

RAVENSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held ONLINE on Thursday 11th of March 2021.

Commencing at 07h30pm and concluding at 09h30pm

Present: Cllrs R Humphreys (acting Chair), H. Anderson, L. Postawa, Ward Cllrs, D. Hosking, P. Geary

Clerk: C. Macgregor

Residents: R. Macgowan, G. Little, S. Armstrong, A. White, V. Adamson

MKC Cllr: J. Wilson-Marklew

1. **Apologies:** Apologies submitted on behalf of S. Bailey, F. Godber and K. McLean. These were accepted.
2. **Declaration of Members Interests:** Cllr. H Anderson declared her interest in the Yew Tree farm planning matter being resolved. No other declarations of interest were made.
3. **Approval of Minutes and any Matters Arising:** The February 2021 minutes approved. Cllr H. Anderson proposed, Cllr R. Humphreys seconded, and the minutes were unanimously approved.

4. **Planning Applications:**

Previous applications:

- 4.1 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). [To retain on the agenda for the next three months in order to track its implementation].
CM read the response received from MKC regarding the work to be undertaken and delays in enforcement due to covid. It was resolved the Clerk would write to seek clarity on timing and request timeframes be placed on the remediation work.
CM
- 4.2 21/00513/PANOTH, Excavation works at Long Stocking Farm. Mr. S Armstrong presented an overview of scope and duration of works to be undertaken. Council members and residents were afforded an opportunity to ask Mr S. Armstrong questions for clarity, which they did. Further discussions ensued and it was resolved to file comments and objections on behalf of the RPC in order to request a full planning application be made by Mr S. Armstrong in order, inter alia, to provide more detail of the proposed works, to ensure the scope of works matched the purpose of the excavation works as explained by Mr. S. Armstrong and that the safeguards he indicated in the meeting were included as conditions in any planning decision. It was further resolved to communicate to Mr. S. Armstrong the RPC approach prior to submissions to MKC.
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- 4.3 21/00314/LBC replace front door and convert rear door to window, The Old Forge. No objections were noted.

5. **Village Appearance:**

5.1. Inspection Action Plan 2019:

5.1.1. Old Schoolhouse verge: well cover: Cllr H Anderson reported that she had contacted Dave Hancock prior to the meeting and had assured her that the work would be complete late March early April 2021.

5.2. Verge by almshouses (wildflower): On hold.

5.3. Dog bin repairs and stickers replacement: Cllr H Anderson reported that she had completed the stickers

on dog bins for North End. Increase in costs of bin clearing of 25p per bin unanimously agreed to.

- 5.4. Litter: A further litter pick is to be scheduled for 11 April 2021, with an anticipated start time of 11h00. Cllr Anderson to place details on Facebook.

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Ward Cllr Geary advised that tracking fly-tippers or those who litter through information on discarded receipts was permissible and Kevin Wilson or David Proctor from MKC should be approached in this regard.

5.5. Flooding:

- RPC Clerk to follow up with Mr. A Patel and invite him to April 2021 meeting.
- Flooding will remain on the agenda and be revisited at the April 2021 meeting.
- Cllrs Anderson and Humphreys had followed up with regard to clearing the stream below Stoke Goldington Road. Permission had been granted to enter onto the farm to clear and RPC would follow up on this in order to make the necessary arrangements and Clerk to investigate costs from contacts mentioned by Ward Cllr P Geary. It was indicated May/ June would be a good time to attend to this.

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6. Recreation Field.

- 6.1. New play equipment: Backboards to basketball and netball hoops to be delivered and attached. Cllr Godber has commenced preparation of the beds and acquiring the plants for the beds. Cllr Postawa will remove the notices re the installation of the new play equipment.

7. Allotments: Nothing new to report.

8. Finance.

8.1. Payments for approval & balances:

C Macgregor presented the payments to be made in March 2021.

They are:

Staff February-March 2021		<u>£220.32</u>	£220.32
Quarterly PAYE	<u>HMRC</u>	<u>£116.80</u>	£116.80
Soc for Merchant Venturers (St Monica Trust)	<u>Allotment rentals</u>	<u>£107.91</u>	£107.91
TOTAL:			<u>£445.03</u>

Payments were proposed by Cllr H Anderson and seconded by Cllr L Postawa. The schedule of payments was unanimously approved.

- 8.2. Ward grant: Ward grant has been received.

9. Neighbourhood Plan Implementation Group: Nothing new.

10 Correspondence – other than email: Only the Clerk's Magazine.

11 Councillors/Residents New Items.

- 11.1 Councillor Jennifer Wilson-Marklew from MKC joined the meeting to make a presentation concerning the Demand Response Transport services commencing 1 April 2021 and to answer questions from councillors. It was also communicated further information was to be provided in due course by MKC including finality regarding how return journeys could be arranged without the need to call separately to book the return leg.
- 11.2 Cllr H Anderson will be organizing an Easter egg hunt for the children in the village.

12 **Date of Next Meeting:** 8 April 2021.

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