

**MINUTES OF QUENDON & RICKLING PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON THURSDAY 11th December 2024 AT 7.30 PM.**

Present: Gari Spearpoint - (GS) Chair
 Ray Hart – (RH)
 Peter Beaumont – (PB)
 Tom Duncan – (TDN)

Keith Williams (KW)-Parish Clerk
 1 member of the public

1591. Declarations of Interest

None

1592. Apologies for Absence

Erica Bromley – (EB)
Caroline Mackrill - (CM)
Cllr Neil Hargreaves - (NH)
Cllr Judy Emanuel – (JE)

1593. Minutes of the last meeting held on 14th November 2024 (already circulated)

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

1594. Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting on 14th November 2024

- Costing for the Christmas Tree and related expenditure is within budget.
- The dog bin is to be ordered.
- There has been no response regarding the damaged VAR sign.
- The Chair will write to the owner of the Green regarding the posts.

1595. Public participation session

- If the bus service is discontinued it will have an impact on some residents attending doctor's surgery.
- What is happening with regard to the cricket pitch covers?
- Has there been a final decision on the Foxley House extension?
- What is the situation regarding the posts around the Green? [Note: this is an agenda item].

1596. Correspondence

- Carrie Williams has found a newt in her cellar.
- The cockerels have not yet been removed.
- A resident has offered to tidy up the 3 grassed areas.

1597. Footpaths

GS has been chasing for some update and has copied in the constituency MP.

1598. Planning

There were no planning applications to consider.

1599. Football Pitch

There is a discrepancy between the figures provided from the Parish Council accounts and those supplied by the pitch controller. GS will arrange to meet the controller to discuss future plans. In the meantime the Parish Clerk will request copies of bank statements set up by the controller to receive pitch hire payments.

1600. Village Ponds

Work on the ponds has been completed to great satisfaction and payment of the final bill has been approved.

The Parish Council would like to place on record their thanks to Paul Wilsher for all his efforts in bringing this project to a satisfactory conclusion.

1601. Village projects

Consider quotation for Village Green Posts.

GS is to write to the owner of the Green requesting permission for installation of the replacement posts. He will suggest that the owner would like to make a contribution of 50% towards the purchase price.

1602. Belchams Lane

No further developments as this stage.

1603. Neighbourhood Plan

No further updates.

1604. Finance

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| a. Accounts Balances (already circulated) - | Noted. |
| b. Invoices and payments for approval (already circulated) - | Approved. |
| c. Agree Precept for 2025-2026 - | Agreed at £15014.50. |
| d. Parish Clerk's annual increase - | Approved. |

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FINANCE REPORT for NOVEMBER 2024

Balance b/f @ 31/10/2024

17259.20

Payments to be authorised for November 2024

Payee	Chq No	Amount	Reason
Ted Crow	online	12.15	Grease spray
npower	dd	96.70	Electricity for October 2024
Payroo	online	6.00	Payroll expenses for October
Keith Williams	online	554.46	Salary for November 2024 inc backpay
HMRC (Keith Williams)	online	138.60	PAYE for November 2024
Local Toilet Hire	online	132.00	Football pitch toilet hire December
UALC	online	5.00	Subscription
Ted Crow	online	114.84	Grassline pitch paint
Autumn Daze (deducted from £30 donation)	already paid	10.00	Straw bales
Unity Trust Bank	dd	6.00	Bank charge
Total Payments for November 2024		1075.75	

Donation

30.00

Football pitch hire

530.00

Balances at 30/11/2024

Current A/C 16743.45

Savings A/C 20240.30

Bank

interest 140.30

Savings A/C 20380.60

Total c/f at 30/11/2024

37124.05

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

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1605. Events

The Christmas Tree has been installed. There was a large turn out for the lighting turn on.

1606. County and District Councillor reports

None

1607. Date of next meeting

8th January 2025

1608. Closure of meeting

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

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