

RAVENSTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON

Wednesday, 17 June 2026 at 7.30 pm

At Ravensthorpe Village Hall, High Street, Ravensthorpe, NN6 8EH

1 OPENING PROCEDURES

1.1 **Present:** Cllr D Hayes (Chair), Cllr M Worthington, Cllr R Marsh, Cllr M Bushell, Cllr C Durrant and Mrs C Holifield (Parsh Clerk).

1.2 **Apologies:**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Matts, Jones and Connor.

1.3 **Declarations of Interest**

None

2 MINUTES

2.1 The Minutes of the Parish Council annual meeting held on 20 May 2026 were approved by the meeting and the Chair signed the minutes accordingly.

3 PUBLIC TIME

There were no members of the public present.

4 MATTERS ARISING

4.1 **Update following Councillors attendance at WNC Local Plan Updates (Rural Areas) Zoon session**

Cllrs Durrant and Worthington reported that they attended the WNC Local Plan Updates (Rural Areas) Zoom session. The impression gained was that, under Government initiatives, houses would be built in rural areas without, unfortunately giving sufficient or any consideration for the need to improve local infrastructure to accommodate additional residents and vehicles.



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5. BUSINESS

5.1 To consider and approve, if appropriate, further upgrades to street lighting

Following consideration of documentation sent to Councillors prior to the meeting, it was resolved to add further part-night cells to the remaining LED lanterns that did not have them fitted. Thus lanterns would have a cell fitted at a cost of £46 (exc VAT) per cell. The decision was taken with a view to cut down on light pollution and to save on electricity costs with the lights being switched off during the period Midnight to Dawn.

6.1 Planning Applications

2026/1912/FULL – Lingles Farm, West Haddon Road, Ravensthorpe
Construction of Barn for domestic storage

The Parish Council would comment that application was misleading due to the fact that the building would be very prominent and highly visible from the road (contrary to what is stated in the application)

6.2 Planning Decisions

2026/1217/PRIOR APPROVAL – Land off Long Lane, East Haddon
To determine if prior approval required (Under Schedule 2, Part 3, Class Q of the above order) for change of use and conversion of existing agricultural barn to dwelling house (use Class C3)

Prior Approval granted by WNC

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	Total Amount (£)	VAT Amount included	Payment type	Legal Power
Clerk's Salary – June	n/a	513.85		Online	LG Act 1972
Clerk's Expenses – June	n/a	29.00		Online	LG Act 1972
Amazon – Spray Paint for highlighting dog poo	n/a	8.99		Card	Cleaner Neighbourhoods & Environment Act 2005
Thompson Ground Care – Village Mowing	1153/1154	854.04	142.34	Online	Highways Act 1980
E-on Energy – Street Light Replacement No 24	6018819046	1794.89	299.15	Online	PC Act 1957
Martin Wilkes – reimburse website hosting fee	n/a	27.59		Online	LG Act 1972
Simon Barnett – replace gatepost on footpath from The Hollows	n/a	230.00		Online	Highways Act 1980
Northants CALC – Training Course fee	5539	42.00	7.00	Online	LG Act 1972
YU Energy – Street light electricity (May 26)	03968783	110.49		Direct Debit	PC Act 1957
WAVE – allotment water	16635685	11.21		Direct Debit	Small holding and allotments act 1908

7.2 Income Received to 31 May 2026

VAT Annual Refund of £2,159.41, WNC Highways Mowing grant of £1,115.87 and bank cashback of 12 pence.

7.3 Balance at Bank

The Chair signed the bank reconciliation statement for the period ended 31 May 2026. Balance at bank was £23,047.51.

7.4 External Audit for 2025-26

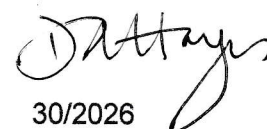
The Clerk stated that she had submitted all the necessary documentation to the external auditor and had uploaded all the required documents to the website.

8 CORRESPONDENCE

- Email from parishioner regarding Parish Council's response to the Local Plan consultation and need for local houses – *It was noted that the Clerk had responded to the parishioner*

9 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS AND RISK ASSESSMENTS

- 9.1 **Crabtree Pocket Park** – Updates received regarding working groups
- 9.2 **Allotments** – No report available


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- 9.3 **Highways** – No report available. It was noted that the safety bollard at the bus shelter had not yet been dealt with. Clerk to speak to mowing contractor about grass area at the corner of Guilsborough Road/Little Lane. Clerk also to speak to Unitary Councillors to see if further advisory 20mph signs could be obtained.
- 9.4 **Trees** – Cllr Marsh stated he had nothing new to report
- 9.5 **Street Lights** – The Clerk stated that she had received no reports of faulty lights
- 9.6 **Rights of Way** – Cllr Durrant stated that the footpath between Teeton Road and Church Gardens was becoming very overgrown. Clerk to speak with mowing contractor about quoting to clear it. Gatepost on footpath leading from The Hollows had now been replaced.
- 9.7 **Speed Awareness Devices** – Cllr Marsh stated both were working satisfactorily.
- 9.8 **Village Hall Liaison** – Cllr Worthington stated that the AGM would be held on 30 June. There had been a successful musical event during the month. NGS Open Gardens would be held on 21 June and Teas would be provided in the Village Hall. A new team for the Cinema events was being formed.
Playing Field Liaison – Cllr Worthington stated that Beer Festival plans for the event on 10-11 July are progressing. Other items being considered, improved internet access at the Pavilion, a storage container, logistics and the lottery rollout with leaflets being delivered followed by door knocking.
- 9.9 **Police Liaison Representative** – Cllr Bushell stated that she had attended the Annual Conference and had obtained 200 packs of very useful information leaflets for householders concerning home and personal security issues and other matters. It was agreed that these should be left in a box in the Village Hall for parishioners to help themselves (if VH Committee are in agreement).
- 9.10 **Climate and Nature Champion** – No report available.

**ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA TO BE HELD ON
Wednesday, 15 July 2026 at 7.30 pm**

Meeting closed at 8.17 pm


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