



## RAVENSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

Tel: 01908 551 416

Email: [ravenstoneclerk@gmail.com](mailto:ravenstoneclerk@gmail.com)

Website: [www.ravenstone-pc.gov.uk](http://www.ravenstone-pc.gov.uk)

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF RAVENSTONE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ONLINE ON 8 APRIL 2021, AT 07:30PM.

PRESENT: CLLR R. HUMPHREYS, CLLR H.ANDERSON, CLLR F.GODBER, CLLR L. POSTAWA

WARD CLLR K. MCLEAN, WARD CLLR P. GEARY

RESIDENTS: G LITTLE, R. MACGOWAN

MKC: MR A. PATEL

CLERK: C MACGREGOR

1. **Apologies:** S. Bailey, D. Hosking. Apologies were accepted.
2. **Declaration of Members Interests.** Cllr H Anderson declared her interest in the discussions surrounding Yew Tree farm.
3. **Approval of Minutes and any Matters Arising:** Cllr H Anderson proposed the motion to approve the minutes of the RPC meeting of 11 March 2021 and Cllr L. Postawa seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as correct.

#### 4. **Planning Applications:**

##### 4.1 Previous & Pending applications:

- (i) 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).
  - CM reported that MKC had requested a timetable be formulated for the alterations and work to be completed. A follow up request was made requesting clarity as to when the timetable would be provided. CM to follow up with MKC to obtain the necessary clarity.

**CM**
- (ii) 21/00513/PANOTH Long Stocking Excavation Rock, North End.
  - It was noted that since the last RPC meeting and this, MKC had denied the application and directed that a full planning application be made. RPC will continue to monitor the situation.
- (iii) 21/00761/LBC Listed building Consent for internal and external works including fenestration alterations to units 1, 2, 4, 5 and 6.  
At: Alms Houses North End, comments date 16 April 2021
  - No comments
- (iv) 21/00729/FUL  
Proposal: Single story extension to west of property  
At: Finch Barn Stoke Goldington Road Ravenstone, closing date for comments 19 April 2021
  - No comments

- (v) 21/00848/TCA  
Proposal: Notification of intention to reduce to a partial pollard Mature Weeping Willow (T1) - approximate reduction in height of 6 metres and spread by 3 metres; and a targeted crown reduction including removal of deadwood to Walnut tree (T2). The work is being completed as part of routine maintenance and to reduce the risk of branch failure.  
At: Addersey Cottage Common Street Ravenstone, closing date for comments 20 April 2021.
- No comments
- (vi) 21/00923/TCA  
Proposal: Notification of intention to - T1-Ash tree to remove to ground level, T2-Field Maple tree to remove to ground level and T3-Goat Willow to side prune away from ditch by 4m. Trees current height is 15m: John Tythes Barn. North End, Ravenstone. Closing date for comments 28 April 2021
- No comments

## 5. **Village Appearance:**

5.1. Inspection Action Plan 2019: To set a date for village inspection. CM to add item to next meeting agenda. **CM**

5.1.1. Old Schoolhouse verge: well cover. Update on works if any commenced as indicated by Haycock. No update as at the time of the meeting.

5.2. Verge by almshouses (wildflower). Waiting to see how well the wildflowers did.

5.3 Litter: Any additional assistance or preparation which is required for scheduled litter pick on 11 April 2021. Nothing required for litter pick. All in order and sufficient kit available.

5.3. Flooding: Including decision on ditching of stream below Stoke Goldington Road. Mr. A Patel from MKC to attend to provide update and advice re flooding and mitigation measures.

- Mr. Patel from MKC attended the meeting and provided insight as to his role and responsibilities within MKC in so far as flooding is concerned.
- Mr. Patel advised that the RPC should receive a call in the next two weeks or so from the Environmental consultants engaged by MKC to do the investigations and report in order to arrange a meeting at the village to identify causes of the flooding. Mr. Patel advised that the consultant would liaise with RPC in order to identify individuals who need to be consulted who were impacted by the last floods.
- In response to an enquiry by the residents in attendance as to how long the investigation and flood report ought to take, Mr. Patel advised customarily 6 months. In other words, MKC anticipated the report to be completed in June. Where there is widespread flooding, the report could take 6-9 months.
- Cllr Anderson requested Mr. Patel to advise when MKC would return to complete work undertaken but not completed, and also to revisit the frequency of drain clearance. Mr. Patel undertook to request feedback from Highways regarding these issues in light of their management plan which is based on monitored silting rates. He indicated he would be keen to highlight hotspots on a plan with RPC.
- Mr. Patel also undertook to investigate the runoff rate and conditions if any relating to the construction to be undertaken on Horseshoe Farm and whether correspondence reminding owner of obligations associated with connecting to a water source for the purposes of receiving run off. CM to send Mr. Patel the relevant reference and correspondence. RPC may also have powers under Public Health Act.

**CM**

6. **Recreation Field.**

6.1. Flower Beds. Cllr Godber advised that some items have already been planted, and a resident would be planting fruit trees from the proceeds of the Christmas quiz. Watering was a concern given the dryness. Invoices would be submitted to CM for processing.

6.2. Feedback on use of Recreation Ground. Cllr Anderson reported that there had been predominately positive feedback concerning the improvements to the Recreation Ground. There has been an increase in use of the facilities which was good. Cllr Anderson requested that RPC look into replacing open bins around the village for closed ones. Bins to be placed on the next agenda.

7. **Allotments.** Nothing new to report on the allotments other than receipt of a deposit and rental.

8. **Finance:**

8.1. Approval of appointment of internal auditor& expenditure in relation thereto.

8.2. The appointment of the proposed internal auditor and the fee of £85.00 was discussed.

8.3. Payments for approval & balances.

Cllr Anderson proposed the approval of the below payments as well as the internal auditor. Cllr Postawa seconded the motion and payments were unanimously approved.

Salaries March - April 2021		<u>£220.32</u>	£220.32
Training	-	<u>£38.00</u>	£38.00

9. **Neighbourhood Plan Implementation Group.** Nothing new.

10 **Correspondence – other than email.** No new correspondence other than that received and distributed by email.

11 **Councillors/Residents New Items.**

11.1 Any steps RPC can take to contribute to reducing child poverty in Milton Keynes as per the Commission on Child Poverty presentation in March 2021.

- CM to circulate the report and thereafter if necessary, item to be placed on the agenda for further discussion.

CM

11.2 Feedback on use of DRT services.

- Ward Cllr K McLean discussed and reported on the issues experienced by residents and other community members using the DRT service. Those users booking by telephone was a particular concern including the inability to book return journeys at the time of the outbound trip.
- Cllr McLean had scheduled meetings between MKC and affected Ravenstone residents and would further investigate issues and report back to RPC after this had been done.

11.3 Input if any by RPC on call for evidence on flexibility of remote meetings.

- CM to prepare submission in accordance with standard form suggested highlighting the need for flexibility and the improved attendance by both residents and MKC officials as a result of the zoom facilities.

CM

12 **Date of Next Meeting:** 6 May 2021 given that there were no further nominations for councillors and the election for RPC councillors was thus uncontested.

SIGNED:

CHAIRMAN



