

**MINUTES OF QUENDON & RICKLING PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD ON THURSDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2025 AT 7.30 PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL.**

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

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

**1673.   Declarations of Interest**

None

**1674.   Apologies for Absence**

Caroline Mackrill - (CM)  
Cllr Ray Gooding – (RG)

**1675.   Minutes of the last meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> May 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.

**1676.   Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> May 2025**

- Email addresses. GS will contact Kan Wheatley.
- There have been no suggestions thus far for siting of the new dog waste bin.

**1677.   Public participation session**

- Is funding still available if legal representation is required regarding the Belcham's Lane potential development?
- Does the Parish Council intend sending a representative to the Pegasi exhibition?
- Would the Parish Council be prepared to publish the Stonebond accounts?

**1678.   Correspondence**

A message has appeared on the WhatsApp page asking when a finger post will be installed on footpath 20.

**1679.   Footpaths**

Footpath 19 is overgrown. The clerk will report this to Highways.

**[368/2025]**

## 1680. Planning

**UTT/25/1434/HHF- Woodmans Cottage, Cambridge Road**

Add Greenhouse.

No objections.

## 1681. Village projects

The posts for the Village Green have been received. RH and GS will spray mark where the posts are to be sited. The PC would like to express thanks to RH for his efforts.

The filling of pot holes. It was agreed to proceed with the purchase of planings. The clerk is to place the order with payment to be made when requested by the supplier Silverton.

## 1682. Belchams Lane

Pegasi is holding an exhibition on 25<sup>th</sup> June at Bury Farm. PB suggested that this event be posted to the Village Facebook.

GS will ask Cllr Judy Emanuel what she considers the likelihood is of a development application from Pegasi being approved.

## 1683. Finance

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

## FINANCE REPORT for MAY 2025

Balance b/f @ 30/04/2025 10391.89

### Payments to be authorised for MAY 2025

Payee	Chq No	Amount	Reason
James Penrose	already paid	230.00	Grass cutting April 2025
Payroo	online	6.00	Payroll expenses April 2025
Keith Williams	online	432.11	Salary for May 2025
HMRC (Keith Williams)	online	108.00	PAYE for May 2025
Gallagher	already paid	964.85	Insurance renewal
James Penrose	online	230.00	Grass cutting May 2025
Wendy Stannard (Chrisine Osbourne)	online	52.00	Flowers for fountain
Unity Trust Bank	dd	6.00	Service charge

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<b>Total Payments for May 2025</b>	2028.96
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0.00

<b>Balances at 31/05/2025</b>	Current A/C	<u>8362.93</u>
	Savings A/C b/f	20646.26
	Interest	<u>0.00</u>
	Savings A/C	<u>20646.26</u>
<b>Total c/f at 31/05/2025</b>		<u>29009.19</u>

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

#### **1684. Events**

There will be a discussion as to whether to proceed with Autumn Daze or concentrate all resources on a Christmas event. A working group will be formed to consider.

#### **1685. County and District Councillor reports**

No County or District Councillors were present. However, Cllr Gooding sent the following report.

I am aware that you have not been satisfied that I have not responded to your requests for information regarding Highways Issues. I am also aware that you have written to Kemi Badenoch regarding those same items and I should say that is difficult to respond repeatedly with a similar answer. I have copied Kemi into this reply so that she is apprised of the current situation.

I will therefore set out the current position which is as follows: -

1. The damaged Bollard on the central island in the location of the Village Hall has been reported and is included for repair on the maintenance schedule. I cannot give you a date when that will be completed but when I am advised of that I will inform you appropriately.
2. The VAS sign at the Northern End of the village. The sign, as you know, has been hit by a vehicle and whilst it is working, it is extremely dirty and the fascia is parallel to the carriageway so that it is not visible to the traffic. I should confirm that there has been no funding within the County Highways budgets for the repair of such signs in the recent past. However, I have today been advised that funding has now been secured and I have made request for this unit to be cleaned and repaired. The only difficulty with this is that the unit is located extremely close to the carriageway and for the safety of the workforce, it may be necessary to provide traffic management on a very temporary basis.

**[370/2025]**

3. Clearance of the footpath on Cambridge Road. I am aware of your frustration that this has not been resolved however, as we have discussed and I have advised you on a number of occasions, the complexity of completing this work with the associated costs have meant that the Highway Authority do not consider this to be a priority for their limited resources and frankly, I have exhausted almost all of the available routes that I have to raise this on their agenda. Having said that, again as I have previously explained, I am negotiating with Officers to include this in the "Members Schemes" programme which may, subject to available resources, be in a position to do this work. The same complexities are involved but the hope is that this may be the means to get this work completed.

Obviously, I will advise you when I receive some positive feedback but in the meantime, I should say that if I am not able to respond every time you ask, it does not mean that I am not doing everything I can to expedite the solutions,

**1686. Date of next meeting**

**10<sup>th</sup> July 2025.**

**1687. Closure of meeting**

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

**[371/2025]**