

**MINUTES OF QUENDON & RICKLING PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON TUESDAY 9th OCTOBER 2024 AT 7.30 PM.**

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

 Cllr Ray Gooding –(RG)
 Cllr Neil Hargreaves – (NH)
 Keith Williams (KW)-Parish Clerk
 1 member of the public

1546. Declarations of Interest

None

1547. Apologies for Absence

Caroline Mackrill – (CM)

1548. Minutes of the last meeting held on 11th September 2024 (already circulated)

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

1549. Co-option of Parish Councillor

Erica Bromley was unanimously elected and co-opted as a parish councillor for Quendon and Rickling Parish Council, and duly signed the Acceptance of Office form. This was counter signed by the Parish Clerk and will be forwarded to UDC.

1550. Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting on 11th September 2024

GS has submitted an article to the Link regarding the overgrowth of greenery outside some village homes.

1551. Public participation session

A resident commented on the poor bus service through the Village. There is no Sunday service and the tracker does not work. The issue will be discussed at the next monthly meeting.

1552. Correspondence

- Sue Joannou has resigned from the Parish Council. The Parish Clerk will advise UDC.
- The VAS sign at the north end of the Village has been knocked over.
- A donation request has been received from Essex & Herts Air Ambulance.
- A donation of £30 has been received from a former resident.

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1553. Footpaths

No further developments.

1554. Grant application from Rickling Ramblers Cricket Club

The grant request was approved. The Council has to decide the exact format. The Parish Clerk is to advise the Ramblers.

1555. Planning

UTT/24/2225/HHF-Bury Farm Cottage, Rickling Green

New vehicular access.

No objections.

1556. Donation request from Essex and Herts Air Ambulance

A donation of £250 was agreed. The Parish Clerk will arrange payment.

1557. Village projects

Consider quotation for Village Green Posts.

- RH would like to arrange a journey around the Village Green to mark on a map where the posts may be sited.
- EB wondered whether having the posts might deter visitors from attending events on the Green.

1558. Roles and responsibilities

GS circulated a suggested list of responsibilities and asked councillors to let him know what tasks councillors would like to undertake.

1559. Belchams Lane

Nothing further to report.

1560. Neighbourhood Plan

NH advised that the non-spacial arrangements had been completed. The spacial arrangements, not yet finalised, are unlikely to affect Quendon and Rickling.

1561. Installation of a skatepark in the Village

It would be very difficult to find appropriate land. There are already skateparks in Stansted and Bishops Stortford. The Council therefore decided not to proceed with this. The Parish Council will advise the resident who submitted the request.

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1562. Finance**a. Accounts balances (already circulated).**

Noted.

b. Invoices and payments for approval.

The payments were approved.

FINANCE REPORT for SEPTEMBER 2024**Balance b/f @ 31/08/2024**

17906.95

Payments to be authorised for September 2024

Payee	Chq No	Amount	Reason
npower	dd	83.53	Electricity for August 2024
Greenwillows Associates	online	1,536.24	Pond survey
Payroo	online	6.00	Payroll expenses August 2024
Gari Spearpoint	online	21.00	Reimbursement
Keith Williams	online	414.66	Salary for September 2024
Keith Williams	online	103.60	PAYE for September 2024
Ted Crow	online	12.00	Mower fuel
Unity Trust BANK	DD	18.00	Service charge
Total Payments for September 2024		2195.03	
UDC precept		7101.50	
Pumpkin competition receipt		32.50	
Football pitch hire		770.00	
	Current		
Balances at 30/09/2024	A/C	23615.92	
	Savings A/C	20240.39	
Total c/f at 30/09/2024		43856.31	

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

c. New bank signatories.

PB and RH agreed to be signatories. The Parish Clerk will make the necessary arrangements with Unity Trust Bank.

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1563. Events

- Autumn Daze was successful with approximately 110 visitors.
- GS has spoken to the Pub regarding the switch on for the Christmas lights. A date is to be agreed.
- It would be useful to coincide the switch on with an event at the school. GS will therefore check with the school to see what they have planned.

1564. Purchase of lithium battery for defibrillator

The Parish Council agreed to pay for the new defibrillator battery. The Parish Clerk will set up the payment.

1565. Payment of invoice for scaffolding for Village Hall decoration

The invoices were approved for payment to the total agreed grant of £6295.

1566. County and District Councillor reports

Cllr Ray Gooding

- He has reported the damaged VAS sign and also the 50mph sign which has been knocked over.
- Regarding the request for double-yellow lines at the junction of Rickling Green Road and the B1383, RG has suggested using the facility under the North Essex Parking Partnership. The Parish Clerk to investigate, and any submission to be backed up by RG.
- There is some progress on the renovation of footpath along the B1383. RG has submitted a Members Request Scheme application. There is some concern regarding possible underground services which will need to be investigated. It is likely to take 13 weeks for action to take place.

Cllr Neil Hargreaves

- Car parking charges across the region have increased.
- Turnover for car park income is 12 ½ % above budget.

1567. Date of next meeting

13th November 2024

1568. Closure of meeting

There being no further items to be discussed, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 21.33.

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