

RAVENSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 8th November 2018 at Ravenstone Village Hall at 7.30 pm

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

1. **Apologies** – Cllrs H Anderson, L Postawa and N. Brinner, Ward Cllr K. McLean. These were accepted. As the meeting was non-quorate no decisions could be made.
2. **Declaration of Members Interests** – None.
3. **Approval of previous Minutes and any Matters Arising** - October minutes. Deferred to the next meeting. No Matters Arising.
4. **Village Appearance**
 - 4.1. New Village Inspection (2018) Report –
 - 4.1.1. “Pop-up” garden at entrance to almshouses. No developments to date.
 - 4.1.2. Crumbling wall by School House – still awaiting Savills’ (Merchant Venturers) response.
 - 4.1.3. Replace (fallen) sleepers on the playing fields/commemorative bench. Competitive quotes had been received. The Clerk had submitted an application to the Community Infrastructure Fund for this project for £750 match funding. However funds would not be released until next year. Condition of sleepers to be inspected with a view to safety. **CHR**
 - 4.1.4. Stream other side of the road (from new barns development) to be scraped and cleared – Quotes had been obtained – work to be carried out shortly.
 - 4.1.5. Phonebox removal – (*carry forward* - works running behind schedule) – still not removed.
 - 4.2. Collapsed road sign at bend of Weston Road – still outstanding. Ward Cllrs had arranged a walkaround the parish with the new Head of Highways for December. This would include item 4.4 below. **WD.CLLR PG**
 - 4.3. Rubbish & litter-picking – The Clerk had submitted an application to the ‘Clean-up’ fund for six ‘litter-picking kits’ but the outcome was not available yet.
 - 4.4. Buried drain covers – no update. **WD.CLLRS**
 - 4.5. Cemetery dog warning signs – the Church warden had indicated that dog waste was not a regular occurrence – situation to be monitored.
5. **Flood Mitigation** - The flood report collecting residents’ experiences was still open. **CLLRS**
6. **Recreation Field** – Nothing to report.
7. **Allotments**
 - 7.1. Renewals were mostly complete; two rentals outstanding at the time of the last bank statement (26th October)
 - 7.2. Weed-suppressing matting – the Chair had purchased two rolls with pegs.
8. **Finance**
 - 8.1. **Cheques for approval & Balances** – The following payments were approved:
Clerk’s salary £180.95; Clerk’s admin expenses £22.96; Landscaping contract (2nd payment) £2,191.50.
Available balance at 26th October 2018: £11.410 (plus allocated Reserves).
 - 8.2. **Partnership Funding** – The Clerk had submitted an application to the Community Infrastructure Fund for the village signage project for £5,000 match funding.
9. **Neighbourhood Plan (NP)** (item was moved to the top of the agenda as relevant to planning application 18/02645/FUL – see below item 10 – also moved)
Steering Group report back – Robin Cooper, Chair of the Steering Group, reported back
 - 9.1.1. An Examiner had been appointed and would start work in December.

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- 9.1.2. One of the landowners who had responded to the consultation had now submitted a planning application at Horseshoe Farm – (see below item 10.2)
- 9.1.3. A new requirement in the 2018 NPPF means that the housing analysis of the NP has been revised. MKC have been asked for a housing requirement figure.
- 9.1.4. Likely additional work by the consultant suggests RPC financial provision should be doubled to £1,600.
- 9.1.5. Due to ongoing problems in securing a quorum for the Steering Group the Chairman had revised the Terms of Reference. As the committee now comprises 9 members the quorum figure has been reduced to 5 members. (deferred to the next meeting).

10. Planning Applications (item was moved to the top of the agenda to allow public discussion)

10.1. Previous applications

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

10.2. NEW applications –

18/02645/FUL Horseshoe Farm, North End; Demolition of existing stables and aviary and the erection of three dwellings. Lengthy and thorough discussion took place. It was agreed to call an extra meeting to discuss the application following the NP Steering Group's next meeting on 21st November. It was suggested that that a site visit from the planning officer would also be useful. Ward Cllrs offered to ask for a written report from MKC planning department on the litany of non-compliance notices served during the build of the Yew Tree Farm development.

11. Correspondence (*other than email*) – Bank details update request form; poster from Mark Lancaster MP; MK Community Foundation newsletter.

12. Councillors/Residents New Items

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

Meeting closed 9pm

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