

**DRAFT MINUTES OF QUENDON & RICKLING PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 15TH JANUARY 2020 AT 7.30 PM.**

Present: Sally Kitcat – Chairman (SK)
Carrie Williams – (CW)
Tony Dear – (TD)
Ted Crow – (TC)
Tom Duncan – (TDN)

Ray Gooding (RG) – (County Councillor)

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

567. Declarations of Interest

None.

568. Apologies for Absence

Ele Stoneham (ES)
Katherine Nuthall (KN)

569. Minutes of the last meeting held on 11th December 2019 (already circulated)

The minutes of the last meeting held on 11th December were agreed as a true and accurate record, and were duly signed by the Chairman.

570. Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting on 11th December 2019

- The VAS sign at the north end of the village was now on the ground. The parish clerk has reported this to Highways.
- The UDC Planning meeting to discuss Stansted Airport is on the coming Friday. TD will attend on behalf of the parish council.

571. Public participation session

- Thank you to the parish council for their efforts in providing the Christmas tree.
- Is there any progress on the trees on the Forsters footpath? Nothing further to report at present.
- Somebody has repaired Dick's plaque in the lay-by.
- White marks have appeared in the area. It is thought that these may relate to the proposed footpath or possibly Gigaclear works..

572. Sheep

The shepherd gave an interesting and well-received presentation on the plans for sheep grazing in the area.

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573. Finance

a. Account balances (already circulated).
Noted.

b. Invoices and payments for approval.
Approved.

FINANCE REPORT for DECEMBER 2019

Balance b/f @ 30/11/19	27947.70
Football pitch receipts	340.00
	<u>28287.70</u>
VAT refund	541.73
Christmas tree collection	22.00
	<u>28851.43</u>

Payments to be authorised for December 2019

Payee	Chq No	Amount	Reason
e-on	dd	56.42	Electricity for November 2019
Keith Williams	1114	343.72	Salary for December 2019
HMRC (Keith Williams)	1115	85.80	PAYE December 2019
Carrie Williams	1116	21.00	Notice for Wine and Waffles
A&J Lighting	1103	1,611.54	Electricity maintenance
Regal Expoline Ltd	1117	131.34	Football pitch supplies
Local Toilet Hire	1118	124.80	Portaloo hire for football pitch
Total Payments		2374.62	
Balance c/f @ 31/12/2019		26476.81	

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

c. Agree precept for 2020/2021

A precept of £12500 for 2020/2021 was agreed, and remains the same as last year. The parish clerk will notify UDC.

574 Correspondence

TC has received emails confirming bookings for the football pitch.

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575. Planning

There were no planning applications to consider.

576. Strutt and Parker meeting

S&P, together with a London-based property developer and management company, are considering market-rate rental developments in the wider area - possible sites locally would be the football field and Coney Acre. Brandon Chapman met with S&P on behalf of the Parish Council but no meaningful information has been provided by S&P.

The council agreed that before the PC can come to any conclusion on how to engage with S&P more information is needed.

577. Policies and guidelines reviews

The Parish Council will be carrying out reviews of all policies and guidelines over the next few months. All revised documents will be posted to the website.

578. Foxley 2

Update

- Work has started.
- The developers have asked the PC to submit suggestions for a name to be used for a road on the development.

Stonebond agreement

The agreement is ready to be signed and will be sent to the Parish Clerk for signature on behalf of the Parish Council.

579. Events

- 18 people had booked for the Wine and Waffle.
- For the pop-up cinema, the film voted in first place for showing is "Top Gun" with "Casino Royale" in second place.
- The Christmas Tree event had been very successful and well received by villagers.

The Cricket Day will be 5th July and the Quickling Festival on 8th August.

580. Solar lights on B1383

A licence will be required for any installation of lights. There is some concern that the lights might be detrimental to what is a conservation area. Chris Phillips kindly agreed to speak to the Conservation Officer, and carry out some research on the actual requirements. He will report back to the PC.

581. Broadband and website

Broadband – TDN gave a brief update. Villagers who have signed up to Gigaclear appear to be happy with the service thus far.

Website – TDN advised that the current website hosting ends at the end of March. He hopes that the new website will be up and running well before then.

582. County and District Councillor reports

Ray Gooding (County Councillor)

- The Youth Service has been nominated for 5 awards, resulting in one Highly Commended and one Best in Country.
- There will be Twenty/Twenty events scheduled for this year.
- A 100 mile cycling event is planned for September in which it is hoped to have 15000-20000 competitors.

583. Date of next meeting

12th February 2020.

584. Closure of meeting

There being no further items to be discussed, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 20.45.

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