

RAVENSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 11th April 2019 at Ravenstone Village Hall at 7.30 pm

Present: Cllrs S. Bailey (in the Chair), R. Humphreys, N Brinner, Robin Cooper (Neighbourhood Plan). Ward Cllr P. Geary, D. Hosking (until 7.50pm). Two members of the public. Clerk J Vischer.

1. **Apologies** – Cllrs L. Postawa; H. Anderson, Ward Cllr K. McLean. These were accepted.
2. **Declaration of Members Interests** – None.
3. **Approval of March Minutes and any Matters Arising** - Approved. No Matters Arising.
4. **Village Appearance**
 - 4.1. Inspection Action Plan (2018) –
 - 4.1.1. “Pop-up” garden at entrance to almshouses. Discussions had been held with two trustees and the boundary agreed.
 - 4.1.2. [Crumbling wall by School House – carry/forward] No update.
 - 4.2. Collapsed road sign (*on MKC repair schedule – carry forward*) and buried drain covers – No update from MKC
 - 4.3. Litter-picking – Cllr Anderson had scheduled the local GB Spring Clean litter-picking event for Sunday April 14th at 10am.
 - 4.4. Dog Fouling – None to report. The issue will be mentioned in the next Gate Group News article. **HA**
 - 4.5. Website issues – the redundant ‘Events’ tab on the Home page, had been removed – all issues resolved.
 - 4.6. Annual Village Inspection 2019 – this took place on April 7th 2019. A report had been circulated.
5. **Flood Mitigation**
 - 5.1. Flood Report collecting residents’ experiences in preparation (*carry forward*) **SB/HA**
 - 5.2. The Clerk reported that 7 properties in the parish had received letter-questionnaires from MKC regarding the May 2018 flooding.
6. **Recreation Field**
 - 6.1. Noise – Cllrs Anderson and Bailey had removed the metal backboard thereby reducing the noise. There had been no comments from residents for some time.
 - 6.2. The basket was set overly high on the basketball post – to be reduced. **SB/HA**
 - 6.3. Commemorative bench – the quotation for the installation of the bench had been received and was very much the same as that for the picnic bench of two years ago. It was agreed to go ahead. The Chair would bring suggestions for the actual bench to the next meeting. The Clerk reported that the two benches on the green in Weston Underwood had been there a long time and no information was available on their type and cost. **SB**
8. **Finance** - Cheques for approval & Balances – the following payments were approved.
Clerk’s salary £197.04; Clerk’s admin & expenses (including refund for Society of Local Council Clerks annual membership of £22.75) £48.50; BALC (Buckinghamshire Association of Local Councils) annual membership.
Available balance at 27th March 2019: £4,090 (plus allocated Reserves).
9. **Neighbourhood Plan (NP) - Steering Group report back** – Robin Cooper, Chair of the Steering Group, reported that:
 - 9.1. The finalised Plan had been printed. Copies were being circulated to every household with an explanatory flyer. Wherever possible personal contact was being made with the householder.
 - 9.2. A further flyer encouraging residents to vote will be distributed a day or two before the referendum on May 2nd.
 - 9.3. The end of year financial report on the grant funding had been submitted and accepted.
 - 9.4. A survey on the grant funding process had also been completed.
 - 9.5. It is a requirement that all documentation regarding the Neighbourhood Plan be stored for seven years.

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10. Planning Applications

10.1. Previous applications -

Horseshoe Farm Appeal [*carry forward*]

10.2. NEW applications –

19/00698/FUL & 19/00698/LBC Yew Tree Farm Stoke Goldington Road, Retrospective application for internal and external alterations. It was noted that that the retrospective application did not include the elevation of Barn B from the field side which it was agreed was an important omission. An elevation of Barn C had also been omitted. This was pointed out to the representatives present. A response would be submitted in due course once these had been seen.

19/00867/TCA Notification of intent to fell and treat the stump of False Acacia (T1), Hobbes Cottage, North End. It was agreed to invite the tree officer to inspect the tree as this would not automatically be the case. **CLK**

11. Correspondence (other than email) – Clerks and Councils Direct quarterly; Merchant Navy Day (3rd September) flyer and brochure; BALC annual circular, enclosed with subscription renewal.

12. Councillors/Residents New Items - None

13. Date of Next Meeting – Annual Meeting: Thursday 9th May 2019 at 7.30pm at the Village Hall followed by the Ordinary May Meeting.

Meeting closed 8.15pm

signed

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