

**MINUTES OF QUENDON & RICKLING PARISH COUNCIL VIRTUAL MEETING
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 10TH JUNE 2020 AT 7.30 PM. BY ZOOM ONLINE.**

Present: Sally Kitcat – Chairman (SK)
Carrie Williams – (CW)
Ted Crow – (TC)
Tom Duncan – (TDN)
Ele Stoneham (ES)
Katherine Nuthall (KN)
Tony Dear (TD)

Neil Hargreaves (NH)- District Councillor
Ray Gooding (RG) – (County Councillor)
Keith Williams – (KW) (Parish Clerk)

2 members of the public.

644. Declarations of Interest

None.

645. Apologies for Absence

None

646. Minutes of the last meeting held on 13th May 2020 (already circulated)

The minutes of the last meeting held on 13th May 2020 were agreed as a true and accurate record.

647. Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting on 13th May 2020

None.

648. Public participation session

None

649. Finance

a. Account balances (already circulated).
Noted.

b. Invoices and payments for approval.
Approved.

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FINANCE REPORT for MAY 2020

Balance b/f @ 30/04/2020

54939.09

Payments to be authorised for May 2020

Payee	Chq No	Amount	Reason
Brian Blackwell	1145	240.00	Grass cutting
e-on	dd	56.42	Electricity for April 2020
Payroo (Keith Williams)	1147	6.00	Payroll expenses
Keith Williams	1148	343.52	Clerk salary for May 2020
HMRC (Keith Williams)	1149	86.00	PAYE May 2020
Came & Co	1146	609.98	PC insurance policy
Total Payments		1341.92	
Balance c/f @ 31/05/20		53597.17	

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

c. Unity Bank

The Parish Council confirmed its agreement to transfer of the bank account to Unity Bank.

d. Budget

TC had circulated a budget report and confirmed that the Parish Council was keeping on track. At this stage it has not yet been confirmed if the PC would be receiving the balance of the precept.

e. Grant application from Rickling Ramblers Cricket Club.

The Parish Council approved the grant request of £500 made by Rickling Ramblers Cricket Club. **[Note: Please refer to item 655:Stonebond Contribution Grant. This may supersede this grant application].**

650. Correspondence

- a. A resident of the village advised that the water pressure was unsatisfactory. The water company has taken action and it is hoped that the pressure will improve.

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- b. Reference the garden waste skip, TC has been in contact with UDC and was advised that the scheme has been running since 30th May 2020. The facility needs to be booked. TC has made enquiries and awaits a response.
- c. Residents of Bluebell Drive and roads in the vicinity have received letters from BT with a broadband offer. TDN is awaiting further information.

651. Planning

UTT/20/1248/FUL – Quendon White House.

Erection of one dwelling and associated development.

The Parish Council's response will be deferred until the Planning Sub-Committee has met with the applicant (scheduled for Thursday 11th June).

652. B1383

a) Quendon Trees

The trees which have been planted still do not look very healthy with little sign of greenery. Some saplings from horse chestnut trees are with TDN and will be offered for planting. It was suggested that the trunks of the felled trees could be used as benches around the village.

b) Highways Survey

SK is currently awaiting a response from Rissa Long regarding the VAS sign and Speed Survey. The third draft of the Highways survey will be put on the PC's website and on The Cricketers Arms noticeboard by the end of the month for the villagers to see and comment on. Information will be in July's issue of The Link and Facebook of how to access the link to the website.

653. Covid-19

There is no further update.

654. Essex Rural Strategy

Some councillors have already submitted their own personal responses. SK will complete a response from the Parish Council.

655. Stonebond Contribution Grant

The funds available from Stonebond will be separate from normal grants made by the Parish Council, and will not be subject to the same conditions and limitations. ES and CW have collated the information and will circulate the information around the village, inviting applications and suggestions for projects.

656. Football Pitch

TC gave an update on the football pitch. The following are some of the salient points.

- The changing rooms have been upgraded.
- Three teams have now signed up to use the pitch.
- A portaloo will be required when the season resumes.
- The car park will need better surfacing to cope with bad weather.

657. Neighbourhood Watch

A co-ordinator is required. SK will make enquires.

658. County and District Councillor reports

Neil Hargreaves (District Councillor)

- Work has started on the new Local Plan with two consultants re-hired to assist.
- NH said he will probably step down from the Local Plan Board.
- He believes that the council should employ a professional project manager.
- The final examiners letter regarding the Neighbourhood Plan has been issued. There are some suggested changes to the Plan.
- To date there have been 60 deaths from Covid-19 in UDC, with 15 of those in care homes.
- There is likely to be a loss of £4.4m in the current financial year which means that the council will need to resort to reserves.

Ray Gooding (County Councillor)

- Working from home may be the future for some council activities.
- Schools are now re-opening.
- Regarding the traffic issues, he is concerned about the progress in respect of the speed limit. It is likely to take a considerable amount of time to persuade the council to change opinions. RG would like to discuss with the Parish Council the potential difficulties.
- Funding is available but only for the current proposals. Funding has been allocated up to March 2021.

659. Date of next meeting

8th July 2020.

660. Closure of meeting

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

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