

**MINUTES OF QUENDON & RICKLING PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON THURSDAY 16TH JANUARY 2025 AT 7.30 PM.**

Present: Gari Spearpoint - (GS) Chair
 Peter Beaumont – (PB)
 Caroline Mackrill – (CM)

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

1609. Declarations of Interest

None

1610. Apologies for Absence

Ray Hart – (RH)
Erica Bromley – (EB)
Cllr Neil Hargreaves - (NH)
Cllr Judy Emanuel – (JE)

1611. Minutes of the last meeting held on 11th December 2024 (already circulated)

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

1612. Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting on 14th November 2024

None

1613. Public participation session

- There has been some activity in the field beyond the football pitch. It is believed that this is to do with percolation testing and could be linked with Pegasi or simply fields water level testing for crops.
- Is the devolution change in Essex likely to affect parish councils?

1614. Resignation of parish councillor

Tom Duncan has announced his resignation from the Parish Council with effect from 1st January 2025. The Parish Councillors would like to express their thanks to Tom for all the work he has undertaken during his time as a councillor.

1615. Correspondence

- A resident has reported that they have damaged two wheels of their car when being forced, by oncoming traffic, into a pothole.
- Katherine Nuttall has kindly agreed to source the seeds for this year's pumpkin competition.

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1616. Footpaths

County Councillor Ray Gooding has confirmed that this issue is still ongoing. There is nothing further to report.

1617. Planning

There were no planning applications to consider.

1618. Football Pitch

After due consideration it has been decided that the Parish Council can no longer continue to subsidise the running of the football pitch as it is not financially viable nor producing any benefit to the village. It will also not protect the village from any development by Pegasi. With immediate effect, therefore, the Council will cease to pay for any further expenses or accept pitch rental fees. The Parish Clerk is instructed to draft a letter to Ted Crow advising him accordingly, the draft letter to be submitted to councillors for comments and approval. However, we will support Ted in running the pitch independently and councillors will meet with Ted to discuss an orderly handover.

1619. Village projects

Consider quotation for Village Green Posts.

The Parish Council has received a suggestion from the owner of the Village Green that the PC should obtain a quotation for purchase and delivery of the posts and the owner will arrange for installation.

- The new dog bin has been received and arrangements will be made for installation.
- CM will look into obtaining a new Village map.
- It is suggested that new lights be installed on the memorial/fountain. CM will investigate costings and report back.
- The possibility of erecting a war memorial was raised. This will be discussed further at a later date.

1620. Belchams Lane

Nothing further to report.

1621. Finance

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| a. Accounts Balances (already circulated) - | Noted. |
| b. Invoices and payments for approval (already circulated) - | Approved. |

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FINANCE REPORT for DECEMBER 2024

Balance b/f @ 31/11/2024

16743.45

Payments to be authorised for December 2024

Payee	Chq No	Amount	Reason
Ted Crow	Already paid	140.00	Matchday preparations
Ted Crow	Already paid	195.00	Allocation payments
Ted Crow	Already paid	23.50	Mower fuel
Gari Spearpoint	Already paid	54.90	Christmas purchases
npower	dd	111.93	Electricity for November 2024
Parish Online	Already paid	45.00	Mapping software renewal
Terrace and Garden	Already paid	195.00	Christmas tree
The Pond Specialist	Already paid	6,510.00	Clearance of ponds
Glasdon (Keith Williams)	Already paid	359.41	Dog bin
Ted Crow	online	50.00	Matchday preparations
Payroo	online	6.00	Payroll expenses for November
Bishops Stortford Band	online	50.00	Band for Tree Lighting
Ted Crow	online	114.84	Grassline paint
Ted Crow	online	30.00	Matchday preparations
Keith Williams	online	432.11	Salary for December 2024
HMRC (Keith Williams)	online	108.00	PAYE for December 2024
Local Toilet Hire	online	132.00	Football pitch toilet
Unity Trust Bank	dd	6.00	Service charge

Total Payments for December 2024

8563.69

Football pitch hire

315.00

Balances at 31/12/2024

Current A/C 8494.76

Savings A/C 20240.30

Bank

interest 140.30

Savings A/C 20380.60

Total c/f at 31/12/2024

28875.36

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

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1622. Events

Events for the coming year will be discussed during the year.

1623. County and District Councillor reports

None

1624. Date of next meeting

13th February 2025

1625. Closure of meeting

There being no further items to be discussed, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 20.30.

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