

RAVENSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 11th October 2018 at Ravenstone Village Hall at 7.30 pm

Present: Cllrs S. Bailey (in the Chair), H. Anderson, R. Humphreys; Robin Cooper (Neighbourhood Plan). Ward Cllrs P. Geary, D. Hosking. Two members of the public. Clerk J Vischer.

1. **Apologies** – Cllr N. Brinner, Ward Cllr K. McLean. These were accepted.
2. **Declaration of Members Interests** – Cllrs Anderson as neighbour to planning application 18/02444/FUL.
3. **Approval of previous Minutes and any Matters Arising** - July and September minutes. These were approved as a true record. Proposer H Anderson, seconder R. Humphreys. Unanimous. No Matters Arising.
4. **Village Appearance**
 - 4.1. New Village Inspection (2018) –
 - 4.1.1. “Pop-up” garden at entrance to almshouses. Awaiting update from trustee of the Residents Association.
 - 4.1.2. Crumbling wall by School House – still awaiting Savills’ (Merchant Venturers) response.
 - 4.1.3. Outside of allotments (area between road and allotments) - awaiting invoice.
 - 4.1.4. Replace (fallen) sleepers on the playing fields/commemorative bench. A competitive quote had been received – awaiting further quotations. It was agreed to put this project forward to the partnership fund. Condition of sleepers to be inspected with a view to safety. **CHR/CLK**
 - 4.1.5. Stream other side of the road (from new barns development) to be scraped and cleared – Prices for hire of man-and-machine had been researched. It was agreed that a discussion with the tenants was urgent to move the matter forward. **CHR**
 - 4.1.6. Phonebox removal – (*carry forward* - September 2018 deadline) – still not removed. BT confirmed that the program of removal was running behind schedule.
 - 4.2. Collapsed road sign at bend of Weston Road – still outstanding. Ward Cllrs had invited the new Head of Highways for a walk round the parish. No date set as yet. **WD.CLLR PG**
 - 4.3. Rubbish & litter-picking – an article had been prepared for the Gate Group News but the new issue had not yet been seen. It was agreed to purchase Hi-vis jackets and litter-picking sticks and not just hire them from MKC. Clerk to enquire regarding ‘Clean-up fund’. **CLK**
 - 4.4. Buried drain covers – photos had been sent to Ward Cllrs. Still awaiting action. **WD.CLLRS**
5. **Flood Mitigation** - A report was almost complete – final draft to be circulated prior to sending to MKC and invitation for officer to attend meeting. **CLLRS**
6. **Recreation Field** - The Chair reported that he had obtained three quotes for tree pruning which were costly. It was agreed to add this to next year’s budget. Moving the equipment to the other end of the Field would be very costly. It was agreed to defer to the budget meeting.
7. **Allotments**
 - 7.1. Renewal notices had been issued on 24th September. About half the rental payments had been received to date. **CLK**
 - 7.2. Weed-suppressing matting – It was agreed that the Chair should purchase two rolls **SB**
 - 7.3. Two plots were now available for renting – note to be made in the next Gate Group News issue. [Due to Cllr Anderson’s imminent absence it was agreed that the Chair would prepare the next article]
8. **Finance**
 - 8.1. **Cheques for approval & Balances** – The following payments were approved:
Clerk’s salary £180.95; Clerk’s admin expenses £32.00; External auditors £240.00; Annual parish insurance £428.08. Available balance at 27th September 2018: £12,071 (plus allocated Reserves).
 - 8.2. **External Audit** – a clean report had been received. No issues.

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8.3. Partnership Funding – it was agreed that application be made to the fund for village signs at approx. £10,000. This project had been agreed in the budget. A brochure indicated costs of £2,000 per pair plus installation costs. Three pairs required. Insertion of RPC logo to be investigated. **CLK**

9. Neighbourhood Plan (NP) (item was moved to the top of the agenda for Ward Cllrs to comment before leaving)

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

9.1.1. The latest consultation had expired on 1st October. A further 8 comments had been received directly to Milton Keynes Council (MKC).

9.1.2. Two major submissions from the earlier consultation had been re-submitted with more detail and fresh challenges; specialist organisations had been brought in to deliver these submissions.

9.1.3. Next steps – The latest comments and RPC responses will be sent directly to the Examiner whose appointment is imminent.

8.4. New website – Some of the various anomalies had been resolved. Outstanding issues had been sent to Interdirect on 10 October. **CLK**

10. Planning Applications

10.1. Previous applications

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

18/01707/FUL 1 Abbey Way Ravenstone, Extension and associated works. *Permitted*

18/02114/FUL Willow Tree Cottage Stoke Goldington Road Ravenstone. Installation of new wooden garage doors to existing car port. *Pending*

10.2. NEW applications –

18/02444/TPO 48 Weston Road, Tree preservation order consent for: reshape and reduce crown by a third (Cedar T1); reshape and reduce crown by a third (Birch T2, T4 and T5) and reshape and reduce by 20% (Rowan T5). No objections.

11. Correspondence (other than email) – Post Office flyer; play equipment brochure.

12. Councillors/Residents New Items

12.1. Cllr Anderson enquired after the possibility of placing dog-warning signs on the gateway to the cemetery as dog waste had been found by the graves. Chair to discuss with church warden. **CHR**

12.2. MK East Local Stakeholder Group – Ward Cllr Geary, Chair of the Group, advised that housing infrastructure was a big issue. Upcoming meetings – 17th and 21st October at Chicheley then 5 December, Weston Underwood.

13. Date of Next Meeting – Thursday 8th November 2018 at 7.30pm at the Village Hall.

Meeting closed 8.45pm

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