

DRAFT MINUTES OF QUENDON & RICKLING PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 8TH MAY 2024 AT 7.30 PM.

Present: Gari Spearpoint - (GS) Chair
Tom Duncan – (TDN)
Sue Joannou - (SJ)
Ray Hart – (RH)

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

1474. Declarations of Interest

None

1475. Apologies for Absence

Cllr Ray Gooding (RG)
Caroline Mackrill – (CM)

1476. Minutes of the last meeting held on 10th April 2024 (already circulated)

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

1477. Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting on 13th March 2024

- A letter has been distributed around the village regarding the Belchams Lane development.
- TDN has been in contact with Ken Wheatley regarding the Parish Council e-mail addresses.

1478. Co-option of parish councillor

Mr Raymond William Hart (RH) was unanimously co-opted onto the Parish Council. The Acceptance of Office form was duly signed and witnessed by the parish clerk. The clerk will forward the Register of Interests to RH for completion and return to UDC. The various policy documents, including the Code of Conduct, are all available on the website.

1479. Public participation session

A resident has written to Pegasi to ask if the development information is now in the public domain. At present it is not.

1480. Correspondence

The administrator of Newport, Quendon, Rickling and Widdington churches requested contact details for the church. The parish clerk provided the information.

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Kemi Badendoch asked if her contact details poster could be posted to the noticeboard. The council decided that this would not be possible. The clerk will advise accordingly.

A grant application has been received from the Village Hall Committee. This will be dealt with under item 9 on the agenda.

A quotation has been received for the great crested newt survey. This will be discussed at a later meeting.

1481. Planning

1. UTT/24/0975/HHF- Birds End, Brixton Lane

Construction of residential annexe.

No objections.

2. UTT/24/1057/LB - Quendon Court, Cambridge Road

Open up kitchen and playroom wall and chimney.

No objections.

3. UTT/24/1084/HHF – 5 Bluebell Drive, Rickling Green

Single storey side extension

No objections.

1482. Village projects

Village Hall Grant application.

The grant application of £8565 for interior and exterior decoration and car park renovation was discussed at length. The normal maximum grant is £500 except for exceptional circumstances. In view of the importance to the village of the Village Hall and its potential for future income the council agreed that the full amount would be granted as it was considered to be of exceptional circumstances. The parish clerk will advise Sonia Michaelides.

1483. Annual Governance Return

The parish council noted the completion of the Certificate of Exemption and the Accounting Statements. The council, having had the opportunity to review the Section 1-Annual Governance Statement, has satisfied itself that all requirements of parts 1-8 have been met. Part 9 is not applicable.

1484. Parish Council Insurance renewal

It was agreed to renew the existing policy with a three-year long-term agreement. The parish clerk will advise the insurers.

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1485. Belchams Lane

- A letter has been distributed around the village regarding the Belchams Lane proposed development.
- It may be necessary to consider employing planning consultants.
- There is some suggestion that an 1856 Act of Parliament could have some effect on development rights.

1486. Finance

a. Accounts balances (already circulated).

Noted.

b. Invoices and payments for approval.

The payments were approved.

FINANCE REPORT for APRIL 2024

Balance b/f @ 31/03/2024 20291.69

Payments to be authorised for April 2024

Payee	Chq No	Amount	Reason
npower	dd	107.45	Electricity for March 2024
James Penrose	Already paid	230.00	Grass cutting April
Local Toilet Hire	Already paid	132.00	Football pitch toilets
Ted Crow	Already paid	18.62	Battery
Payroo	Already paid	6.00	Payroll expenses for March 2024
Keith Williams	online	414.66	Salary for April 2024
HMRC (Keith Williams)	online	103.60	PAYE for April 2024
Ted Crow	online	112.00	Tar
Ted Crow	online	114.84	Macadam
Ted Crow	online	114.84	Grassline paint
Ted Crow	online	140.00	Matchday preparations
Ted Crow	online	185.00	Allocation payments
Ted Crow	online	56.37	LineFix
James Penrose	online	230.00	refils
James Penrose	online	230.00	Grass cutting May
Total Payments for April 2024		1850.54	
Football Pitch income		245.00	
Precept		7101.50	
Marquee hire		0.00	
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Balances at 30/04/2024	Current A/C	25787.65	

Savings A/C 20102.47

Total c/f at 30/04/2024 45890.12

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

1487. Events

There are no events currently planned. The next event will be Autumn Daze. A date for this has not yet been agreed.

1488. County and District Councillor reports

Cllr Neil Hargreaves

- a) A meeting is planned for the Neighbourhood Watch group.
- b) The housing allocation for Newport has been reduced.
- c) It is recommended that we press on with Regulation 14, which is the first stage of the Local Plan, with Regulation 19 following.
- d) There is a suggestion that if the white lines were removed from the B1383 this may help to reduce average speeds.
- e) Lines and cat's eyes are currently being removed from the B1383 to facilitate re-surfacing. Would Highways consider not reinstating the lines after the re-surfacing is completed?
- f) Uttlesford District Council is selling the Chesterford Retail Park. Some potential purchasers have expressed an interest.
- g) The police now have a facility at Saffron Walden in addition to the main operations centre at Braintree.

1489. Date of next meeting

12th June 2024

1490. Closure of meeting

There being no further items to be discussed, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 21.01.

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