

DRAFT MINUTES OF QUENDON & RICKLING PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 28TH SEPTEMBER 2022 AT 7.30 PM.

Present: Tom Duncan – (TDN) Chairman
Gari Spearpoint – (GS)
Philip Sowter – (PS)
Robert Ryder – (RR)
Ljiljana Ortolja-Baird – (LOB)

Keith Williams (KW)-Parish Clerk
2 members of the public

1113. Declarations of Interest

None

1114. Apologies for Absence

Rev Peter Allen

1115. Minutes of the last meeting held on 13th July 2022 (already circulated)

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

1116. Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting on 13th July 2022

None

1117. Public participation session

None

1118. Correspondence

- a) The publican from the pub is keen to bring the Christmas Tree closer to the pub. He has spoken to Tom's Trees about providing a suitable tree.
- b) A resident has requested that a dog bin be sited on the footpaths adjacent to Quendon Church. PS has been trying to make contact with the person at UDC who is responsible for dog bin siting but so far without success. Options to either look at the redistribution of existing bins and collection arrangements and/or use a private contractor to add bins/collections points to be considered.
- c) Would the council consider purchasing a temporary football goal for positioning on the Green? PS will make enquiries and report back.

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- d) The yew tree overgrowing the post at the corner of Green Road and Brick Kiln Lane has still not been cut back. It is thought now that the post may be a BT installation and not, as previously thought, a power line. The parish clerk will investigate and, if it is BT, will contact them. The parish clerk has already been in contact with Network Power on more than one occasion.

1119. Resignation of parish councillor

Jennie Sutton has decided to resign from the parish council. The parish clerk has advised UDC and the usual notice has been posted to the noticeboards. If no request for an election is received before the due date the council may co-opt a replacement. The Chairman thanked Jennie for all her good work and contributions.

1120. Reallocation of councillor's duties.

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| a. School liaison: | Robert Ryder |
| b. Litter pick: | Tom Duncan |
| c. Planning: | Gari Spearpoint |

1121. Finance

a. Accounts balances (already circulated).

Noted.

b. Invoices and payments for approval.

The payments were approved.

It was agreed that Philip Sowter should be added to the list of bank signatories. The parish clerk will make the necessary arrangements.

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FINANCE REPORT for AUGUST 2022

Balance b/f @ 31/07/2022 39696.79

Payments to be authorised for August 2022

Payee	Chq No	Amount	Reason
Npower	dd	56.47	Electricity for July 2022
Payroo	online	6.00	Payroll expenses
James Penrose (already paid)	online	220.00	Grass cutting
Keith Williams	online	359.13	Salary for August 2022
HMRC (Keith Williams)	online	89.80	PAYE for August 2022
Defibshop (Keith Williams)	online	112.80	Defibrillator pads
Val Evans	online	100.00	Internal auditors fee
Ted Crow	online	15.07	Petrol for mower
McAfee (Keith Williams)	online	129.99	Anti-virus
Ted Crow	online	205.00	Allocation payments
Ted Crow	online	40.00	Matchday preparations
Total Payments for August 2022		1334.26	
Balance at 31/08/2022		38362.53	
Football pitch hire		210.00	
Balance c/f at 31/08/2022		38572.53	

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

1122. Events

a. Autumn Daze

RR has made all the necessary arrangements, and several stalls will be present, as will the Apple Press. The event will follow the Q&R Fun Run, and will commence at 1.00pm. The Pumpkin Competition will take place at 2.00pm.

b. Flowers in the Fountain

TD thanked Sue for a brilliant display.

c. Christmas Flowers/lights

A budget of £250 was agreed for purchase of flowers, lights etc.

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1123. Parish Assets

a) Bench replacement

A budget of £510 was agreed to purchase a replacement 1.8 metre teak bench with fittings. PS will provide the parish clerk with the details who will place the order.

b) Defibrillator

New pads have been purchased and installed.

c) Noticeboards

L O-B would like to brighten up the boards. L O-B and PS will look into what action should be taken and what information, posters etc should be displayed on the boards.

1124. Maintenance of wildlife areas

Unfortunately Paul Wilsher (PW) was unable to attend this meeting. RR will talk to Rob Timmins regarding the cutting of the areas around the ponds. TDN suggested liaising with PW.

A Pond Management Plan has been provided by Essex Ecology Services. There could be a problem as the ponds are not actually owned by the parish so permission will need to be sought from the owners for remedial work to be undertaken.

A meeting with PW will be arranged to plan operations.

1125. Church

Unfortunately Rev Pete Allen was unable to attend this meeting. He will be invited to address a future meeting.

1126. Mobile phone reception in the village

TDN has been reporting the poor mobile phone reception. There is a Government initiative to improve reception throughout the country but it appears unlikely that this will benefit Quendon and Rickling.

Broadband appears to be fine throughout the village.

1127. Footpath update

GS advised that there is still an outstanding issue regarding Forsters Footpath. A team is due to visit on 8th November to cut back the overgrowth.

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1128. B1383

a) Footway on the B1383

County Councillor Ray Gooding (RG) visited the area in August and was due to report back his findings to Essex Highways. Lee Scott will investigate and report back.

GS has contacted the local MP, Kimi Badendoch, explaining how bad and dangerous the footway is. She in turn has referred the matter to RG.

b) Ugley Landfill Site planning application

This is an application to cap the current landfill site with soil and will involve 110 tipper lorry movements per day, which will be using the B1383. However it is expected that the lorries will arrive at and leave the site to the South, and that Quendon and Rickling should not therefore be affected.

c) Community Speedwatch

L O-B attended a UDC meeting along with representatives from other local villages. A representative from Essex Highways also attended. There is a problem recruiting enough volunteers. However UDC is happy for Quendon and Rickling volunteers, if which there are currently 8, to be trained.

TDN endorsed L O-B's suggestion of distributing leaflets along Cambridge Road in an effort to recruit more volunteers.

1129. County and District Councillor reports

None

1130. Date of next meeting

12th October 2022

1131. Closure of meeting

There being no further items to be discussed, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 21.21.

