

RAVENSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 13th September 2018 at Ravenstone Village Hall at 7.30 pm

Present: Cllrs S. Bailey (in the Chair), H. Anderson, N. Brinner; Robin Cooper (Neighbourhood Plan). Ward Cllr P Geary. Five members of the public. Clerk J Vischer.

1. **Apologies** – Cllr R. Humphreys, L. Postawa and Ward Cllrs K. McLean & D Hosking. These were accepted.
2. **Declaration of Members Interests** – Cllrs Anderson and Bailey as allotment holders (item 7). It was agreed that a non-quorate dispensation be granted for this item in future.
3. **Approval of previous Minutes and any Matters Arising** - July Meeting minutes. These were approved as a true record. Proposer N Brinner, seconder H Anderson. Unanimous. No Matters Arising.
4. **Village Appearance**
 - 3.1. Rubbish & litter-picking (raised by resident) – a local resident complained about litter both in and outside the village. She regularly picked up litter on her walks, sometimes several sacks worth. If it were not for this it would be even worse. Ward Cllr Geary pointed out that Milton Keynes Council (MKC) had reduced the level of litter-picks to the statutory minimum of once per year. It was agreed to: research throw-in bins costs (for passing traffic); find out fees for MKC contractor to provide extra picks; remind all in the regular Gate News article. CLK, SB, HA
 - 4.1. New Village Inspection (2018) –
 - 4.1.1. “Pop-up” garden at entrance to Almshouses. Ongoing . A trustee of the Residents Association present offered to help.
 - 4.1.2. Crumbling wall by School House – still awaiting Savills’ response.
 - 4.1.3. Outside of allotments (area between road and allotments) - Cleared, awaiting invoice.
 - 4.1.4. Replace (fallen) sleeper on the playing fields/ place Richard Rook bench in the gap and replace bench under tree with new bench - The stone walling option had turned out to be very expensive and thus was discontinued. It had been noted that all 18 sleepers needed replacing. It was agreed to look for original reclaimed sleepers and put forward this project for match-funding to the partnership fund. CLK
SB
Chair to research quotes for the work.
 - 4.1.5. Report potholes again (especially on Common road entrance to village) - Repaired.
 - 4.1.6. Stream other side of the road (from new barns development) needs to be scraped and cleared - Hire of man-and-machine to be researched. SB
 - 4.1.7. Phonebox removal – (*carry forward* - September 2018 deadline) - Not yet removed.
 - 4.2. Parking on T-junction between Common Street and Stoke Goldington Road - Reported in Gate News article.
 - 4.3. Collapsed road sign at bend of Weston Road – still outstanding. Ward Cllrs to invite new Head of Highways for a walk round the parish. PG
 - 4.4. Dumped rubbish within field entrance – overgrown. it was decided to remove this item from the agenda.
5. **Flood Mitigation**
 - 5.1. It was agreed to compile and send a report on the recent flooding to the new Flood and Water Management Officer (MKC) with any photographic evidence. Subsequently to invite the officer to a future meeting. NB/HA/SB
6. **Recreation Field**
 - 6.1. Land Deeds – These had been delivered. As expected these gave Possessory Title to RPC. This would migrate to Absolute Title in 12 years time unless someone came forward to present a better title. [*post meeting note*: details of two further registered addressees to be sent to Land Registry]
 - 6.2. Use – Mr Stewart complained on behalf of his elderly mother about how some users were disrespectful, and entering her property to collect wayward footballs without asking. It was agreed to look into the possibility of

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netting over the fence – planning permission and costs - and the potential to place the goal at the other end of the field to prevent footballs crossing over the boundary. **SB**

7. Allotments –

7.1. Renewals due to be issued. **CLK**

7.2. Weed-suppressing matting - to be investigated **SB**

8. Finance

8.1. **Cheques for approval & Balances** – The following payments were approved:

Clerk's salary £226.09; Clerk's admin expenses £16.00; PAYE £147.00; Solicitors (Land Reg.) £390.00; BALC subscription (annual) £34.69.

Available balance at 24th August 2018: £8,444 (plus allocated Reserves).

9. Neighbourhood Plan (NP)

9.1. **Steering Group report back** – Robin Cooper, Chair of the Steering Group

9.1.1. The Steering Group had not met since the last RPC meeting as the Neighbourhood Plan (NP) had been formally submitted on 20th July to MKC in accordance with Regulation 15 of the Neighbourhood Plans (General) Regulations 2012.

9.1.2. There had been no changes to objectives and policies following the 6-week pre-submission consultation. Some additions had been made.

9.1.3. MKC had subsequently published the Plan. This requires a further period of consultation which would expire on 1st October. Letters to all consultees and residents had been issued by MKC.

9.1.4. The Plan and all supporting documents appear on the new RPC website.

9.1.5. Next steps – It is anticipated that Examination will take place in October.

9.2. **New website** – The site went live at the end of July. Comments received to date regarding the new website have all been positive. It was noted that the use of 'cookies' was minimal providing only the most basic tracking data with no personal information. The Clerk reported various anomalies in attempting to upload files. Clerk to liaise with Cllr Brinner.

CLK/NB

10. Planning Applications

10.1. **Previous applications**

17/03221/FUL Land Adjacent Small Farm Ravenstone Mill Road; new 2-bedroom dwelling. *Awaiting Decision*

10.2. **NEW applications**

18/01707/FUL 1 Abbey Way Ravenstone, Extension and associated works. No objections.

18/02114/FUL Willow Tree Cottage Stoke Goldington Road Ravenstone, Installation of new wooden garage doors to existing car port. No objections.

11. **Correspondence (other than email)** – Clerk's two quarterly magazines.

11. Councillors/Residents New Items

11.1. **Potholes** – Cllr Brinner reported that two drain covers had been tarmac'd over during the recent repair. Photos to be sent to Ward Cllr Geary. **NB/PG**

11.2. **MK East Local Stakeholder Group** – Ward Cllr Geary, Chair of the Group, advised that there were three meetings coming up, and invited councillors to attend. The first looking at Highways issues regarding the possible provision of approximately 3000 houses in the Moulsoe area.

12. **Date of Next Meeting** – Thursday 11th October 2018 at 7.30pm at the Village Hall.

Meeting closed 9.20pm

signed

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