

MINUTES OF
QUENDON & RICKLING PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 8th November 2017

PRESENT:

Alan Price (Chairman)
Chris Phillips
Brandon Chapman
Eleanor Stoneham
Sally Kitcat
Paul Wilsher
Tony Jones

Anne Webb (Parish Clerk)

Cllr. Neil Hargreaves

2 Members of the public

80. Dispensations/Declaration of Interest

None

81. Apologies for Absence

None

82. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 13th September 2017

The Minutes had been circulated. They were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

83. Matters arising from the Minutes of 13th September 2017 meeting:

None

84. Public Participation

Nothing raised

85. Finance

- PC Finances

FINANCE REPORT 08.11.2017

The Clerk reported the following outgoings since 11th October 2017

Cheques to be authorised

A Webb (Clerks Salary November)	346.67
A & J Lighting (Annual maintenance)	39.00
A & J Lighting (Call out charge - Brick Kiln Lane)	69.60
A. Webb -Printer Ink	26.00

E.on	<u>40.20</u>	
Total Payments	521.47	
Lloyds current account balance at last meeting		20,987.07
Less total payments		<u>521.47</u>
		20,465.60
Balance		<u><u>20,465.60</u></u>

As at 8th November 2017

The above payments were unanimously authorised, the Chairman initialled the year to date Accounts.

86. Correspondence

AP informed the meeting that he had received correspondence requesting a donation of £1000 towards a Porta-loo for Quendon Church and a further £300 towards set up costs for future fund-raising costs, the first being the Winstanley project. After long discussion a vote was taken with an outcome of 6 in favour and 1 against.

On another matter, AP received an email from a resident regarding Waterbutt Row parking and stating the problem was not just Waterbutt Row, but also surrounding roads, and objected to only Waterbutt Row being mentioned. In addition, they felt a pushchair/wheelchair could still be used with cars parked on the pavement. AP assured the author, that the PC are aware of other parking problems and explained there was no intention to cause offence to anyone.

PW informed the meeting this subject had been under discussion for some time. Cllr Hargreaves stated ECC had looked at this and are considering putting white dots on the pavement as a guide for vehicle parking, he will make further enquiries.

AP raised the matter of 20mph signs in Rickling Green Road and the problem with siting, Cllr Hargreaves will look into this further.

Service provider sheet

The Clerk produced a service provider sheet, an idea of a resident. This was felt to be a good idea, following some amendments it will be included on the website and added to welcome packs for new residents.

87. Update of Forums/Presentations

None

88. Training

ES informed the meeting that she has Councillor training this month.

89. Village Asset List

TJ has taken photos and dimensions of village assets which are now with the Clerk

90. Community service

Assets of Community Value

PW has submitted the list to UDC, AP informed the meeting the Parish Rooms had been included on the list in error. PW will contact UDC to have this removed. UDC have requested additional information on three areas, PW informed the meeting he will respond to these.

ACTION - PW

Lease for Football Pitch

There has been discussion with Strutt & Parker concerning the lease, they have asked for more detail. BC suggested that, for the moment, we just make it a straightforward 25-year lease with a reasonable break clause, between Strutts and the PC

Playground area

AP informed the meeting he is still waiting for further information but will follow up again.

ACTION AP

Upkeep of pond green

SK informed the meeting that Hilbery Turf have quoted £50 a year for Manuden Road/Belchams Lane side and have agreed to cut around the pond twice a year at no extra cost.

Following discussion, it was agreed to leave over the winter months and consider under next years tender.

Finials for sign post

SK informed she is awaiting further information and will report once she hears.

ACTION: SK

Dog Bin re-siting

It was suggested the dog waste bin would be useful if sited at the beginning of the bridleway instead of Coney Acre, this was agreed. Contact to be made with UDC.

ACTION - SK

Street lighting

The street lighting was discussed in detail, it was agreed that CP will make contact with the lighting contractor with a view to using LED in the lights that are currently not working.

ACTION - CP

Village shop

BC informed the meeting that the shop is now closed as it was not viable for the pub, they will continue to stock basic items which residents will have to ask for as there will be no display.

There was some discussion on other venues, BC will check with the Pub on future products.

ACTION BC

Hedgerow planting

SK informed the meeting that it had been suggested hedges be planted around new builds and at the back of the school. AP suggested Cala be approached.

ACTION – SK

91. Broadband

BC informed the meeting that there is not much progress on Broadband, he has emailed Gigaclear and BT, for information and is awaiting a response.

92. Future PC dates

The Clerk distributed a list of Parish Council meeting dates for 2018, these were agreed and will be included on the website.

93. Parish Clerk Vacancy

AP informed the meeting there has been interest in the vacancy, the closing date for applications is 13th November, AP will make contact with the applicants after this date to arrange interviews.

94. Village Plan Action Group

BC read a message from the groups chair which included the following: 'Our role is to ensure that we continue to work for the actions highlighted in the Village Plan. It will need to be updated soon but many issues are still pertinent'. The message highlighted ongoing projects which included the need for a playground and the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme as well as the Village shop and working with local businesses. Also included were projects to monitor, including parking, public transport and communications along with issues for lobby.

95. Neighbourhood plan

Cllr Hargreaves has a completed plan which has been used to formulate our own plan.

Cllr Hargreaves gave an overview of development in the Newport area and the concern over traffic congestion.

BC requested a donation on behalf of the Neighbourhood plan of £1000 for the reserve fund, this was agreed unanimously.

96. Local Plan

Cllr Hargreaves informed the meeting that the Local Plan may be delayed due to waiting for a water report.

97. PRowS

SK stated she has reported the B1383 footpath on the back of PW's report that was submitted some time ago. Hedges along Church Lane are soon to be cut back. SK suggested something be put on Facebook to encourage residents to report broken signs, ES agreed to do this.

ACTION - ES

98. Highways

AP has just received the traffic survey results, he has not had time to analyse fully but informed the meeting that they show a slight decrease in traffic flow and speed. He would like to put a case forward for traffic calming, he is going to pursue further now he has the survey results.

78. Planning

a) Applications

UTT/17/3055/LB – The Old Kings Head. Cambridge Road. Quendon – No objection assuming there is no change to the external view

b) Decisions - None

c) Appeals - None

d) Trees - None

e) UDC – Breach of Planning – None

79. Items to be included on the Agenda for the next meeting to be held on 13th December 2017

Consideration of Chairperson for next year

Meeting closed 21.55

