

**MINUTES OF QUENDON & RICKLING PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER 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
Neil Hargreaves (NH) – District Councillor

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

484. Declarations of Interest

None.

485. Apologies for Absence

None.

486. Minutes of the last meeting held on 10th July 2019 (already circulated)

The minutes of the last meeting held on 10th July were amended to remove item 4 of minute 467, amendment signed by the chairman, and were then agreed as a true and accurate record, and were duly signed by the Chairman.

487. Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting on 10th July 2019

- Seafarers flag was flown on 3 September.
- DART bus service - Lorraine Evans has responded. KN is to provide a full update.
- It is hoped that the rat hole has been sorted.
- The Council is still awaiting a time line for 40mph buffer zone.

488. Public participation session

A villager expressed concern regarding vehicles speeding through Coney Acre, and advised that his cat had been a victim of a speeding motorist. This could have been a resident. SK assured the villager that the Parish Council was well aware of the problem with speeding vehicles, and was taking every action it could.

489. Finance

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

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- b. Invoices and payments for approval.
Approved.

FINANCE REPORT for AUGUST 2019

Balance b/f @ 31/07/2019	25395.70
Use of football area for parking	100.00
Quickling Festival receipts	<u>856.81</u>
	26352.51

Payments to be authorised for August 2019

Payee	Chq No	Amount	Reason
eon	DD	58.30	Electricity for July 2018
Carrie Williams	1077	49.14	Quickling Festival expenses
Keith Williams	1078	343.72	Salary for August 2019
HMRC (Keith Williams)	1079	85.80	PAYE August 1029
Payroo (Keith Williams)	1080	30.00	Payroll expenses
Brian Blackwell	1081	110.00	Grass cutting
Local Toilet Hire (Ted Crow)	1082	178.80	Toilet hire for football pitch
Total Payments		855.76	
Balance c/f @ 31/08/2019		25496.75	

- c. Consider donation to Essex and Herts Air Ambulance.

A donation of £150 was proposed and this was agreed.

490 Correspondence

None

491. Football Field

- TC reported that the pitch was now being used.
- An FA pitch improvement programme report had been received and this was distributed to councillors.
- The portaloos had been installed.
- The car park was now roped off.
- A line-marking machine is needed. The cost of this would be approximately £475 plus VAT.
- There is evidence of some drug-related detritus in the area, together with other rubbish. This is mainly on the verge adjacent to the pitches.

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492. Quickling Festival

- CW said there had been some very positive feedback.
- A total of £856.81 had been raised.
- It is estimated that about 300 attended the event.
- The feeling amongst the village is the festival should be continued in future years, together with other village events.

493. The Cricketers Arms

SK was pleased to report The Cricketers Arms had re-opened.

494. Planning

1. UTT/19/2026/LB – Sycamore, Rickling Green Road

Internal alterations and repair to windows.

No objections.

2. UTT/19/2215/FUL – Birds End, Brixton Lane.

Demolition of outbuildings and erection of 1 detached dwelling.

Please refer to the Council's response to the previous application UTT/19/0700/FUL.

" The Parish Council does not object to the style of the planned building which is in keeping with the traditional style of the village. Should a building be built on this plot the PC approves of the plan for the building to be set into the landscape so as to achieve a low profile. The PC is pleased that the entrance to the extant property be used to serve the proposed building and that there is no requirement for an additional entrance onto Brixton Lane. However, the PC does note, and is concerned, that Brixton Lane is an unspoilt single lane road with few passing places and that this proposal will result in an increase to the vehicles using the lane."

The Council's views remain the same. The Council would like to make clear that it does not support this or the previous application.

495. Foxley 2

SK advised that there had been two meetings with the developers. They have agreed to many of the requests. The developer has approached Essex Highways to offer funding towards the cost of a new bus shelter, although the parish council feels that this is not necessary and that the funds could be better released for other projects.

The Parish Council remains of the opinion that this should be a mixed development, including some two-bedroomed houses. All the other points previously raised remain relevant. The Council has requested the footpath to run inside the tree line not on roadside verge

496. B1383

Footpath – SK has reported this again to Highways who say the matter has been investigated, and they consider the matter not serious enough to take further action.

Bus stop – A bus stop at the boundary of Quendon and Ugley (opposite Boundary Cottage) is being investigated.

Crossing – To initiate a survey by highway engineers into the possibility of providing a pedestrian crossing at Waterbutt Row would likely cost £10000. It will be necessary to establish who owns the land between the road and the hedge. A grant had been applied for but this was refused. PW wondered if the £10000 being offered for providing a bus shelter could be used to fund the survey.

497. Flower beds in the village

It was suggested that the villager who has proposed installation of flower beds should be approached to provide a report on where he believes the beds should be sited, costings and also who would be responsible for their upkeep.

498. Gigaclear

Tom Duncan advised that Widdington was currently being connected to the service. There is some work activity between Quendon and Newport. Community fibre is due to be installed by February 2020.

499. Communications Mast

Quendon Bowls Club has asked the Parish Council if it would be interested in having a communications mast on their land. The council feels that this is a matter best dealt with by the Bowls Club itself and has suggested that the Bowls Club contact the operators and register their interest.

500. Bowling Club

The Bowls Club is keen to become more involved in the village and is offering their venue for village use.

501. Village Green and Village Pond

Replacement poles are being obtained and wait to be fitted. Permission from the landowner has been received. SK is awaiting a quotation for the work.

Cars and lorries are still using Bluebell Woods bridleway, at the rear entrance to Quendon Hall. It is thought that some satnav systems are directing cars this way. Erection of a sign making clear that cars are not permitted would help the situation.

502. Councillor training

The Parish Clerk will obtain details of New Councillor Training Programmes and will circulate this to councillors.

503. Allotments

The Parish Council does not own the allotments.

504. Quendon Woods footbridge

The footpath has been upgraded to include stairs, a handrail and a path comprised of road scalplings (as no footbridge was been installed).

505. Apple pressing

This will be on 6th October.

506. Defibrillator

The Parish Council agreed a budget of £300 for a replacement battery.

507. Stop Stansted Expansion (SSE)

TD has offered to attend meetings and report back to the Council.

508. County and District Councillor reports

Neil Hargreaves (District Councillor).

The draft Neighbourhood Plan has been submitted and an examiner appointed. It is likely to be the end of January 2020 when the examination and report is completed.

Ray Gooding (County Councillor).

- Essex County Council has been successful in getting some infrastructure projects agreed.
- A cross-party group has been set up to investigate the question of children missing education.

509. Date of next meeting

9th October 2019.

510. Closure of meeting

There being no further items to be discussed, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 21.14.

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