DRAFT MINUTES OF QUENDON & RICKLING PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 8th OCTOBER 2026 AT 7.00 PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL

Present: Gari Spearpoint - (GS) Chair
David Murfitt – (DM)
Ray Hart – (RH)
Erica Bromley – (EB)
Peter Beaumont – (PB)

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

1878 Declarations of Interest

None

1879. Apologies for Absence

Cllr Ray Gooding – (RG)
Cllr Neil Hardgreaves – (NH)
Cllr Judy Emanuel – (JE)

1880. Minutes of the previous meeting held on 9th July 2026

The minutes of the meeting were agreed as true and accurate records and were signed by the Chairman.

1881. Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting on 9th July 2026.

- RH is looking into updating the Emergency Plan.
- GS is awaiting a response regarding the new village map.
- GS believes that the road signs have been cleaned although some are not clearly visible.
- Regarding the chemical spillage, the farm believes that the sun will neutralise this.

1882. Public participation session

Is their any information as to why Pegasi has withdrawn the planning application?

1883. Correspondence

A resident has contacted the Parish Council advising that they had received a letter from Essex Highways advising that trees, allegedly on their fields boundary, were a public highway safety issue and action was required. They are in correspondence with Highways over the issue.

1884. Footpaths

Footpath 19 has now been cleared.

1885. Planning

UTT/26/2489/HHF – Rose Bush Cottage, Cambridge Road
Replacement of existing glass roof on conservatory.

No objections.

1886. Village projects

- Some posts around the Green have been knocked down and will need replacing.
- DM said it would be nice to reinstate the triangle of grass at the approach to the school.
- Old telephone boxes for a book exchange are very expensive. Alternatives will be sought.

1887. Belchams Lane

Pegasi has withdrawn the planning application.

1888. Action List

Councillors will advise the Clerk of any amendments that need to be made to the Action List.

1889. Finance

a. **Account balances (already circulated).**
    a. Noted
b. **Invoices and payments**
    a. Approved

FINANCE REPORT for SEPTEMBER 2026

Balance b/f @ 31/08/2026 8337.87

Payments to be authorised for September 2026

Payee	Chq No	Amount	Reason
Npower	DD	83.42	Electricity for July 2026
JP Gardens Ltd	online	276.00	Grass cutting for September 2026
Keith Williams	online	446.04	Salary for September 2026
HMRC (Keith Williams)	online	132.47	PAYE for September 2026
Unity Trust Bank	dd	7.00	Service charge

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Total Payments for September 2026		944.93
Precept		10000.00
Balances at 30/09/2026	Current A/C	17392.94
	Savings A/C b/f	16101.69
Bank interest earned		157.81
	Savings A/C	16259.50
Total c/f at 30/09/2026		33652.44

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

1890. Events

Plans are now being made for Christmas. It is proposed that there be at least two trees, one for outside the Pub and the other outside the Village Hall. The Parish Council will provide mince pies and mulled wine for free for residents.

The provisional date for the Light Up is 4th December 2026.

1891. County and District Councillor reports

Cllr Neil Hargreaves (report sent in his absence)

NHS has not responded to concerns over under capacity of surgeries in Newport. When the 89 house development in London Road is completed this will increase the demand on existing surgeries. It is estimated that an additional 214 patients will need access to doctors which would bring the total to approximately 9000. Current capacity is 6423.

1892. Date of next meeting

12th November 2026.

1893. Closure of meeting

There being no further items to be discussed, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 20.06.

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