effect this is what Highways will look to do with the larger traffic calming scheme.

The council is currently awaiting a response from County Councillor Gooding regarding the funding allocated for the Traffic calming survey.

**b) Foxley 2**

It has been agreed that hedgehog runs, bird and bat boxes will be installed. The 5 bar gate leading to the main road is to remain but all the verges will be reinstated.

The Bowling Club lane will not be tarmacked but it will be left by Stonebond as they found it.

**842. Events - Quickling**

Arrangements are proceeding satisfactorily with the date confirmed as 7<sup>th</sup> August. There have been 18 entries for the Pumpkin Competition.

**843. RGRA**

Restoration of the pavilion has been completed.

**844. Resignation of parish councillor**

It was with some sadness that Ted Crow (TC) has tendered his resignation from the Parish Council. The Chairman thanked him for all his efforts during his tenure and assured him he would be missed. His work on the football pitch in particular was to be commended. TC has agreed to continue to oversee all aspects of the football pitch facility.

The parish clerk will notify UDC of the resignation and request that the election notification poster be prepared.

**[180/2021]**

**845. County and District Councillor reports**

**Judy Emanuel (District Councillor)**

Judy introduced herself as the new District Councillor for the area. She has lived in Newport for 18 years and is a mother to three children who attend the schools in the village. She has been on the parish council in Newport (currently Vice Chair) for six years and runs the planning working group who respond to planning applications and appeals on behalf of the council. Experience of appeals - 3 public enquiries, 1 heard hearing and many written representations (5 so far this year). Her professional background is in client relationship/project management in financial services.

Dawn French, Chief Executive of Uttlesford District Council has tendered her resignation. An interim appointment will be made to handle the transition. A longer-term permanent replacement will be sought.

The committee positions for the councillors will be agreed at the council meeting on the 18th May.

The update on the reshuffle at ECC that I mentioned is in this article: <https://maldon.nub.news/n/man-set-to-become-new-leader-of-essex-county-council-vows-to-34reach-for-the-stars34>

**846 Date of next meeting**

9<sup>th</sup> June 2021.

**847. Closure of meeting**

There being no further items to be discussed, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 20.25.

**[181/2021]**