

**MINUTES OF QUENDON & RICKLING PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON THURSDAY 10TH JULY 2025 AT 7.30 PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL.**

Present: Gari Spearpoint - (GS) Chair
 Ray Hart - (RH)
 Erica Bromley – (EB)
 Caroline Mackrill - (CM)

District Councillor Judy Emanuel – (JE)
Keith Williams (KW)-Parish Clerk
3 members of the public

1688. Declarations of Interest

GS in respect of agenda item 9:Grant application from Quendon Bowls Club.
RH in respect of agenda item 9:Grant application from Quendon Bowls Club.

1689. Apologies for Absence

Peter Beaumont – (PB)

1690. Minutes of the last meeting held on 12th June 2025 (already circulated)

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

1691. Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting on 12th June 2025

A template has been produced to use in an Action Plan.

1692. Public participation session

None

1693. Correspondence

The Village Hall Committee (VHC) has responded to enquiries regarding electricity costs arising from the defibrillator. Following investigations the VHC proposes to cease requesting payments from the Parish Council relating to the defibrillator.

The Parish Council confirms that it takes responsibility for the defibrillator.

1694. Footpaths

- Footpath 19 has now been cleared.
- The finger post at footpath 20 is down. The clerk is to report this to Essex Highways.

[372/2025]

1695. Planning

UTT/25/1684/FUL – 2 Rickling House Cottages, Rickling Green Road

Proposed self-build dwelling. (Alternative design. Previous application UTT/22/0495/FUL)

No objections.

1696. Grant application from Quendon Bowls Club.

GS And RH left the meeting prior to commencement of discussions.

The Bowls Club has requested a grant of £864 (inclusive of VAT) to purchase a Vitax Evenspray sprayer. The council has agreed to the grant in principle but, in accordance with normal procedures, has requested two further quotations for comparisons. Upon receipt of these either the grant of £864 will be made or less if one of the alternatives is priced lower.

1697. Village projects

- a) The posts for the Village Green are now with Mrs Bevan. At present the ground is too hard to instal them as the appropriate equipment is not available. There is a suggestion that some marker pegs could be installed as a temporary measure.
- b) A payment has been set up to pay for the planings which are to be used for filling potholes.
- c) GS will write to the pub owner to ask if the signage directing car owners to the car park could be improved. It seems that some visitors are not aware that there is a car park behind the pub and end up parking on the edge of the Green

1698. Belchams Lane

- a) GS had attended the Pegasi exhibition but did not feel that the representatives from Pegasi fully addressed the issues raised by residents questions.
- b) The planning application is likely to be presented this Summer.
- c) There is no provision in the Local Plan for a requirement to provide more houses in the village.
- d) It is suggested that village representatives should start making preparations for the likely issues that will arise once the planning application has been submitted.

1699. Finance

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

FINANCE REPORT for JUNE 2025

Balance b/f @ 31/05/2025 8362.93

Payments to be authorised for JUNE 2025

Payee	Chq No	Amount	Reason
Suregreen	already paid	638.40	Posts for Village Green
Payroo	online	6.00	Payroll expenses May 2025
Silverton Builders Merchants	online	388.80	Road planings
Quendon BowlingClub	online	20.50	Hire of meeting room
Keith Williams	online	432.11	Salary for June 2025
HMRC (Keith Williams)	online	108.00	PAYE for June 2025
Ray Hart	online	12.38	Line marking spray
			Grass cutting for June 2025
James Penrose	online	230.00	
Unity Trust Bank	dd	6.00	Service charge
Total Payments for June 2025		1842.19	

Refund from Quendon and Rickling Church 1000.00

Balances at 30/06/2025	Current A/C	<u>7520.74</u>
	Savings A/C	
	b/f	20646.26
	Interest	<u>120.77</u>
	Savings A/C	<u>20767.03</u>
Total c/f at 30/06/2025		<u>28287.77</u>

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

1699. Events

The Pumpkin Competition will be discussed at a later date.

[374/2025]

1700. County and District Councillor reports

Cllr Judy Emanuel (JE)

- Cllr Emanuel had already given an extensive update on progress of the Neighbourhood Plan and the restrictions which the plan imposes on planning applications.
- JE is now co-chair of the Planning Committee.
- JE will send details of prospective legal advisers.

1701. Date of next meeting

11th September 2025.

1702. Closure of meeting

There being no further items to be discussed, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 21.04.

[375/2025]