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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ANNUAL RAVENSTONE PARISH MEETING AND THEREAFTER THE MONTHLY RAVENSTONE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING, HELD AT THE RAVENSTONE VILLAGE HALL ON 21 MAY 2024 07:30PM.**

**PRESENT:**

**R Humphreys, R Macgowan, H Anderson, L Postawa**

**Keith Mclean,**

**Arelene Ormston**

**Andrew White**

**Clerk: C Macgregor**

**Resident: B Meades**

1. **To Receive Nominations for and elect a new Chairperson and Vice Chairperson.** L P (seconded by HA ) nominate Rob Humphreys as chair, RM nominates HA (LP seconded), Chair RH and vice chair HA.
2. **PCSO:** Arlene Ormston introduces herself and who looks after which areas. Andrew White, Arelene answers to White. She wants to get to know everyone and introduce. 19/03-21/05 no crimes reported in Ravenstone. Other incidences not crime related – dog worrying livestock. Field where there were donkeys. Other incidences – few motorbikes been stolen, use air tags, don’t leave in obvious place. There is a rural community forum where we like parish clerks / councillors to attend. Opportunity to discuss any issues in villages. Good opportunity to know who your police force is. Other business also, example waste.

Hoping to have Emma Bailey to come to next meeting, which is 16/07/24 Village Hall, Stoke Goldington. Newport Pagnell Police station lost a few PCSOs, nearly a full team again. 4 PCs attached to the team. Hopefully can start doing more in the villages. We can show rep from TV police. Recently obtained community speedwatch gun. Cyclists go too fast in the villages. Individuals, mainly.

Questions: direct number. Tilly Skippen on there. If you email her she can liaise with her about a number. Call 101 or 999 or report online. Will be dealt with more efficiently if it is reported via official channels. Anti social behaviour or crime, better through those channels. Also have a rural crime task force team. If any hare coursing. Local farmer have had problems with hare coursing.

1. **To Receive Apologies for Absence.**  P Geary

# To review and amend, if necessary, any Standing Orders, Financial Regulations and Policies of the Ravenstone Parish Council. No changes needed.

# To Provide an Update and Brief Report to Residents present regarding the RPC activities in the year, including Recreation Ground, Flooding, Maintenance, and Village Appearance. To be loaded to the website.

# Bill Meades raises Potholes. HA advises they keep saying they don’t meet the criteria. KM tried to put pressure on. They risk assess rather than just measure, and for the moment they don’t meet the criteria. KM will ask for a formal response re state of the roads and when work last carried out. A lot in the village now.

# KM last November inspectors changed back to MKCC. New Highways contract been tendered and re awarded to Ringway. Diff contractual terms. Should improve the service. KM can only keep asking and all we can do is say we are unsatisfied.

# HA to lodge complaints re potholes.

# To review the Council Asset Register. No new items.

# To review the Council insurance policy and discuss/decide on alterations. Up for review December 2024 where it will be reassessed.

# Declarations of any interests.

# Approval of Minutes. LP propose the minutes of March 2024 meeting, HA seconded. Minutes were approved.

# Ward Councillors’ Report. Trial MK Connect started 8 /04 we asked for meeting to review. They claim working well and journey times coming down. The new contract will be let close to end of contract year but tender issued in September based on trial in North. Zonal system. We trying to push prebooking. New City plan, will be coming on 25/06 for consultation which will show us what land is put forward and what is rejected. Leaving a balance going forward. Isn’t just houses, also commercial development and mass rapid transport system. Olney has gone up 3% in growth of population between Dec 2022 and Dec 2023 and the Ward up 7%. You will have a chance to review it. Rural form 16/07. KM wont be here, PG can be here if he is not at forum.

# Nothing on conservation area review. Heard nothing. Emberton one got approved at Council and someone queried if right plan. If it does come make sure it is the same one.

# Planning Applications:

* 1. Previous & Pending applications: None

## **Village Appearance:**

* 1. Ravenstone Action Plan 2023:
     1. Neighbourhood Plan Implementation/Review. Remains on agenda for monitoring. HA contacted council about rubbish collection and told we on an 8 weekly collection now of litterbins. Grass cutting. Verges due tomorrow. Rate of growth incredible. Cemetery needs doing. Normally here on Wednesdays. Verges are long. Wildflower not looking great. Looks desperate. Full of weeds. LP maybe we should consider perennial planting. Buy some coverage.
  2. Flooding: Remains on the agenda for monitoring. RM – had a meeting with lady from MKCC – he is proposing the to come to village meeting. There was too much emphasis on flood plan we produced. We want some action to reduce flooding in future. There is a report being done and when complete will come up with recommendations and then they come back with them and when we need to challenge them. They were talking to EA re flood plan and waiting to hear comments. Mannie has thoughts on what can be done. Mannie believes problem is being caused by clearance of stream by the Mill. He thinks going to make it worse if we do clearance higher up on in the stream. He knows the land. Stewart was pulling cars out the water a few weeks ago. They looking for evidence and without photographs. Showed Sabrina video.

Fine for now. Don’t need to replenish for now.

Keep on agenda.

## **Recreation Field.** Nothing new

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## **Allotments.** No new rental.

1. **Finance:**
   1. Payments for approval & balances. RM proposes and HA seconded payments for approval, they are:

Salaries £495.72

Annual audit £120.00

* 1. Annual Audit:

1. The Annual Internal Report was received and noted;
2. The Annual Governance Statement was considered and signed (section 1 Part 2 of AGAR),
3. The Accounting Statements were considered and signed (section 2 of Part 2 of AGAR),
4. The Certificate of Exemption was considered and signed,
5. The date for commencement for the exercise of public rights was set as 5 June 2024

## **Correspondence – including any particular by email which require discussion.** Blocked drains have to escalate. Outside – came back and said did risk assessment, going into future capital programme and not a high priority. They came back and said escalate to level 2. Has been reported for years. Never going to be a priority. Said need cameras etc. Waterboard people were putting some form of monitor in drain. Drains opposite Debbie’s house. They did mark it with yellow paint. They had drain up and van there. Some form of monitoring device. Query that with them. CAM to do.

1. **Councillors/Residents New Items/ Public Participation.** Meades only thing raised was the potholes. LP to buy supplies for compost bin at the allotment. When MKCC grant planning permission to put up new poles, will be completed. To be added, Continuity Planning including clerk.

Add CIG application to next meeting.

When St George’s day no flag up. Flag can we store them.

# Public Participation Session. Nothing further.

1. **Date of Next Meeting**. 16 July 202



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