

**MINUTES OF QUENDON & RICKLING PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON TUESDAY 11TH SEPTEMBER 2024 AT 7.30 PM.**

Present: Gari Spearpoint - (GS) Chair
Sue Joannou - (SJ)
Ray Hart – (RH)
Peter Beaumont – (PB)
Tom Duncan – (TDN)

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

1526. Declarations of Interest

None

1527. Apologies for Absence

Caroline Mackrill – (CM)
Erica Bromley

1528. Minutes of the last meeting held on 10th July 2024 (already circulated)

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

1529. Co-option of Parish Councillor

Unfortunately the prospective councillor was unable to attend due to illness in the family. The co-option will therefore be deferred until the October meeting.

1530. Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting on 10th July 2024

None.

1531. Public participation session

- Could the Parish Council arrange for installation of a skatepark in the village?
- The condition of some of the hedges and roadside is very poor. Could residents be encouraged to clear the areas outside their houses.
- Who checks the defibrillator? It does not appear to have been checked for some time.
- The Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group has been dormant recently during the election period and Local Plan activity. They will now be focusing on regulation 14.
- Could the cricket pavilion be used for changing facilities for the football teams?

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1532. Correspondence

- Could the Parish Council install another dog waste bin at the entrance to Quendon Woods?
- Kemi Badenoch, having been invited by GS to attend a future monthly Parish Council meeting, replied to thank GS for the invitation but feels that it is unlikely that she will have time in her schedule to take up this offer.
- Can double yellow lines be installed at the junction of Rickling Green Road and the B1383?

1533. Footpaths

- Footpath 33 at Brixton Lane is in poor condition and overgrown. The Clerk to report this to Highways.
- There is no progress on clearance of the footway alongside the B1383.

1534. Grant application from Rickling Ramblers Cricket Club

Jack Culpin, who is captain of the cricket team, addressed the Council and gave an overview of the use of the pitch and it's contribution to the village. The pitch is hired out to other teams. The Club wishes to obtain a cover for the pitches and requests a grant for the purchase. The Club will submit a Grant Application and will also obtain three quotations for the equipment. Assuming receipt of these before 9th October, the application will be discussed at the next meeting.

1535. Planning

There were no new planning applications to consider.

1536. Village projects

Consider quotation for Village Green Posts.

160 posts are required to completely enclose the area. RH has been looking into costings and availability of suitable posts. He will report his findings which will be discussed at the next meeting.

1537. Belchams Lane

No further update.

1538. Clearance of village ponds

The Parish Council approved payment of the invoice from Greenwillows Associates Ltd for the pond survey.

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1539. Generic email addresses for Parish Councillors

The Parish Council approved the proposal for generic email addresses. TDN will contact the contractor.

1540. Finance

a. Accounts balances (already circulated).

Noted.

b. Invoices and payments for approval.

The payments were approved.

FINANCE REPORT for AUGUST 2024

Balance b/f @ 31/07/2024

20379.24

Payments to be authorised for August 2024

Payee	Chq No	Amount	Reason
Npower	dd already	82.53	Electricity for July 2024
EALC	paid already	241.32	Affiliation fees
James Penrose	paid already	230.00	Grass cutting August
Ted Crow	paid already	16.82	Line Paint
Ted Crow	paid already	114.84	Grassline paint
Peter Beaumont	paid	1.50	Postage
Ted Crow	online	61.00	Granular sub base
100 Parishes	online	10.00	Membership renewal
Payroo	online	6.00	Payroll expenses
Ted Crow	online	18.02	Ransomes belt
Keith Williams	online	414.66	Salary for August 2024
Keith Williams	online	103.60	PAYE for August 2024
Ted Crow	online	23.00	Replacement payment
Ted Crow	online	390.00	Allocation payments
Ted Crow	online	190.00	Matchday preparations
Ted Crow	online	170.00	Mowing of football pitch
Local Toilet Hire (Ted Crow)	online	192.00	Toilet hire
James Penrose	online	230.00	Grass cutting September
Total Payments for August 2024		2495.29	

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Balances at 31/08/2024	Current A/C	17883.95
Payment cancelled - ted crow 22/6/24		<u>23.00</u>
		<u>17906.95</u>
	Savings A/C	20240.39
Total c/f at 31/08/2024		38147.34

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

1541. Events

Autumn Daze update

The date is confirmed as 5th October. An advertisement will be place in the Link and posters produced. The temporary event notice has already been obtained.

A budget of £700 was agreed to cover costings.

1542. Purchase of bin bag holders

The purchase was approved. The Clerk to advise the enquirer to purchase the items and confirm that they will be reimbursed.

1543. County and District Councillor reports

None.

1544. Date of next meeting

9th October 2024

1545. Closure of meeting

There being no further items to be discussed, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 21.24.

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