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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF RAVENSTONE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE RAVENSTONE VILLAGE HALL ON 11 NOVEMBER 2021, 07:30PM.

**PRESENT: CLLR R. HUMPHREYS, CLLR H. ANDERSON, CLLR L. POSTAWA, CLLR F. GODBER
WARD CLLR P. GEARY, CLLR D. HOSKING**

**RESIDENTS: MR. R. MACGOWAN, MR. R. COOPER, MR. J. PACIFICI, MR. R. JAMES,
PCSO DAVID HUCKLE AND ION STRATU**

CLERK: C MACGREGOR

1. **Apologies.** Ward Cllr. K McLean sent his apologies for not being able to attend and they were accepted.
2. **Declaration of Members Interests.** Cllr H. Anderson in respect of Yew Tree farm planning application.
3. **Approval of Minutes.** After certain amendments to the draft minutes were agreed, the minutes for the Parish meeting of 14th October 2021 were 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).
- (ii) 21/02749/LBC as supplemented by additional information, ref 21/02748/FUL
Proposal: Listed Building Consent for retention of double doors to north west elevation.
At: The Orchard Barn Stoke Goldington Road Ravenstone Milton Keynes MK46 5AU. Closing date for submissions by RPC extended to 9 November 2021.

Mr. J Pacifici and Mr. R. James took issue with a number of the assertions contained in the objection lodged by the RPC to the above planning application. After discussing some of the issues raised and explaining the use of the wording given the planning law requirements and what was considered relevant considerations and not in planning law, it was the RPC's position, after receiving input and guidance from Ward Cllr Geary, that all further comments or concerns raised by Mr. Pacifici and Mr. James acting on the former's behalf, should be addressed in the objection process as they were entitled to do, whereafter the relevant authorities would be in a position to make their decision. The RPC otherwise stood by the contents of its objection.

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.
Cllr Godber and Cllr Anderson would be provided with the figure left in the budget from the

Ward Grant for planting and make a decision on further planting in the void of the well.

HA FG

5.1.2. Neighbourhood Plan Implementation/Review. Cllr L. Postawa was to still to discuss whether any amendments were required to the Neighbourhood plan or if it otherwise remained current.

LP

5.2. Verge by almshouses (wildflowers). A discussion was had as to whether a bench and trees could be planted along this verge. LP commented it would be neater than wildflowers. Item to remain on agenda.

5.3. Landscaping contract and performance discussions, including the provision of landscaping by the Council as a devolved responsibility post 2023.

Cllr L. Postawa proposed that the RPC confirm it wishes to continue taking responsibility for its own landscaping post 2023. Cllr H. Anderson seconded the motion and it was resolved by the RPC that CM would respond to MKC to confirm RPC wished to continue providing its own landscaping as a devolved service post 2023.

CM

CM to follow up with current landscaping company to quote on increased figures for 2022.

CM

5.4. Flooding, including ditching of stream below Stoke Goldington Road: Report back.
CM confirmed that the work had been completed and the contractor paid the agreed fee.

6. Recreation Field.

6.1 Including removal of tree blown over by recent storm.
Council had received a quote of £100.00 to cut the tree and possibly remove root ball if required. Subject to confirmation of public liability insurance RPC agreed that the quote was reasonable and should be accepted. Cllr L. Postawa proposed the approval of the work and amount, Cllr F. Godber seconded it, and the resolution was unanimously passed.

7. Allotments.

CM confirmed £175.00 had been received in allotment rental in the month, and that there were only 2 allotments vacant for the current period.

8. Finance:

8.1. Payments for approval & balances.

	Payments			
	chq no	Payee	Amount	
27 Oct	100955	Salaries	£275.40	

The above payment was approved for payment with Cllr L Postawa proposing the motion and Cllr F. Godber seconding it.

9. **Correspondence – other than email.** The Tree for Jubilee funding initiative was discussed. An application would be made for trees and the possible location of the trees were discussed, namely on the Rec and on the Stoke Goldington Road or Mill Road verges. CM to circulate the GIS layers in order to confirm where trees existed and where trees could be planted given the area of adopted Highways and make the requisite application to MKC.

CM

10. Councillors/Residents New Items/ Public Participation.

- 10.1 Cemetery maintenance. Update and any feedback. The work had been done but no bill received yet.
- 10.2 Progress on securing use of SIDS on temporary basis. Ravenstone had been identified as one of the villages to receive SIDS on a trial basis.
- 10.3 Ravenstone Police report and attendance by PCSO D. Huckle and his colleague Ion Stratu. PCSO Huckle gave an overview of his role and the issues prevailing in the area. He confirmed he would continue to provide useful tips and information to be placed on the community notice boards and circulated on community Facebook. He would be attending each RPC meeting and would be accommodated first in the meeting so that he could attend to his other work commitments. He would investigate what could be done about addressing speeding cyclists through the village. The next community policing meeting would be held on 16 March 2022 in Lavendon.

- 10.4 Resident R. Cooper raised the issue of the streetlight/s out outside Manning Farm. Cllr Anderson had reported light pole 1. CM would report light pole 2.

CM

- 10.5 It was recorded that Mr. P. Pacifici had declined the invitation to attend the RPC meeting and had requested any questions relating to representations and undertakings made by him obo Abbeymill Homes or the current owner last year (2020) regarding the work to be undertaken apropos the planning application support sought from the RPC then and which, inter alia, the RPC recorded in the objection had not been adhered to, ought to be set out to him in writing instead. Any questions would be submitted to Chairman Humphreys for consideration, including if any residents wished to raise any questions through the RPC, for onward submission to Mr. P. Pacifici.

11. Date of Next Meeting. 9 December 2021.

Signed:

