

RAVENSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held ONLINE on Thursday 11th of February 2021 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs R Humphreys (acting Chair), H. Anderson, F. Godber, Ward Cllrs, D. Hosking, P. Geary
Clerk: C. Macgregor

Residents: R. Macgowan and G. Little

1. **Apologies:** Apologies submitted on behalf of S. Bailey, L. Postawa and K. McLean. These were accepted.
2. **Declaration of Members Interests:** None
3. **Approval of Minutes and any Matters Arising:** The January 2021 minutes approved. Cllr H. Anderson proposed, Cllr F. Godber seconded and the minutes were unanimously approved.
4. **Village Appearance:**
 - 4.1. **Inspection Action Plan 2019:**
 - 4.1.1. **Old Schoolhouse verge: well cover:** Still awaiting contractor. Cllr H Anderson and Cllr R Humphreys to contact Dave Haycock when weather improves.

HA & RH
 - 4.2. **Verge by almshouses (wildflower):** On hold.
 - 4.3. **Dog bin repairs and stickers replacement:** Cllr F Godber will complete stickers on North End.

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 - 4.4. **Flooding:**
 - Cllr H Anderson and R Macgowan provided an update on their interactions and dealing with Mr. A Patel and Mr. N Hannon of MKC. Patel advised RPC to prepare an Emergency Flood Plan and if proposals were submitted which MKC could support, a contribution to funding could possibly be sought from Anglian Water.
 - Ward Cllr P Geary suggested an overall Emergency Plan should be prepared for RPC which could include as part thereof, a Flood Plan. Cllr P Geary further provided background to flooding issues and solutions in neighbouring areas and an update on scope of WSP report which was commissioned and anticipated to be completed by April 2021.
 - Cllr P Geary advised that an amendment would be sought to the ward budget to make provision for £4 500.00 to be used for more modern gel sandbags which could be used to construct bunds.
 - Gary Little raised the issue of drains in North End and the failure to regularly clear drains.
 - Ward Cllr P Geary advised that drains are usually cleared 3 yearly but that he would approach Mr. A Patel to request they be cleared more regularly.

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 - Mr. A Patel confirmed during his inspection, the stream traversing the Stoke Goldington Road ought to be cleared below the road. Cllrs R Humphreys and H Anderson would take this discussion up.

RH & HA
 - RPC Clerk to follow up with Mr. A Patel as to progress and to maintain pressure on him to provide updates and information on steps being taken. A written report should be requested from him in

March 2021.

CM

- Cllr R Humphreys and H Anderson through the Clerk, will in April 2021 address Mr. N Hannon as to the initial findings of the WSP report and extend invitation to them to April 2021 meeting to provide update and any further advice.

RH, HA & CM

- Ward Cllr P Geary indicated Ward Cllr K McLean will revert to Ben Everitt to ensure MKC bid for release of flood relief funding from Government.

KM

- Ward Cllr P Geary will revert on MKC bidding for flood relief funding. If funding is available they will expedite.

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5. Recreation Field.

5.1. New play equipment: Deposit paid. Balance to be paid on completion. Pipe will be relocated and made safe once construction of new play equipment complete. Construction is anticipated to start week commencing 22 February or 1st week of March.

6. Allotments: The contract for new allotment (1c) signed and deposit and rental paid.

7. Finance.

7.1. Payments for approval & balances:

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

They are:

Clerk salary	<u>£207.56</u>	
Clerk expenses	<u>£16.00</u>	£223.56
100 sandbags re-imburement	<u>£39.95</u>	
Pads for defibrillator	<u>£43.20</u>	£83.15
Interdirect Ltd annual website hosting	<u>£120.00</u>	£120.00

Total: £426.71

It was recorded that payment of 50% for the new playground equipment had also been made as previously approved. That 50% sum was £7 650.00.

The schedule of payments was unanimously approved.

7.2. Ward grant: Cllr F Godber and Cllr H Anderson had submitted the submission for funding to Ward Cllr K McLean.

7.3. Budget and Precept approval: (Budget item for flood mitigation and approval thereof): £800.00 line item for flood mitigation was proposed by Cllr H Anderson and seconded by Cllr F Godber. The item was unanimously approved. The entire budget is now approved.

8. Clerk's Replacement: Clerk's contract of appointment signed.

9. Neighbourhood Plan Implementation Group: Nothing new from the meeting of 14 January 2021. Flooding to be kept as a permanent item on the agenda.

10. Planning Applications:

10.1 Previous applications:

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). *Permi, ed.*

[to retain on the agenda for the next three months in order to track its implementation]. Ward Cllr D Hosking was to follow up.

DH

- 10.2** 20/03337/TCA Burnside Common Street, Notification of intention to fell two very tall (est. 30 feet) conifer trees on the front corner of our property. Permission was granted and the works complete.
- 10.3** 21/00055/NOTAGR Horseshoe Farm. Subsequent to the last meeting it was unanimously decided by Councillors to submit a comment on the application given the possible impact on flooding. Comment was duly submitted and thereafter a communication was received from MKC that consent was not necessary, only for design and siting. It appeared from the record of decision that no regard was had to RPC comment or that one was acknowledged as having been received. Ward Cllr P Geary was sent the comments and decision in order to follow up with enforcement on issues surrounding the validity of decision, including but not limited to, whether farming operations are indeed underway. Cllr P Geary will prepare dossier and submit to internal functionary at MKC with clerk of RPC copied in. Whereafter an invitation will be extended by Ward Cllr P Geary and Clerk to Paul Taylor, Head of Planning, MKC, to attend March 2021 RPC meeting.

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11 Correspondence – other than email: None

12 Councillors/Residents New Items.

12.1 Coronavirus Implications: Nothing new.

13 Additional Item: Discuss possibility of Parish Council Facebook group. It was decided not to have a separate Facebook group. Cllr H Anderson and Clerk would discuss which items of relevance should be posted on the Ravenstone Village Bucks Facebook group.

14 Date of Next Meeting: 11 March 2021.