

**MINUTES OF QUENDON & RICKLING PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 12TH JULY 2023 AT 7.30 PM.**

Present: Tom Duncan – (TDN) Chairman
Philip Sowter – (PS)
Ljiljana Ortolja-Baird – (LOB)
Gari Spearpoint (GS)

Keith Williams (KW)-Parish Clerk
County Councillor Ray Gooding (RG)
District Councillor Judy Emanuel (JE)
4 members of the public

1296. Declarations of Interest

None

1297. Apologies for Absence

Caroline Mackrill (CM)
Sue Joannou (SJ)

1298. Minutes of the last meeting held on 14th June 2023 (already circulated)

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

1299. Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting on 14th June 2023

None

1300. Public participation session

A resident is concerned regarding planning application UTT/23/1727/OP, referring to land adjacent to 1 Woodlands, Cambridge Road and would like an assurance that the Parish Council will submit comments. It was explained that notification of the application was received too late for discussion at this evening's meeting, and that there would not be a parish meeting in August. It was therefore agreed that the Planning Committee be convened to discuss the application and submit comments. The parish clerk will ask UDC Planning if the comments date can be extended until after 13th September, the date of the next parish council meeting.

Has the network name and password for the Village Hall wi-fi been displayed in the Village Hall? Yes, it is on the Hall noticeboard.

Why was Green Road closed, although it is now open?

The heating system in the Hall is being replaced. This should be completed in August.

Quendon and Rickling Golf Society beat Manuden Golf Society in a recent match.

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1301. Correspondence

GS has received an email from a resident regarding the footpaths that cross the Pegasi Estate, which are blocked. The response from Pegasi is that harvesting is in progress and the blockages will be cleared when harvesting is completed.

LOB has been in correspondence with Red Cross regarding the first aid course.

Why are there Neighbourhood Watch signs around the Village when the Village is no longer in the organisation? These are left over from when Quendon and Rickling was in a Neighbourhood Watch group.

1302. Planning

There were no planning applications to consider.

1303. Finance

a. Accounts balances (already circulated).

Noted.

b. Invoices and payments for approval.

The payments were approved.

FINANCE REPORT for JULY 2023

Balance b/f @ 30/06/2023

40817.89

Payments to be authorised for July 2023

Payee	Chq No	Amount	Reason
Ted Crow (already paid)	online	401.13	Pitch expenses for May 2023
James Penrose (already paid)	online	220.00	Grass cutting for July 2023
Npower	dd	55.61	Electricity for June 2023
Keith Williams	online	0.00	Salary July 2023
HMRC (Keith Williams)	online	0.00	PAYE July 2023.

Total Payments for July 2023

676.74

Balance at 31/07/2023

40141.15

Balance c/f at 31/07/2023

40141.15

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

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1304. Events

Autumn Daze

SJ has compiled a list of potential invitees. The parish council is working on getting invitees confirmed. Publicity and advertising need to be considered.

Boundary Walk – update

LOB and Rob Timmins carried out the walk rehearsal. The date for the actual walk will depend on the completion of the harvest. It is hoped to be in the first two weeks of September. Details of the walk will be entered into the Link.

A budget of £250 to cover expenses was agreed.

1305. Footpaths update

Cambridge Road footways/verge

[See item 1307].

1306. Wildlife Area mowing

Paul Wilsher has asked the contractors used last year to mow the areas which have been left to encourage wildlife. This should be done in October or November. It was agreed that last year's contractors should be employed.

1307. B1383 update

GS has contacted Highways to see if a date has been set for work to commence. RG advised that although funds had been allocated no commencement date has yet been set.

RG provided a Highways Capital Works programme showing £7500 had been allocated.

1308. Capital Projects for the Village

A list is being compiled to be presented to the Village with suggested projects and comments will be invited.

1309. Neighbourhood Plan

The Plan relates to Newport and Quendon and Rickling. At the recent monthly meeting the Call for Sites issue was discussed.

A draft Local Plan will be produced in the Autumn. In the meantime assessments will continue.

Additional consultants costs could be incurred which will be split amongst the villages.

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1310. Update to Welcome Pack

Certain items need updating which will be advised to the parish clerk for implementation.

1311. County and District Councillor reports

District Councillor Judy Emanuel (JE)

Following the recent elections, JE has been appointed vice-chair of Planning. Several planning applications have already been received.

A recent High Court judicial review involving UDC was lost.

County Councillor Ray Gooding (RG)

He has been looking into the Safeguarding Boards, in particular the Adult Safeguarding Board. Approximately 50/60 cases are investigated every year. There have been 8 cases of spouses murdering their partners. Many people are reluctant to seek help.

There needs to be a single point of contact.

1312. Date of next meeting

13th September 2023.

1313. Closure of meeting

There being no further items to be discussed, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 21.18 .

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