

**DRAFT MINUTES OF QUENDON & RICKLING PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD ON THURSDAY 12TH FEBRUARY 2026 AT 7.300 PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL.**

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

District Cllr Neil Hargreaves (NH)  
Keith Williams (KW)-Parish Clerk  
40+ members of the public

**1781 Declarations of Interest**

None

**1782. Apologies for Absence**

Caroline Mackrill - (CM)  
District Cllr Judy Emanuel – (JE)

**1783. Minutes of the previous meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> January 2026.**

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

**1784. Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> January 2025**

None.

**1785. Public participation session**

Has the council received any communications from ODH? [This will be discussed under **Item 9: Planning**].

**1786. Gov.uk domain**

This is proceeding and software support is preparing documentation.

**1787. Correspondence**

None

**1788. Footpath**

The damaged finger post has been replaced.

**1789. Planning**

- 1. UTT/25/3329/FUL – Maces Farm Yard and land at Belchams Lane**  
Phased development for 110 dwellings etc.
- 2. UTT/25/3353/LB**  
Change of use for Grade II listed barn

ODH is preparing a response to these applications on behalf of the Parish Council. They have presented a draft version and when the final version is agreed it will be submitted to UDC.

**1790. Village projects**

- The memorial bench is being produced.
- Most of the stakes around the Green have been installed. There are a couple more awaiting installation.

**1791. Belchams Lane**

The development was discussed under **Item 9:Planning**.

**1792. Action register**

An updated register had been distributed to councillors prior to the meeting.

**1793. Finance**

- a. Account balances (already circulated).**

Noted

- b. Invoices and payments for approval (already circulated).**

Approved

## FINANCE REPORT for JANUARY 2026

Balance b/f @ 31/12/2025 7144.86

### Payments to be authorised for JANUARY 2026

Payee	Chq No	Amount	Reason
PKF Littlejohn	online	252.00	External auditors fee
Ray Hart	online	11.96	Line marking spray
Npower	DD	142.97	Electricity for £December 2025 Payroll expenses for December 2025
Payoo	online	6.00	2025
Keith Williams	online	445.84	Salary for January 2026
HMRC (Keith Williams)	online	132.67	PAYE for January 2026
Unity Trust Bank	dd	6.00	Service charge Training
EALC	online	120.00	day EALC/NALC affiliation
EALC	online	256.62	fees
Quendon Bowling Club	online	30.00	Hire of room 26/1/26

**Total Payments for January 2026** 1404.06

<b>Balances at 31/01/2026</b>	Current A/C	<u>5740.80</u>
<b>VAT refund</b>		<u>451.55</u>
		<u>6192.35</u>
	Savings A/C	
	b/f	20646.26
	Interest	<u>353.64</u>
	Savings A/C	<u>20999.90</u>

**Total c/f at 31/01/2026** 26740.70

Please note: The payment to HMRC was made

### 1794. Events

There is nothing to discuss at this time.

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**1795. County and District Councillor reports**

**Cllr Neil Hargreaves**

- The budget is proceeding.
- Some figures have changed which reflects further cuts to the budget.
- A total of £5million will deducted spread over the next five years.

**1796. Date of next meeting**

**12<sup>th</sup> March 2026.**

**1797. Closure of meeting**

There being no further items to be discussed, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 20.03.

**[396/2026]**