

**MINUTES OF QUENDON & RICKLING PARISH COUNCIL VIRTUAL MEETING  
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 11<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2020 AT 7.30 PM. BY ZOOM ONLINE.**

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

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

**717. Declarations of Interest**

None.

**718. Apologies for Absence**

Ted Crow – (TC)

**719. Minutes of the last meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> October 2020 (already circulated)**

The minutes of the last meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> October 2020 were agreed as a true and accurate record and will be signed by the Chairman.

**720. Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> October 2020**

The signs were now in place in Bluebell Wood.

**721. Public participation session**

None

**722. Finance**

**a. Accounts balances (already circulated).**

**Noted.**

**b. Invoices and payments for approval.**

**Approved.**

Balance b/f @ 30/09/2020	42333.17
Plus additional pitch hire receipts	150.00
Less service charge	<u>£18.00</u>
Balance at 30/09/2020	£42,465.17

**[149/2020]**

<b>Payee</b>	<b>Chq No</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Reason</b>
CRS (Ted Crow)	online	222.00	Ramsones Triple Radiator
e-on	dd	56.42	Electricity for September 2020
Hundred Parishes Society	online	10.00	Membership renewal
CPRE	online	36.00	Membership renewal
Local Toilet Hire	online	124.80	Football pitch toilet
Keith Williams	online	359.97	Clerk salary for October 2020
HMRC (Keith Williams)	online	90.00	PAYE October 2020
Thelma Wilson	online	15.00	Pansies for Fountain trough
<b>Total Payments for October 2020</b>		914.19	
<b>Plus pitch hire receipts</b>		270.00	
<b>Balance @ 31/10/20</b>		41,820.98	

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

#### **723. Planning**

**UTT/20/2591/HHF – Orchard Cottage, Brixton Lane**  
Proposed single storey rear extension.

No objections.

#### **724. Lockdown 2**

Following the new lockdown instructions, the Parish Council wishes to let residents know that the council will provide any assistance possible. The website and Facebook will be kept up to date with any future developments.

#### **725. Verges**

There has been a suggestion that wildflowers could be left on some of the verges to aid bio-diversity. This would be given consideration.

#### **726. Grit bins**

All the bins are topped up ready for Winter.

#### **727. Football pitch**

TDN presented the following report submitted by TC.

**[150/2020]**

- All matches have ceased until 05.12.2020. Tony Dear is kindly making signs to discourage people from breaking nets etc.
- Tom's camera has worked a treat. No dog poo!
- Essex FA Pitch Specialist will be inspecting the pitch when next in the area.

**728. Parish Council Assets List – update**

This is an ongoing project which has temporarily been halted due to Covid-19. Not everything has been tracked. It is hoped to be completed by the next meeting.

**729. Correspondence**

There has been an enquiry from a resident regarding the possibility of setting up a Walking Buddy scheme. The suggestion will be put onto the Facebook page to assess interest.

**730. Broadband**

TDN reported the following.

- Broadband coverage continues to expand in the village.
- Ventnor Road properties however are not presently covered and some residents there are pursuing coverage under the Universal Service Obligation (USO) scheme from BT.
- A report on broadband progress will be included in December's Link magazine.

**731. B1383**

**a) Highways Survey**

- KN advised that nothing further has been heard.
- KN has been in contact with the police regarding the speed survey.
- An engineer has been seen in the village which it is thought may be connected to the survey.
- TDN advised that police had been seen at the Village Hall but believes this may be for inspecting lorries to identify hazardous waste.

**b) Signpost outside Foxley 2**

The new signpost is in place but the height of the pole is considerably lower than the equivalent sign on the opposite side of the road.

**c) VAS sign**

This has now been repaired but it is currently not working.

**d) Quendon Trees**

RG had previously provided the following report.

It has been decided to let ECC plant the trees as a special licence would be required by the resident who was hoping to plant them and ECC may not allow the trees she would like to be planted!

RG to liaise with ECC on planting dates, watering arrangements and choice of colour of maple.

**e) Bowling Club Lane**

The holes have now been filled in although there is still something of a mess. The building contractors have said that when their work is finished they will tarmac the whole of the lane.

**f) Forsters footpath**

Stonebond have agreed to remove the wire fencing and posts which will enable landscaping of the footpath.

**732. Events**

- The Halloween event went very well.
- There has been a lot of positive response to all the events.
- The poppy display was reported in the local press.
- There were no complaints regarding the waffle van on Bonfire Night.
- It is hoped to have a Christmas tree. It needs to be agreed if there is to be one or two trees.
- If a tall tree is to be displayed a special stand will be required.
- A budget of £300 was agreed to pay for the tree(s) and stand.

**733. Statement of Community Involvement**

There is some confusion regarding the difference between this Statement of Community Involvement and Planning for the Future consultation. NH has provided the following information.

There are two consultations re the Local Plan.

One is about the process of consultation The Community Engagement Strategy, pdf attached <https://www.uttlesford.gov.uk/sci#approved-sci>

The other is a set of nine sessions, first tonight on 'where you live'. There are presentations, forum discussions and then that section is open for public submissions <https://www.uttlesford.gov.uk/consultation-and-the-community-stakeholder-forum>

**734. Planning for the Future consultation**

[See comments under 733: Statement of Community Involvement].

**735. Defibrillator for the School**

RG is obtaining funding for the purchase of a defibrillator for the School and will liaise direct with the School.

**736. Councillors Funding Allocation**

TC has requested funds to be used in connection with the football pitch but there has been no response so far. NH will investigate.

**737. SSE**

TD has complied a response to the Stansted Airport Planning Application, as recommended by SSE. The parish clerk will submit this to UDC Planning.

**738. County and District Councillor reports**

**Neil Hargreaves (District Councillor)**

See appendix 1.

**Ray Gooding (County Councillor)**

- A response regarding the trees is awaited.
- Many Holiday Hunger supplies have been distributed.
- Only 60% of provisions have been taken up.
- There is now support for people who have lost their jobs.
- The family support arrangements will be extended until the end of the academic year.
- Some families have elected not to return students to school, and are home-schooling.
- Covid-19 numbers across the county have flattened out.

**739. Date of next meeting**

8<sup>th</sup> December 2020. [This is a change to the original date].

**740. Closure of meeting**

There being no further items to be discussed, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 20.53.

**[153/2020]**

**Special announcement:**

**SK advised the council that Ele Stoneham had decided to resign from the council as she will be leaving the area. SK wished to express, on behalf of herself and other councillors, her thanks for all the effort and contribution which Ele has made over the years and that she will be missed.**

**CW will take over the Facebook operation.  
The parish clerk will start the announcement procedure.**

**Appendix 1 – Report from Cllr Neil Hargreaves**

Cllrs Petrina Lees from Elsenham , John Lodge and myself form the working group which allocates UDC funds to voluntary bodies. The total for this year is £330,000, and the total giving by the council including the various community grants and the Members Ward Initiative is £610,750.

Last month we reviewed, with officers, half –year reports from the recipients. The groups had worked hard to modify their support channels for covid. Some had not suffered much financially as mostly grant funded and not charging anything to those they help. Other such as Community Travel have funded PPE and vehicle modifications, and at the same time lost revenue from reduced riders. Others will have lost fund raising events. The largest grant is to Uttlesford Citizens Advice, and some support for E Herts Citizens Advice as residents from the south of the district go to Stortford.

Just to note one group; Action for Family Carers, which supports young people who care for their parents or other relatives. They have kept contact via phone and social media, but some of the young people don't want to talk when their parents are there. A comment in their report was that some young carers during lock-down had been doing home schooling for their younger siblings.

Re the Neighbourhood Plan, this will go to the UDC Cabinet on 24th November. If ratified it immediately acquires weight in planning applications even though the referendum cannot be held yet. There is an issue over one of the policies which the plan examiner re-wrote. Part of it is unclear and the wording does not make sense. In order to get this corrected the correction to the text must go to a six week consultation which will be done after the cabinet meeting.