

**MINUTES OF QUENDON & RICKLING PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON THURSDAY 9th APRIL 2026 AT 7.30 PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL.**

Present: Gari Spearpoint - (GS) Chair
David Murfitt – (DM)
Caroline Mackrill - (CM)

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

1813 Declarations of Interest

None

1814. Apologies for Absence

Ray Hart – (RH)
Erica Bromley – (EB)
Peter Beaumont – (PB)
Cllr Neil Hargreaves – (NH)

1815. Minutes of the previous meeting held on 6th March 2026.

The minutes of the last meeting were agreed as a true and accurate record and were signed by the Chairman.

1816. Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting on 12th February 2025

- The creation of the gov.uk domain is almost completed.
- The memorial bench is with GS awaiting installation.

1817. Public participation session

- How is the Local Plan proceeding? [See Councillors report].
- What is the Government's decision on re-organisation?
- It is noted that the Parish Council will not be affected by the re-organisation.

1818. Correspondence

A communication has been received from a resident regarding speeding through the village. The Parish Council is of course aware of the problem.

1819. Footpath

Nothing to report.

[400/2026]

1820. Planning

UTT/26/0642/HHF – Rickling House, Cambridge Road
Resurfacing of existing driveways.

No objections.

1821. Village projects

Nothing to report at this time.

1822. Belchams Lane

The outcome is still awaited. Awaiting advice from UDC.

1823. Finance

a. Account balances (already circulated).

Noted

b. Invoices and payments

Approved

FINANCE REPORT for MARCH 2026

Balance b/f @ 28/02/2026 -41.65

Payments to be authorised for MARCH 2026

Payee	Chq No	Amount	Reason
Npower	DD	112.40	Electricity for February 2026
Payoo	online	6.00	Payroll expenses for February 2026
EALC	online	300.00	Councillor training days
Scotsdales (Gari Spearpoint)	online	354.99	Memorial bench.
Keith Williams	online	445.84	Salary for March 2026
HMRC (Keith Williams)	online	132.67	PAYE for March 2026
Unity Trust Bank	dd	7.00	Service charge
Total Payments for March 2026		1358.90	
Balances at 31/03/2026	Current A/C	1400.55	
Transfer from Deposit A/C		5000.00	
Duplicate payments repaid		263.96	
		3863.41	
	Savings A/C		
	b/f	15999.90	
	Interest	0.00	
[401/2026]	Savings A/C	15999.90	

Total c/f at 31/03/2026

19863.31

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

1824. Events

Nothing to discuss at this time.

1825. County and District Councillor reports

Cllr Judy Emanuel

- Neighbourhood Plan [JE to send report to clerk].
- The Local Plan has been adopted.
- There is a change of rules for planning appeals. All appeals will now be considered as Part 1 applications, which means there can be no outside representations.
- Still awaiting the confirmation from the Government of the availability of a 5 year schedule of building sites in Uttlesford.

1826. Date of next meeting

7th May 2026. (Note: the meeting will be held at the Bowls Club).

1827. Closure of meeting

There being no further items to be discussed, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 20.44.

[402/2026]