MINUTES OF QUENDON & RICKLING PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON THURSDAY 9TH JULY 2026 AT 7.30 PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL

Present: Gari Spearpoint - (GS) Chair
David Murfitt – (DM)
Ray Hart – (RH)
Erica Bromley – (EB)
Peter Beaumont – (PB)

Cllr Judy Emanuel – (JRE)
Keith Williams (KW)-Parish Clerk
1 member of the public

1859 Declarations of Interest

None

1860. Apologies for Absence

Cllr Ray Gooding – (RG)
Cllr Neil Hardgreaves – (NH)

1861. Minutes of the previous meeting held on 11th June 2026

The minutes of the meeting were agreed as true and accurate records and were signed by the Chairman.

1862. Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting on 11th June 2026.

RH estimates that between 30 and 40 more posts will be required for the Village Green depending on how far round the Green it is proposed to cover.

Footpath 19 does not appear to have been cleared despite reporting this to Highways.

1863. Resignation of parish councillor

Caroline Mackrill announced her resignation from the Parish Council. Councillors would like to thank her for all her efforts on behalf the Council. The parish clerk has advised UDC and the usual public Notification of Vacancy was posted to all noticeboards. There having been no request for an election it is now in order for the PC to co-opt a replacement.

1864. Public participation session

Has there been any progress in producing new maps of the village?

1865.

a. **Adopt new Standing Orders – Adopted.**
b. **Adopt new Financial Regulations – Adopted.**
c. **Adopt Accessibility Statement – Adopted.**

d. **Adopt IT Policy – Adopted.**
e. **Adopt Personal Data Breach Policy – Adopted.**
f. **Review Code of Conduct – Reviewed and accepted.**
g. **Review Complaints Procedure – Reviewed and accepted.**
h. **Review Emergency Plan – The current plan to be updated. RH will organise.**
i. **Review Grants and Donations Policy – Reviewed and accepted.**
j. **Review Risk Management Policy – Reviewed and accepted.**
k. **Formally review the effectiveness of the system of internal controls – the Council is satisfied that the system of internal controls is in order and operates satisfactorily.**

1866. Correspondence

An email has been received asking if the Village has an emergency water supply. The Village does not.

Cllr Ray Gooding (RG) had sent, with his apologies, a report. This will be entered under County and District Councillors reports.

1867. Footpaths

Footpath 19 has apparently not yet been cleared. The parish clerk will contact Highways again.

1868. Planning

UTT/26/1587/LB – Mill House, Cambridge Road.
Proposed replacement of rear facing window and installation of bathroom extractor fan.

No objections.

1869. Village projects

Some of the speed signs need cleaning. GS will let the clerk know which ones, which can then be reported to Highways.

1870. Belchams Lane

There was no planning application from Pegasi in the UDC Planning agenda for July. It is unlikely to be included in August as there is normally little activity in that month. The earliest would therefore be September.

There is no PC meeting in August, so it has been suggested that the persons who have indicated that they would be prepared to address the Planning Committee should meet some time during August to discuss tactics.

1871. Chemical spillage on Village Green

The spillage was actually in the pond near Burys Farm. It appears that some drains were blocked and fertilizer entered the pond. It was reported to the Environmental Agency who have assessed that it was non-toxic and that the pond will recover naturally.

PB suggested that the pond should be drained and the bottom scraped.

1872. Action List

There is no update to the existing Action List.

1873. Finance

a. **Account balances (already circulated).**
    a. Noted
b. **Invoices and payments**
    a. Approved

FINANCE REPORT for JUNE 2026

Balance b/f @ 31/05/2026		10346.81

Payments to be authorised for June 2026

Payee	Chq No	Amount	Reason
Victoria Waples	online	240.00	Internal Auditor
ICO (Keith Williams)	online	52.00	Data Protection Fee-ICO
Christine Osbourn	online	77.00	Bedding plants
Npower	DD	73.09	Electricity for May 2026
Payroo	online	6.00	Payroll expenses
JP Gardens Ltd	online	276.00	Grass cutting for June 2026
Keith Williams	online	445.84	Salary for June 2026
HMRC (Keith Williams)	online	132.67	PAYE for June 2026
Unity Trust Bank	dd	7.00	Service charge

Total Payments for June 2026		1309.60
Precept received		0.00
Balances at 30/06/2026	Current A/C	9037.21
	Savings A/C b/f	16101.69
	Interest	78.28
[412/2026]	Savings A/C	16179.97

Total c/f at 30/06/2026	25217.18

Please note: The payments to HMRC and ICO were made by the parish clerk and are being reimbursed.

1874. Events

There is nothing to report.

1875. County and District Councillor reports

Cllr Ray Gooding (report sent in his absence)

Can I give my apologies for this evenings meeting please – Thursdays are always difficult and I have a School Governors meeting that I am chairing this evening.

By way of my report I can confirm that I have received a couple of emails from Gari about speeding through the village and I have raised this with Highways. However, as we know the largest part of the measures that were recommended within the Bruce Bamber report that were commissioned by the parish were implemented with varying degrees of success. The Island that was installed as a second part of the installation has been subject to regular damage (just recently repaired) and I have doubts about the efficacy of this part of the works.

I have, as I said raised this again with Highways but under the new administration, we are seeing some delays in receiving acknowledgement with potholes taking priority over all else at this time.

Perhaps we can have a separate conversation about this matter to see what else can be done.

Cllr Judy Emanuel

Cllr Emanuel has been working on producing a template for planning appeals. This will make access to planning applications more readily available.

1876. Date of next meeting

10th September 2026 (Note: there is no meeting in August).

1877. Closure of meeting

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