

**MINUTES OF QUENDON & RICKLING PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 9th OCTOBER 2019 AT 7.30 PM.**

Present: Sally Kitcat – Chairman (SK)
Carrie Williams – CW
Tony Dear - TD
Katherine Nuthall – KN
Ele Stoneham – ES
Ted Crow – TC
Paul Wilsher - PW

Ray Gooding (RG) – County Councillor

4 members of the public
Keith Williams – (KW) (Parish Clerk)

Note: Before commencement of the meeting the Chairman reminded members of the public that although the meeting is open to the public, it is not an actual public meeting.

Members of the public are invited to make comments under Public Participations Sessions of the agenda but are requested to refrain from commenting at other times unless invited by the Chairman. Matters raised by the public, unless relating to items already on the agenda, will be noted but regretfully cannot be discussed by the council.

511. Declarations of Interest

PW in respect of agenda item 8.3. Neighbour of applicant.
TD in respect of agenda item 8.4. Neighbour of applicant.

512. Apologies for Absence

Neil Hargreaves. (District Councillor).
Anthony Gerrard. (District Councillor).

513. Minutes of the last meeting held on 18th September 2019 (already circulated)

The minutes of the last meeting held on 18th September were agreed as a true and accurate record, and were duly signed by the Chairman.

514. Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting on 18th September 2019

- Bluebell bridleway. This has been resolved by Quendon Hall.
- The Apple Pressing Day was well attended.
- There had been no response from the resident who had proposed the flower beds.
- CW and KN are due to meet representatives of the Bowling Club on 24/10/19.

515. Public participation session

None

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516. Finance

- a. Account balances (already circulated).
Noted.

- b. Invoices and payments for approval.
Approved.

FINANCE REPORT for SEPTEMBER 2019

Balance b/f @ 31/08/2019	25496.75
UDC precept (first instalment)	6250.00
Correct cheque no 001069	85.80
	31832.55

Payments to be authorised for September 2019

Payee	Chq No	Amount	Reason
Correct cheque no 001069		52.80	Incorrect entry
eon	DD	58.30	Electricity for August 2018
Ted Crow	1083	205.73	Football pitch expenses
			Repairs to sign on
Tim Smith	1084	45.00	green
Essex & Herts Air Ambulance	1085	150.00	Donation
Keith Williams	1086	343.52	Salary for September 2019
HMRC (Keith Williams)	1087	86.00	PAYE September 1029
			Grass
Brian Blackwell	1088	135.00	cutting
Total Payments		1076.35	
Balance c/f @ 30/09/2019		30756.20	

Note: Cheque no 001069 had previously been entered as £85.80 This should have been £52.80.

- c. PCC Donation

SK reminded the meeting that the parish clerk had written to the PCC in March to advise that if the proposed development was still some time away then the £1000 grant should be refunded to the parish council.

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A representative from the PCC advised that a meeting with church officials was planned for 14/11/19 to discuss the installation of a portaloo. A report would be made to the Parish Council regarding the outcome of this meeting.

It was agreed the PCC donation would be added to the agenda for the parish council meeting on 11th December 2019. If by that date approval had not been given for installation of a portaloo the PCC would refund the grant.

517 Correspondence
None

518. Planning

1. **UTT/19/2206-7/HHF – Rickling House, Cambridge Road.**
No objections.
2. **UTT/19/2434/HHF – Sycamore, Rickling Green Road.**
No objections.
3. **UTT/19/2221/FUL – 1 Mill House**
[Comments awaited]

Foxley 2

SK had met with NH and AG for their advice. The parish council still wish there to be some 2-bedroom homes within the development. The developer had made clear that any funding that they may make available would be subject to the parish council withdrawing it's demand for 2-bedroom homes. After some discussion SK proposed that the Parish Council vote on the following two options.

Option 1: Not to oppose the developer's application for 3/4 bedroom houses on the understanding that the developer would provide a footpath to the north-west of the development, plus the additional financial considerations from the developer.

Option 2: To maintain that the development should include some 2-bedroom houses, with the understanding that there would be no financial considerations from the developer.

After a vote, Option 1 was carried.

519. Football pitch

TC reported :

- The pitch was now in regular use.
- A line-marking machine had been purchased.
- There was an enquiry for use of the pitch from another team.
- A fire extinguisher was required.
- The drug paraphernalia had been reported to the police.

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520. Meeting with Strutt and Parker (S & P)

S & P would like to meet with the parish council to discuss the land by the football pitch and a site of Brick Kiln Lane. SK feels that it would be acceptable to meet to listen to S & P's views but not to respond to their proposals. There is concern that if the parish council agreed to meet with S & P this could be interpreted as tantamount acceptance of S & P's future plans. SK therefore proposed two options.

Option 1: Do not meet with Strutt and Parker.

Option 2: Meet with Strutt and Parker, which would occur when the parish council have representatives available, to listen to S and P's views only but not to respond to their proposals.

After a vote, Option 2 was carried.

521. B1383

a. Horse Chestnut trees

CW has contacted UDC with a view to applying tree preservation orders (TPO's) on the horse chestnut trees outside Rickling House. As the trees are in a conservation area it is not necessary to apply TPO's.

An inspection has indicated that some of the trees are infected with canker and fungus. The UDC Landscape Officer visited the site and confirmed several trees are showing signs of disease, and one has died. He has requested an ECC arboriculturist visit the site and produce a report for the Parish Council with a view to trees being replaced with appropriate alternatives.

b. Highway and Parking study

There has been a suggestion that the government may bring in legislation making parking vehicles on pavements illegal. This would have an impact on certain parts of the village. Hence the study is of vital importance and needs to be undertaken as soon as possible.

522. DART Bus Service

KN advised that tenders for the service are currently being invited. Villages will be advised when arrangements have been made.

523. Gigaclear

Parts of the village now has access to fast broadband, with more areas to follow. The facility will be available to 50% of the residents who have pots.

524. Skip and Grit Bins

The grit bins have been renovated by TC, who will top them up with grit.
TC has sourced a company who can provide a lockable skip, which would be delivered on a Saturday and collected the following Monday. The charge for a 6 yard skip is £265 plus VAT, and for an 8 yard skip £285 plus VAT. He will advise the dates when the skip can be delivered.

525. Signage for deer crossing

KN contacted CSW (community speed watch) to see if they had access to any temporary signs. Her request has been forwarded on to another member within the team who has access to these signs. The parish clerk is to contact Highways to ask them to provide signs.

526. Traffic calming measures for Coney Acre, Brick Kiln Lane and Belchams Lane

New recruits are needed for Speedwatch.
KN will ask Cllr Gooding to arrange a speed survey.

527. County and District Councillor reports

Neil Hargreaves (District Councillor).

Although not present, Cllr Hargreaves had submitted the following report prior to the meeting.

1. Local Plan - we await the letter from the Inspectors following the first phase of inspection and hearings. Expected very shortly.
2. Neighbourhood Plan - the regulation 16 consultation runs till end of October, and then the examination starts in November. Any responses will go to the examiner. The Steering Group will have opportunity to respond.
3. UDC finances - budgets for 2020/21 are being prepared now.
4. The council last night agreed a £2m commercial investment in some student accommodation in Cambridge.
5. As further significant commercial investments are required the Council also agreed the setting up of an Investment Board. This is 14 members, cross party and including two independent (non-council) members. Function being to review investment business cases and if considered suitable, within a set of guidelines also agreed last night, to pass those to Cabinet for a decision. Full Council will make all funding decisions for the investments.

Ray Gooding (County Councillor).

- Suggests a separate discussion to decide exactly what is required with regard to the potential footpath to run from from Ventnor to Hallfield.

528. Date of next meeting

13th November 2019.

529. Closure of meeting

There being no further items to be discussed, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 21.30.

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