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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF RAVENSTONE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE RAVENSTONE VILLAGE HALL ON 8 JULY 2021, 07:30PM.

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

WARD CLLR P. GEARY

RESIDENTS: MRS V ANDERSON

CLERK: C MACGREGOR

1. **Apologies.** Cllr F. Godber, Ward Cllr K. Mclean and Ward Cllr D. Hosking
2. **Declaration of Members Interests.** Cllr H. Anderson in respect of Yew Tree Barn.
3. **Approval of Minutes.** Cllr H. Anderson proposed the approval of the minutes for Ravenstone Parish meeting 10 June 2021. Cllr. L, Postawa seconded it and the minutes were unanimously approved.

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).

MKC advised that on 2 July 2021 it had written to the owner of the premises requiring the outstanding remedial works to be undertaken within one calendar month and that should the works not be undertaken on review soon after, enforcement action would be likely. Item remains on the agenda for 9 September 2021 to review progress.

- (ii) 21/01780/CLUP

Certificate of proposed lawful development for excavation of stone from agricultural land for re-surfacing of an existing farm track, gateways and hardstandings for agricultural access with none exported off the farm.

Long Stocking Farm, North End, Ravenstone, Milton Keynes, MK46 5AN.

Ward Cllr P Geary advised there had been a technical failing with the original application, which had now been resubmitted. RPC provided no further comment on the application.

5. **Village Appearance:**

5.1. **Inspection Action Plan 2021:**

- 5.1.1. **Old Schoolhouse verge: well cover.** Item remains to monitor progress of the wildflowers and

discuss any possible plans for planting the void on well.

The wildflowers would be cut back once seeded.

5.1.2. Neighbourhood Plan Implementation/Review.

Ward Cllr P. Geary advised RPC to check the plan to confirm it was in the review stage. Review of the plan was not required to be in depth but advised to approach the original consultant to confirm the plan was still current. Cllr L. Postawa agreed to contact the consultant.

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5.2. Verge by almshouses (wildflowers) and landscaping contract and performance discussions.

Cllr R. Humphreys is to talk to the landscaping contract regarding services and the extent of the current contract services provided.

RH

Cllr H. Anderson raised the plant a tree for jubilee initiative and advised she would be discussing the possibility of planting trees in the village and surrounds, including possibly on the almshouses' verge if permitted. Cllr. H Anderson would prepare something for the Gate News to obtain input.

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5.3. Flooding, including ditching of stream below Stoke Goldington Road.

Cllr H. Anderson advised she had contacted Manny who advised he had been in contract with Simon Hill to arrange for the ditching of the stream on his land below the Stoke Goldington Road. They were waiting for the low loader to be free in order to bring the correct equipment to site. Cllr Godber would be requested to contact Mr Hill to follow up re ditching at his earliest convenience.

Ward Cllr. P Geary advised the preliminary flooding reports had served before the Committee last week and there was a commitment recorded in the minutes to attend to flood mitigation in Ravenstone. Suggested RPC write to Mr. A Patel to enquire when the minuted commitment would be actioned.

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Ward Cllr P. Geary advised RPC to put in a bid for hydrogel bags and plastic sheeting, and hopefully MKC could match any funding obtained. Cllr H. Anderson was formulating the bid for hydrogel bags and plastic sheeting for submission end August.

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6. Recreation Field. Item remains on the agenda for the purposes of discussing usage and any concerns to be raised by residents as well as possible remedial measures based on any concerns raised.

The Rec appeared to be less busy than before. The item would remain on the agenda for September 2021 for review. It was unanimously agreed Cllr. H Anderson would purchase a new crate and balls for the Rec.

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7. Allotments. There was nothing new to report.

8. Finance:

8.1. Payments for approval & balances. Cllr H. Anderson proposed the following payments be approved. Cllr. L Postawa seconded the motion, and the below payments were unanimously approved.

Salaries		-	£220.32
	<u>Interdirect website hosting due 25/7/2021</u>	-	£144.00
Annual data protection debit	<u>Annual fee £40.00 less £5.00 for payment by debit</u>	-	£35.00

8.2. Discussions on proposed increase in insurance to make insurance cover accord with updated asset register.

The additional sum of £69.38 to ensure the existing insurance schedule accorded with the asset register was approved after being proposed by Cllr. H Anderson and seconded by Cllr L. Postawa. Those items where the excess was more than the pro rata increase in premium would be removed from the insurance schedule.

9. **Correspondence – other than email.** There was no new correspondence other than the Clerks’ magazine, other than the email correspondence received and circulated.

10. **Councillors/Residents New Items.**

10.1 Concerns raised by community regarding MK Connect service and any action to be taken.

Details of the concerns raised by residents were voiced, including by Mrs. V Adamson. Communication had been received from the representative for rural parish councils regarding the Stakeholder Group set up to receive complaints regarding the public transport service including MK Connect. These details would be forwarded on and placed on Facebook. Mrs. Wilson-Marklew would be invited to attend the RPC meeting on 9 September 2021 to discuss concerns.

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10.2 Bins, report back on investigations re alternative bin design proposals and progress with MKC in this regard.

No input on alternative designs were received. Cllr H. Anderson advised that MKC advised the new bins would be installed within a month at no cost to the RPC. An additional key would be requested so that the RPC could empty bins if they became full before the scheduled clearing by MKC.

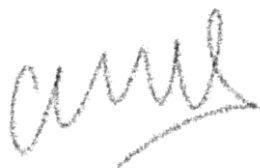
10.3 Community Infrastructure Grant application: report back on draft application and any progress on securing use of SIDS on temporary basis.

Cllr H. Anderson would submit the CIG application by end August for funding for hydrogel bags and plastic sheeting. Ward Cllr. P. Geary would further investigate securing the use of SIDS on a temporary basis to trial this as a speed reducing solution.

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11. **Date of Next Meeting.** 9 September 2021.

Signed:



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