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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF RAVENSTONE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ONLINE ON 6 MAY 2021, 07:30PM.

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

RESIDENTS: MR AND MRS WEBSTER

CLERK: C MACGREGOR

1. **To Elect the Chairman of The Council and to Receive the Chairman's Declaration of Acceptance of Office.**
 - (i) Including resolution that the declaration of acceptance can be delivered after the meeting but before the next meeting.

Cllr L Postawa nominated Cllr R Humphreys as chairman. All other councillors seconded the nomination and Cllr Humphreys was unanimously elected as chairman by the other Councillors.
2. **To Elect the Vice Chairman and to Receive the Vice Chairman's Declaration of Acceptance of Office.**
 - (i) Including resolution that the declaration of acceptance can be delivered after the meeting but before the next meeting.

Cllr L Postawa nominated Cllr H Anderson as Vice chairman. Cllr F. Godber seconded the nomination. All other councillors unanimously elected Cllr H Anderson as Vice chairman.
3. Cllr L Postawa proposed the motion that the RPC resolve to accept declarations of acceptance of Chair and Vice Chair positions after the meeting of 6 May 2021. Cllr F Godber seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously adopted.
4. **Declaration of Members Interests.** Cllr H Anderson declared her interest in the discussions surrounding Yew Tree farm.
5. **Approval of Minutes:** Cllr L Postawa proposed the motion to approve the minutes of the RPC meeting of 8 April 2021 and Cllr H Anderson seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as correct.
6. **Apologies:** Ward Cllrs D. Hosking, P Geary, and K McLean. Apologies were accepted.
7. **Planning Applications:**
 - 7.1 **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).
 - A discussion ensued regarding MKC's communication that the work was to be completed by 21 June 2021. CM to follow up with MKC to obtain confirmation as to when the date for the site inspection to verify works had been completed would be

undertaken. The matter was also to be raised at the next meeting with Ward Cllr P Geary to assist with ensuring MKC monitored works and enforced compliance.

CM

8. Village Appearance:

8.1 Inspection Action Plan 2019:

- (i) Old Schoolhouse verge: well cover. The work has been completed but the well covered with a solid concrete cover plus grate located at the upper rim. RPC would investigate whether planting of the void could be undertaken. Cllr H Anderson advised that resident R Macgowan had offered to investigate whether the concrete layer could be readily removed to have the water visible, but the grate remain intact. Cllr F Godber was to examine the void to ascertain whether planting in the void could be viable. The issue was to be raised and canvassed at the RPC June meeting.

FG

- (ii) Wildflowers: Some wildflowers were appearing. The matter would be discussed again at the June RPC meeting so that progress could be revisited.

8.2 Date for inspection of the village. The councillors agreed the village inspection would take place on 16 May 2021, commencing at 09h00.

8.3 Flooding: Including decision on ditching of stream below Stoke Goldington Road.

Cllr H Anderson advised that the consultant contracted by MKC was due to visit the village and meet with Cllr Anderson and certain residents with a view to inspecting the areas of concern. This was due to take place on 13 May 2021, at 14h00. Cllr L Postawa indicated he could discuss with the contractor how often the culvert under the Stoke Goldington Road ought to be cleared of silt. Residents Mr. and Mrs. Webster inputted regarding the history and issues surrounding the clearing of the river below Stoke Goldington Road. Cllr F Gober undertook to discuss with the individual who had offered to ditch the stream below the road whether he was still available to do so. The issue would be revisited at the June 2021 RPC meeting to progress the ditching required.

HA, FG, and LP

9. Recreation Field:

Cllr H Anderson reported on the comments received and the nature thereof. An update was provided regarding the MKC Council Tax invoice regarding vacant storage land next to the rec. Further investigations would be undertaken by CM in this regard and reported to the RPC in due course.

Cllr F Godber confirmed that the planting had been completed. Bark was to be added to the beds. An apple and a pear tree had been planted by resident Morgan.

Cllr H Anderson had been in contact with MKC as to whose responsibility the clearing of the bins was, and they confirmed it was MKC although they did not appear to be cleared as regularly as they should be, hence the RPC attending to clear them when necessary.

10. Allotments: Nothing new to report.

11. Finance:

11.1 Payments for approval & balances.

salaries April - May 2021			£220.32
BMKALC Subscription		<u>£38.00</u>	£38.00
Village Well repair		<u>£550</u>	£550.00

The matter of the additional sum of insurance to insure the village signs, in the annual sum of £42.88 plus IPT payable from renewal date in December 2021, but included in insurance cover now, was discussed.

Cllr L Postawa proposed the above amounts and insurance be approved for payment. Cllr H Anderson seconded the motion. The RPC unanimously approved the payments and additional insurance amount. CM to communicate the RPC decision to Zurich.

CM

12. Correspondence – other than email. There was no additional correspondence other than that circulated by email.

13. Councillors/Residents New Items, and Public Participation Session.

- 13.1 Speed of traffic in the village. Cllr H Anderson advised the issue had been raised by a resident. Various options were mooted. It was agreed the item would remain on the agenda for June 2021 RPC meeting to receive input from the ward councillors.

14. Date of Annual Parish Meeting. The date of the APM was set for 20 May 2021.

15. Date of Next Meeting. The date of the next RPC was set as 10 June 2021.

SIGNED:

