

**DRAFT MINUTES OF QUENDON & RICKLING PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON THURSDAY 6TH MARCH 2026 AT 7.30 PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL.**

Present: Gari Spearpoint - (GS) Chair
David Murfitt – (DM)
Ray Hart – (RH)

District Cllr Judy Emanuel (JE)
Keith Williams (KW)-Parish Clerk
1 member of the public

1798 Declarations of Interest

None

1799. Apologies for Absence

Caroline Mackrill - (CM)
Erica Bromley – (EB)
Peter Beaumont – (PB)
Cllr Ray Gooding – (RG)
Cllr Neil Hargreaves – (NH)

1800. Minutes of the previous meeting held on 12th February 2026.

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

1801. Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting on 12th February 2025

The creation of the gov.uk domain is proceeding.

1802. Public participation session

- Does the arrangement with ODH include representation at the UDC planning meeting?
- A resident advised that they had attended a recent UDC planning meeting. Five representatives were allowed from each council.
- Has there been any progress regarding the future of the pavilion?
- Are the current pavilion trustees stepping down?

1803. Correspondence

- An email has been received regarding bluebell wood. The owner is planning to erect fencing to deter people from trampling on the bluebells.
- A resident asks if the traffic island at the north end of the village can be repaired.
- James Penrose would like to know if he can resume grass cutting.

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1804. Footpath

Nothing to report.

1805. Planning

There were no planning applications to consider.

1806. Village projects

GS will follow up on the commemorative bench for Tom Duncan.

1807. Belchams Lane

There has been no further action since the last report.

1808. Finance**a. Account balances (already circulated).**

Noted

b. Invoices and payments for approval (already circulated).

Approved

FINANCE REPORT for FEBRUARY 2026

Balance b/f @ 31/01/2026 6192.35

Payments to be authorised for FEBRUARY 2026

Payee	Chq No	Amount	Reason
Quendon & Rickling Village Hall	online	198.50	Hire of Village Hall
Payoo	online	6.00	Payroll expenses for January 2026
Npower	DD	138.22	Electricity for January 2026
Ray Hart	online	167.81	Banner and stakes
rCOH Ltd	online	4860.00	Planning consultancy
Erica Bromley	online	15.00	Printing
Keith Williams	online	446.04	Salary for February 2026
HMRC (Keith Williams)	online	132.47	PAYE for February 2026
Unity Trust Bank	dd	6.00	Service charge
Total Payments for February 2026		5970.04	
Balances at 28/02/2026	Current A/C	<u>222.31</u>	
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[398/2026]	Savings A/C b/f	20646.26	

Interest	<u>353.64</u>
Savings A/C	<u>20999.90</u>

Total c/f at 28/20/2026

21222.21

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

1809. Events

The council confirmed that it will be supporting the Pumpkin Competition.

1810. County and District Councillor reports

Cllr Judy Emanuel

- The Local Plan goes to full council on 25th March.
- The government has not yet published the 5 year housing supply figure. It is hoped that this will be later this year.
- The traveller site in Newport is on a small disused quarry. A retrospective planning application has been submitted which was approved.

1811. Date of next meeting

9th April 2026

1812. Closure of meeting

There being no further items to be discussed, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 20.45.

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