

# RAVENSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> April 2018 at Ravenstone Village Hall at 7.30 pm

**Present:** Cllrs S. Bailey (in the Chair), H. Anderson, N. Brinner; Robin Cooper (Neighbourhood Plan). 1 resident.  
Clerk J Vischer

1. **Apologies** – Cllrs R. Humphreys, L. Postawa; Ward Cllrs K. McLean, D Hosking, P. Geary. These were accepted.
2. **Declaration of Members Interests** – None
3. **Approval of Minutes of the March Meeting and any Matters Arising** – previously circulated for comment. Accepted as an accurate record. Proposer Cllr Anderson, Seconder Cllr Bailey. Unanimous.
  - 3.1. Making the draft minutes public – following circulation for initial feedback and corrections, this was agreed.
4. **Village Appearance**
  - 4.1. Date of Village Inspection 2018 – Provisional dates set: 29<sup>th</sup> April or 20<sup>th</sup> May. To be confirmed
  - 4.2. Annual Inspection Action Plan –
    - 4.2.1. Crumbling wall by Old Dovecote – Completed
    - 4.2.2. Crumbling wall by School House – the Chair had met with SMV's Savills representative on site and was informed that the wall was being inspected to determine the best way to repair it.
    - 4.2.3. Phonebox removal – (carry forward - September 2018 deadline).
5. **Flood Mitigation**

No further developments from MKC. It was noted that the recent wet weather had not caused any drainage problems. The Chair agreed to check allotments entrance drainage and to contact Mr Howkins regarding the stream on farmland that is not running freely (just after it crosses the Stoke Goldington Road). **CHR**
6. **Recreation Field**

Land Deeds – the solicitors had deposited the request for registration with Land Registry. The solicitors predicted a five month wait before registration would be complete.
7. **Allotments**
  - 7.1. Pump installation – Cllr Anderson had received a new competitive quotation for a total cost of £215. It was agreed to accept this quote. **CLLR ANDERSON**
  - 7.2. A request had been received to concrete-in posts for a fruit cage, accompanied by a promise to remove them when giving up the plot. This was agreed. **CLK**
8. **Finance** –
  - 8.1. **Cheques for approval & Balances** – The following payments were approved:  
Clerk's salary £226.29; Clerk's expenses £36.55; Dog bins (annual) - £624.00; TPS (Neighbourhood Plan - NP) - £1,171.20; TPS (NP printing) - £480.00; Ravenstone Village Hall Association (for NP meetings) - £78.75; PAYE (4<sup>th</sup> Qtr.) - £134.80; HMRC (PAYE) - £184.80; Ravenstone Village Hall Association (annual hall hire) - £123.75.  
Available balance at 27<sup>th</sup> March 2018: £4,242 (plus allocated Reserves).
  - 8.2. Parish Partnership Funding (PPF) - The Clerk had been told that the PPF grant would be honoured very soon.
9. **Neighbourhood Plan (NP)**
  - 9.1. **Steering Group report back** – Robin Cooper, Chair of the Steering Group, had submitted a written report. The Steering Group had met twice since the last RPC meeting.
    - 9.1.1. The Plan itself is being printed and ready for launching at the two Exhibition Days (21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> April)
    - 9.1.2. A flyer has gone out for the Exhibition Days.

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- 9.1.3. Preliminary checks by Dianne Webber – consultant responsible for Neighbourhood Plans at MKC – was very supportive and content for the Draft Plan to be issued.
- 9.1.4. Each household to receive a Draft Plan. Copies to be sent out to statutory consultees and other interested parties.
- 9.1.5. Grant monies to be returned amounted to £1,535.25. A further report on the effectiveness of expenditure had been submitted and accepted.
- 9.1.6. Additional printing costs had been submitted to RPC.

## 9.2. New website –

- 9.2.1. Training deferred to Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April.
- 9.2.2. Cllr Brinner reported back that he had done some of the updating to the website and gave a brief demonstration. He envisaged that all parish councillors and the Clerk would have access to updating the site.
- 9.2.3. Cllr Brinner agreed to liaise with the administrator of the existing village website following a query regarding domain names. **CLLR BRINNER**
- 9.2.4. Councillors requested a copy of the detailed contract RPC holds with Interdirect for the website. **CLLR BRINNER**

## 10. Planning Applications

### 10.1. Previous applications

- 17/03221/FUL Land Adjacent Small Farm Ravenstone Mill Road; new 2-bedroom dwelling. *Pending*
- 18/00432/FUL 18A Common Street, Alterations to the first floor box dormer windows, with the addition of a new gable end on rear of house and new windows and doors. *Pending*
- 18/00453/LBC Swallows Barn Stoke Goldington Road Ravenstone, Listed building consent for the proposed two small roof light windows to the main roof. *Pending*

10.1. **NEW applications** – None

10.2. **Any Other Planning Matters** – None

## 11. Correspondence (other than email) – MKYCAB – Youth Manifesto.

## 12. Councillors/Residents Items

- 12.1. **Outstanding highways matters** – Collapsed road sign at bend of Weston Road – this has only been propped-up even though it appears to have been repaired. Chair to contact Ward Cllr Hosking. **CHR**
- 12.2. **Moles on the Recreation Field** – it was not clear if the moles had been cleared out.
- 12.3. **Fly-tipping** of possibly hazardous waste off the Weston road - Cllr Anderson reported that this was still there. MKC state that the hazardous waste is the landowner's responsibility.
- 12.4. **Potholes** to be reported up and down the village. MKC had told Cllr Anderson that the potholes do not meet the criteria for repair. The Clerk was instructed to report them all afresh. **CLK**
- 12.5. **Helicopter** – No update. **CLLR POSTAWA**
- 12.6. **NEW Items** – The Chair reported the collapse of two sleepers on the Recreation Field.

## 13. Date of Next Meeting – Annual Meeting: Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2018 at 7.30pm at the Village Hall followed by the Ordinary May Meeting.

Meeting closed 8.40pm

*signed*

*date*