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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ANNUAL RAVENSTONE PARISH MEETING AND THEREAFTER THE MONTHLY RAVENSTONE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING, HELD AT RAVENSTONE VILLAGE HALL ON 20 MAY 2025 AT 07:30PM**

**PRESENT: Cllrs: R Humphreys, H Anderson, L Postawa**

**Resident: B Meades**

**PCSO Connor Braddish**

**Clerk: C Macgregor**

**MINUTES**

1. **To Receive Nominations for and elect a new Chairperson and Vice Chairperson.** Councillor L Postawa was nominated for chair and elected to stand as such. Councillor H Anderson was nominated as deputy chair and elected to stand as such.
2. **To Receive Apologies for Absence.** Councillor R Macgowan sent apologies.

# To review and amend, if necessary, any Standing Orders, Financial Regulations and Policies of the Ravenstone Parish Council: The standing orders, regulations and polices were considered and no amendments were considered necessary.

# 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. The outgoing Chair, Robert Humphreys, prepared a report which had been circulated and considered, and which would be placed on the Council website for residents’ information.

# To review the Council Asset Register. The Council’s asset register was considered and amended where necessary.

# To review the Council insurance policy and discuss/decide on alterations. This policy will be due for renewal in December 2025, where it will be reviewed again.

# Declarations of any interests. There are no interests to declare.

# Approval of Minutes. The minutes of the meeting of 18 March 2025 were approved.

# Ward Councillors Report. There were no ward councillors in attendance.

# Planning Applications:

* 1. Previous & Pending applications: No new substantive planning applications had been received for consideration.

## **Village Appearance:**

* 1. Ravenstone Village Inspection 2025: A village walk around was to be undertaken by the Councillors and a report prepared for consideration at the next Council meeting, including for the purposes of discussing any Village improvements / projects.
  2. Flooding: Gullies remained an issue. No new gel bags were needed.

## **Recreation Field.** Cllr Postawa would continue with the bi-monthly inspection of the equipment and documenting for purposes of monitoring whether any maintenance was required.

## **Allotments.** CAM to chase up spraying of unused allotments.

1. **Finance:**
   1. Payments for approval & balances. The following payments were approved:

Salaries (9 weeks) £495.72

Internal Audit £130

Pest Control Services £204

* 1. Annual Audit:

1. Receive and note Annual Internal Report: The Annual Internal Audit report was received and noted.
2. The Annual Governance Statement (section 1 Part 2 of AGAR): The Annual Governance Statement was considered and signed by L Postawa.
3. The Accounting Statements (section 2 of Part 2 of AGAR): Were received and considered.
4. The Certificate of Exemption: Was considered and signed.
5. The date of the exercise of public rights was set as 10 June 2025. Date of announcement was 9 June 2025.

## **Correspondence – including any particular by email which require discussion.** There were no particular additional items of correspondence which required discussion.

1. **Councillors/Residents New Items/ Public Participation.**

PCSO Braddish attended and provided the following update.

Crime stats from 21/01/2025 – no crimes.

A delivery driver had been bitten by a dog. A discussion was had regarding complaints received concerning some dogs in the village who demonstrated hostility to residents. Residents were encouraged to report any issues to the police.

There was a single motor accident and also a theft from a mv in Newport Pagnell.

Burglaries / thefts of tools out of vehicles was something to guard against.

Scam talks – and how to avoid falling victim to scam was available for interested residents and could be arranged. Councillor Anderson to follow up on arranging a talk in the Village Hall.

Fly tipping was an MKCC issue.

Chris Page indicated he would look at the allotment fence posts re deterioration. CAM to chase up.

He will also be asked to tend to the raised beds in the recreation ground.

Alan Cockayne would be contacted re the broken Finger post and obtain a quote.

Litter pick was well attended on 5 April 2025. Thanks are extended to all who attended.

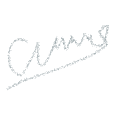
Cllr Anderson will contact Weston Underwood council to enquire re replacement of Village signs.

It was resolved that a renewed attempt would be made to encourage residents to consider co-option / election as Councillors to the Council.

# Public Participation Session.

# Date of Next Meeting. 22 July 2025.



**SIGNED:**