

# RAVENSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 5th December 2019 at Ravenstone Village Hall at 7.30pm

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

1. **Apologies** – Clerk J. Vischer; 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 Brinner. Unanimous. No Matters Arising.
4. **Village Appearance** - Village Inspection Plan 2019
  1. North End, blocked gullies – Cllr Anderson reported that the gullies had not been done. This included the gullies at the top of Weston Road. To follow up with MKC. **HA**
  2. Cemetery gateposts – works not yet started but all agreed.
  3. Bench - foundation installed. Bench delivered. Awaiting final install date from contractor. **SB**
  4. Benches and Noticeboards in need of refurbishment – awaiting confirmation of completion from contractor. **SB**
  5. Merchant Venturers (MV) wall - rebuild on progress. Completion planned before Christmas. **SB**
  6. 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**
  7. Old Schoolhouse and Recreation ground lime trees maintenance - planning applications for the two sites submitted. MKC rejects the latter. **CLK**
  8. Recreation Ground refurbishment – swing seats: invoice still awaited.
  9. Stoke Goldington Road buried drains – no update on whether they had been emptied. **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 repossess had been received to date. **LP**
6. **Recreation Field** - nothing further to report.
7. **Allotments** - nothing to report.
8. **Finance** – this item was suspended due to the Clerk’s absence.
8. **Neighbourhood Plan (NP)** Implementation Group -
  1. The Design Competition for entrance signs to the village had been dropped due to MC’s response that such signs had to conform to certain precedents. It was agreed to investigate further a design similar to Weston Underwood’s. These had been manufactured and designed by a forge in Northampton. Cllr Postawa to investigate. **LP**
  2. It was proposed to review the possibility of a flower bed by the almshouses. **LP**
9. **Planning Applications**
  1. Previous applications -  
None
  2. **Applications since the last meeting** –  
19/03348/LBC & 19/03347/FUL Yew Tree Farm Stoke Goldington Road, Retrospective applications for internal and external alterations (resubmission of 19/00699/LBC & 19/00698/FUL). This had only just been received. To be reviewed at the next meeting.
10. **Correspondence (other than email)** – None.
11. **Councillors/Residents New Items** – A resident requested that the 30mph signs be moved closer to the entrance to the village. Ward Cllr P. Geary described approximate costs.
12. **Date of Next Meeting** – Thursday 9th January 2020 at 7.30pm at the Village Hall.

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