

# RAVENSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 10th October 2019 at Ravenstone Village Hall at 7.30pm

**Present:** Cllrs S. Bailey (in the Chair), H. Anderson, N. Brinner, L. Postawa. Ward Cllr P. Geary. One member of the public. Clerk J Vischer.

1. **Apologies** – Cllr R. Humphreys; Ward Cllrs D. Hosking and K. McLean. These were accepted.
2. **Declaration of Members Interests** – None.
3. **Approval of October meeting Minutes, and any Matters Arising** – Approved; proposer Cllr Postawa seconder Cllr Anderson. Unanimous. No Matters Arising.
4. **Village Appearance** - Village Inspection Plan 2019
  1. North End, blocked gullies – the Clerk had sent a reminder to the Strategic Asset Manager who had replied to the effect that the matter was in hand. Cllr Anderson volunteered to check if gullies had been done. **HA**
  2. Cemetery gateposts – works not yet started but all agreed.
  3. Benches and Noticeboards in need of refurbishment – works not yet started but all agreed.
  4. Merchant Venturers (MV) wall - still outstanding. Chair had liaised with Savills again to be told that Merchant Venturers had made all the necessary arrangements.
  5. Old Schoolhouse verge, potential site for wildflower garden – quotation obtained but area potentially too shady for usual wildflower mix. Shade-loving/woodland plants to be used. **SB**
  6. Old Schoolhouse and Recreation ground lime trees maintenance - planning application for the two sites for crown reduction yet to be submitted. **CLK**
  7. Recreation Ground refurbishment – swing seats: invoice still awaited.
  8. Stoke Goldington Road buried drains – the road had been closed while works were carried out but it was unclear if the drains had actually been emptied. Cllr Anderson offered to check. **HA**
5. **Flood Mitigation** – Village Flood Log 2018 – a request for residents to send in their experiences had been included in the last article for Gate Group News but no responses had been received to date. **HA**
6. **Recreation Field** - Commemorative bench – the base foundations had been laid. The bench and plaque ordered. The supplier no longer sold the 6’ bench and so it had been agreed between meetings to purchase the 5’ bench.
7. **Allotments** -
  1. The overgrown plots had been cleared by the contractor but the membrane had still to be laid.
  2. The Clerk pointed out that it was time for renewals. **CLK**
  3. Vacant plots will be advertised in Gate Group News by Cllr Anderson following renewals results. **HA**
8. **Finance** –
  1. Cheques for approval & Balances – the following payments were approved: Clerk’s salary £197.04; Clerk’s admin & expenses £29.37; landscape maintenance 2 (50% + extra allotment work) £2,405.00; Bench and plaque £338.16; insurance (annual) £433.56.  
Available balance at 27<sup>th</sup> September 2019: £10,038 (plus allocated Reserves).
  2. PCC shared funding - the Clerk had written to the PCC regarding the issue - a response was awaited. [*post-meeting note*: a cheque for the due amount and a covering letter had been received two days after the meeting]
8. **Neighbourhood Plan (NP)**, proposed Implementation Group - an expression of interest had been received but the article inviting volunteers had only recently appeared in the Gate Group News. Meeting to be arranged to identify the items noted as ‘community projects’ and to cost them out. **LP**

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9. **Planning Applications**

1. Previous applications -  
None

2. ***Applications since the last meeting*** –

19/02101/LBC Sunnyside Bay Lane, Listed building consent replace three windows on the first floor of Sunnyside Cottage. No objections

10. **Correspondence** (*other than email*) – MK Community Foundation ‘Vital Signs’ quarterly.

11. **Councillors/Residents New Items** – None.

12. **Date of Next Meeting** – Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2019 at 7.30pm at the Village Hall

Meeting closed 8pm

*signed*

*date*