

**MINUTES OF QUENDON & RICKLING PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 10th JANUARY 2018 AT 7.30PM.**

Present: Alan Price (AP) – Chair
 Chris Phillips (CP) - Vice Chair
 Sally Kitcat (SK)
 Brandon Chapman (BC)
 Paul Wilsher (PW)
 Ele Stoneham (ES)

 Keith Williams (Parish Clerk)
 Cllr Anthony Gerrard (AG) - District councillor
 Cllr Ray Gooding (RG) – County councillor

121. Declarations of Interest

None

122. Apologies and Reason for Absence

Tony Jones (TJ)
Cllr Neil Hargreaves (District councillor)

123. Minutes of the last meeting held on 13th December 2017 (already circulated)

A correction was made to item **110 g.** of the minutes of the meeting on 13th December 2017, which was accepted and approved, following which the minutes were agreed as a true and accurate record, and duly signed by the Chairman.

124. Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting on 13th December 2017

None

125. Public participation

None

126. Finance

- a. Reimbursement of payment of £44 was agreed.
- b. Account balances (already circulated) were noted.
- c. Invoices and payments were approved.
- d. Loan to Village Hall Committee – AP advised that the committee had a potential contractor but agreement to proceed had not yet been reached. There was therefore still no confirmed contractor.

127. Agree precept

On a proposal from BC, seconded by AP, a precept for the year 2018/2019 of £12500 was agreed and the parish clerk will submit accordingly. The Chairman will write an explanatory note for The Link.

128. Planning Application UTT/17/3657/AV – Ventnor Lodge

The following objections were noted;

- There is a safety concern that the lighting could dazzle or distract motorists.
- There has been no previous application for an illuminated sign even though this application refers to “*retention*” of illuminated fascia sign.
- This type of sign is inappropriate for a rural environment.
- The sign would be next to a conservation area.

The parish clerk is to write to Uttlesford District Council Planning to register the council’s objections.

129. Street Lighting

There have been no objections to the proposals. Lights could be considered for Coney Acre and at the Fountain.

CP advised that the cost of a new street lamppost would be £1200 with an additional £962 connection charge per lamppost. Trench and cable lay per meter is £101 in the footway and £50 in the verge. All prices subject to vat.

BC suggested consulting the residents of Coney Acre to ask what type of light they would prefer.

130. Updates

- a. Playground area - Nothing further to report, however there remains a need to establish the identity of the current maintenance company.
- b. Finials for sign posts – Nothing further to report.
- c. Dog-bin siting – SK advised that permission for re-siting has now been received.
- d. Broadband – Personal letters have been received from Gigaclear advising that broadband would be supplied to the village by 31st March 2018.
- e. Hedgerow planting around new builds – Nothing further to report.
- f. Pond Green – The tree surgery has been completed.
- g. Village Plan Action Group - BC reported that, with regard to the shop, there had not been sufficient interest for the project to proceed.

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- h. Neighbourhood Plan – BC advised that policies are now emerging. An issue for the village is that, because of the presence of a school and a Pub, the village is categorised as “Type A” which means that it is considered suitable for development. This is being challenged.

AG reported that the Plan is proceeding. With regard to the re-locating of speed limit signs, approval for moving one of the 2 signs has been received with approval for the other awaited.

131. SSE Parish Liaison Group

BC advised that he would continue to represent the village in this group.

132. Update to Standing Orders

AP felt that the parish council should adopt the new model standing orders, but with the removal of the time restriction allowed for public participation.

ES has suggested removal of sections 3f and 3i. She will circulate her proposals for amendment of the model standing orders and invite comments/suggestions from councillors.

133. Discuss “Come dine with me”

ES will prepare an article for The Link village magazine explaining the format of the proposal. She believes the best time for holding the event would be a Saturday night in April.

134. Winter salt

BC advised that not much salt had been used and that current supplies are sufficient.

135. Community skip

There will be a third skip in this financial year. BC will see if there is another contractor who could offer a skip service that is not restricted to Saturdays only.

136. Date of next meeting

Wednesday 14th February 2018.

137. Closure of meeting

There being no further items to be discussed, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 21.05.

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