

RAVENSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Council Meeting held at the Village Hall on
Thursday 13th February 2020 at 7:30pm

MINUTES

Cllrs H. Anderson, S. Bailey, N.Brinner, R. Humphreys and L. Postawa. Cllr K McLean
Two members of public

1. **Welcome and apologies** J Vischer, Cllr Hosking, Cllr Geary. Apologies accepted
2. **Declaration of Interests** - Cllr Anderson (Item 9 Planning)
3. **Approval of Minutes** January and any matters arising (not covered below) Minutes approved
Proposer Cllr Brinner, Seconded Cllr Anderson
4. **Village Appearance**
 - 4.1. **Village Signs** Cllr Postawa had met with Highways Dept and was awaiting their design based on the information provided to them. There had been no feedback received on the matter from any residents. A final decision must be reached at next meeting to allow order to be placed and receive 50% grant funding from MKC. New 30mph signs will be installed by MK council at the same time.
 - 4.2. **Inspection Action Plan 2019**
 - Cemetery gateposts** -completed
 - Noticeboards** Post has been renewed and door and locks repaired. Still awaiting stain application. (Along with benches)
 - Old Schoolhouse verge** Chris Page has quoted £110 to clear the ivy and the area under the trees. The rebuild of the well (to include a safety grid) is at a cost of £935. A grant of £225 has been awarded by Ward Councillors which will contribute to this cost.
 - Old Schoolhouse trees** Cllr Bailey still negotiating best price for this work.
 - 4.3. **Grass verges** Cllr Anderson raised a concern about the state of the verges. Many are being damaged by large vehicles, particularly when passing roadside parked vehicles. Parish Council feels there is little action that can be taken although the result is unsightly.
5. **Recreation Field** The memorial bench is in place and has been commented on favourably by Cllr Rook's family. The bench is pre-treated.
6. **Allotments** The gates need some attention in the near future. Chris Page to be asked to carry out this work.

Action SB

7. Finance No review as Clerk was not in attendance.

8. Neighbourhood Plan Implementation Group See 4.1 Village Sign

9. Planning applications Previous applications

19/03348/LBC & 19/03347/FUL Yew Tree Farm, Stoke Goldington Road, Retrospective applications for internal and external alterations (resubmission of 19/00699LBC & 19/00698FUL) Members of the public expressed agreement to discuss possible compromises which may lead to approval of the Parish Council for the Retrospective Planning/LBC Application above. Cllr Anderson updated that she has been informed by Abbeymill Homes that MKC have extended the consultation period to 28th February to allow the amended plans to be considered and consulted on.

Applications since last meeting None

10. Correspondence -None

11. Councillors/ Residents items

11.1. Dog Bins There had been a request from a resident for a new dog bin to be installed at the beginning of the Public Footpath at the end of The Close Car Park. This should help prevent poo bags being left along the pathway or thrown onto adjacent property. This was agreed. **Action** Clerk

11.2. Big Spring Clean Cllr Anderson suggested that the village participates again in this event. It was agreed to on Sunday 5th April Cllr Anderson will register for the scheme and publicise the event.

11.3. Bins The bin at the end of North End had been emptied and Cllr Bailey volunteered to do it next month.

11.4. Stile Cllr Humphreys expressed concern over the stile which is on the Public Footpath leading into Bay Lane. Cllr Anderson agreed to try to report it to MKC via their portal.

12. Date of Next Meeting - Thursday 12th March (Apologies were offered by Cllr Anderson)

Meeting closed at 8:30 pm