

RAVENSTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON
Wednesday, 20 October 2021 at 8.00 pm
At Ravensthorpe Village Hall, High Street, Ravensthorpe, Northants**

1 OPENING PROCEDURES

1.1 **Present:** Cllr D Herbert (Chairman), Cllr R Marsh, Cllr J Matts, Cllr E Connor, Cllr J Jones, Cllr M Worthington, Cllr D Hayes, Mrs C Holifield (Clerk) and District Cllr P Bignell

1.2 **Apologies:**

None

1.3 **Declarations of Interest**

Personal: Cllr Matts declared an interest in the agenda item 5.1 in respect of HGV's.

Personal and Prejudicial: None

2 MINUTES

2.1 The Minutes of the ordinary meeting of the Parish Council held on 15 September 2021 were approved by the meeting and the Chairman signed the minutes accordingly.

3 PUBLIC TIME

There were no members of public present.

District Cllr Bignell reported that the financial situation of West Northants Council was satisfactory. He also updated the Council in respect of the West Northants Strategic Plan consultation (agenda item later).

4 MATTERS ARISING

4.1 **Update on Pedestrian Signage for Causeway on Coton Road**

The Chairman stated that a response had been received from Highways which did point out to the Council that signage was already in existence but that when available 'temporary' signs indicating that horse riders were using the road would be erected. However, it was considered that a sign closer to the Causeway indicating that there was no footpath for pedestrians would be more appropriate and Clerk to liaise with Highways contact to see what was possible.


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4.2 Update on Anglian Water's response to cutting back vegetation on Causeway and junction of Coton Road with Hollowell Road leading to reservoir picnic carpark.

The Clerk stated that to date despite numerous emails and phone calls she had not had the courtesy of a substantive response from Anglian Water. It is understood that Highways have also written to Anglian Water about the problem. Clerk to continue to pursue the matter.

4.3 Update on completion by Councillors of Register of Interest forms for WNC

The Clerk stated that the correct form had been distributed to Councillors for completion and it was confirmed that all Councillors had now completed a form. Those given to the Clerk would be delivered by hand to the Elections Office at WNC at Daventry.

4.4 Update on removal of litter bin from bus shelter and other matters

Cllr Matts stated that he had now fully secured the new bench on the Village Green and installed the new litter bin. Cllr Marsh stated that he would deal with the removal and disposal of the litter bin in the bus shelter. The Chairman stated that he had fixed the guttering problems and that following a conversation with the householder the vegetation growing over the back of the shelter had been removed.

5 BUSINESS

5.1 Consideration of any action to be taken in respect of problems being experienced with HGV vehicles passing through Ravensthorpe and Coton

The Chairman outlined the continuing problem of HGV's using the village as a cut through due to the weight restrictions on roads in the surrounding area leading to many complaints from Parishioners and the continual problem of the water pipes breaking due to the stress of the weight of the lorries on the High Street in particular. It was resolved that the Council would again enquire about the possibility of imposing weight restrictions in the village. It was also suggested that it would be worth checking on available cameras to see if the number and size of lorries could be monitored.

5.2 Consideration of any action to be taken in respect of inconsiderate parking in Ravensthorpe

It was stated that the Village Hall had achieved some success in preventing users from parking on the pavement outside the Hall and the local PCSO had issued written warning letters to offenders.

The problems in other parts of the village were discussed - in particular the sharp bends on the High Street and the junction of Church Hill/Guilsborough Road where parking on the grass verge was causing damage as well as obstruction. It was resolved to put another article in the next Village Newsletter to highlight the problems that inconsiderate parking was causing to footpath users.



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It was also agreed that the Clerk would liaise with Police Liaison Representative and see what other action might be possible such as a PCSO patrol/leaflet drop. Clerk to report back.

5.3 Consideration of Council's response to the West Northamptonshire Strategic Plan – Spatial Options Consultation (deadline 6 December 2021)

It was resolved to carry this item forward to the November agenda to give all Councillors a chance to study the documentation.

6 PLANNING

6.1 Planning Applications

WND/2021/0574 – The Vicarage, 14 Church Hill, Ravensthorpe
Construction of detached double garage with storage above

No observations

6.2 Planning Decisions

None

6.3 Planning Other (not in our Parish)

DA/2018/0157 – Plot 1, Tythe Farm, East Haddon
Appeal by applicant against Council's decision to issue an Enforcement Notice for an alleged breach of planning control in that: without planning permission the erection of a residential dwelling larger and different in appearance to that consented by the original planning permission ref: DA/2018/0157

Further to a discussion, it was resolved that Cllr Marsh would draft a form of wording for Clerk to send to the Inspectorate on the basis that the development was significantly different to the original application which had been agreed by the Planning Department and that the Parish Council entirely agreed with the Enforcement Notice that had been issued.

7 FINANCE

7.1 Payments

The following invoices/items were approved by the Council for payment by the method stated:



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Payee	Invoice Number	Amount (£) including VAT where applicable	Payment type
Mrs C Holifield – Clerk's Salary	n/a	321.98	Online
Mrs C Holifield – Administration Expenses	n/a	18.00	Online
Swalec – Street Light Electricity (Sept)	Various	237.80	Direct Debit
E-on – Street Light Maintenance	107956	123.92	Online
Stephen Hartwell – Mowing village x 2	63/72	984.00	Online

7.2 Income Received

None

7.3 Balance at Bank

The Chairman signed the bank reconciliation statement for the period ended 30 September 2021. Balance at bank was £29,514.95.

7.4 Receipts and Payments Account for the period ended 30 September 2021

The Clerk had previously circulated the receipts and payments account for the six month period to 30 September 2021. There were no unexpected items of expenditure. Receipt of the VAT refund was still awaited.

8 CORRESPONDENCE

- West Northamptonshire Strategic Plan – Spatial Options Consultation (circulated by email) see 5.3 above.

9 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS AND RISK ASSESSMENTS

- 9.1 **Pocket Park** – Report from Ruth Rolls circulated prior to meeting. All in order.
- 9.2 **Allotments** – Cllr Connor stated that all was in order at the allotments and the stinging nettles had been removed.
- 9.3 **Highways** – Cllr Matts stated that he had nothing new to report. The Chairman stated that the slabs on the side of the Coton Road had been already been dealt with by Highways after he had reported them on FixmyStreet.
- 9.4 **Tree Report** – Cllr Marsh stated he had nothing new to report
- 9.5 **Street Lights** – The Clerk stated that she had nothing new to report
- 9.6 **Footpath report** – Cllr Hayes stated that the wire netting next to the stile on the footpath crossing Cuffy's Field which had been a problem had been removed. Cllr Marsh stated that the headland on the footpath to West Haddon was very overgrown and the Chairman undertook to contact the tenant of the field to see whether anything could be done.
- 9.7 **Speed Awareness Device** – It was agreed to move the device to the Teeton Road.



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9.8 **Village Hall/Playing Field Liaison** – Cllr Worthington stated that the bonfire night at the Playing Field was still due to go ahead. She also read out a request for consideration of a contribution towards the purchase of some new goalposts. Clerk stated that she had already asked for further information so that this could be included on the November agenda for consideration.

10 ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA TO BE HELD ON 17 November 2021 at 8.00 pm

- Precept for 2022/23
- Queen's Jubilee
- Grass Mowing Contract for 2022 onwards
- WNC Strategic Plan consultation
- Request for funds from Playing Field for Goalposts
- Possible purchase of additional Speed Awareness Device
- Update on parking problems

Meeting closed at 9.30 pm



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