RAVENSTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON
Wednesday, 21 October 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 Bushell, Cllr E Connor, Cllr M Worthington and Mrs C Holifield (Parsh Clerk).

1.2 **Apologies:**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Marsh, Matts, Durrant and Jones.

1.3 **Declarations of Interest**

None

2 MINUTES

2.1 The Minutes of the Parish Council ordinary meeting held on 16 September 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 attendance at annual NCALC Conference**

The Chair had previously circulated details of the main points of interest from the conference to Councillors mainly in relation to planning issues.

4.2 **Update on progress of insurance claim in respect of fallen Beech Tree**

The Clerk stated that the claim received from the legal firm representing the householder's insurers in relation to damage to a wall and plants had been forwarded to the Council's insurance company and receipt had been acknowledged.

4.3 **Attendance at NCALC Northamptonshire Community Emergency Plan seminar to be held at County Hall on 4 November**

The Chair stated that she would be attending this seminar on behalf of the Council and would report back at the November meeting

5. BUSINESS

5.1 **To consider Council's response to WNC – New Local Plan – Regulation 19 consultation**

Following discussion it was resolved that the Council's response would be as follows:

Ravensthorpe and Coton Parish Council is strongly opposed to the potential allocation of a large number of dwellings (potentially 1,280) for land south of Long Buckby and east and west of Three Bridges Road (LB Site Selection SLAA028).

Long Buckby is a village with real infrastructure limits. By, in the Council's opinion, a flawed classification method relating to having a railway station, it is potentially swamped with new development. Large development at Long Buckby would impact on Ravensthorpe and other villages because of increased traffic using our narrow village streets, pressure on facilities such as schools and health facilities. In general, it would significantly damage the nature of a rural area with an attractive landscape. In the Council's opinion growth should focus on regeneration of Northampton, Brackley, Towcester and Daventry.

5.2 **To consider quotations (if received in time) in respect of proposed works to tree on the Village Green this winter as per the recommended schedule in the tree inspection report**

The Clerk stated that she had not yet received the quotations she had been promised by two tree surgeons. Matter to be taken forward to the November meeting.

5.3 **To consider items to be included in the 2027-28 budget**

It was agreed that the Council should consider increasing budget to upgrade further street lights, works to the bank on the Village Green, works in the Pocket Park and works to the village trees as per the inspection report. To be taken forward to the November meeting.

6.1 **Planning Applications**

2026/3644/LBC – Bay Tree House, 2 Church Hill, Ravensthorpe
Listed building consent to replace corrugated roof covering of existing garage with slate and new timber garage doors.

The Council had no observations to make

6.2 **Planning Decisions**

2026/3191/TPO – Notification of tree work at Bromley Hayes, 3 Coton Road, Ravensthorpe

Approved by WNC

2026/3607/TPO – Notification of tree work at The Old Forge, Teeton Road, Ravensthorpe

Approved by WNC

2026/3607/FULL – Lingles Farm, West Haddon Road, Ravensthorpe
Construction of barn for domestic storage

Planning permission approved by WNC

7 **FINANCE**

7.1 **Payments**

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

Payee	Invoice number	Total Amount (£)	VAT Amount included	Payment type	Legal Power
Clerk's Salary – October	n/a	545.05		Online	LG Act 1972
Clerk's Expenses – October	n/a	26.00		Online	LG Act 1972
Ravensthorpe Village Hall – room hire	2026-0375	54.00		Online	LG Act 1972
E-on Energy – installation of part-night cells	601	810.00	135.00	Online	Highways Act 1980
YU Energy – Street light electricity (Sept 26)	04510598	120.73	5.75	Direct Debit	Highways Act 1980
Cartridge Save – printer cartridges		30.02	5.00	Card Payment	LG Act 1972

7.2 **Income Received to 30 September 2026**

2nd tranche of Precept of £11,000, bank interest of £34.98 and bank cashback of 36 pence.

7.3 **Balance at Bank**

The Chair signed the bank reconciliation statement for the period ended 30 September 2026. Balance at bank was £26,715.98.

7.4 **Receipts and Payments Account to 30 September 2026**

The Clerk had previously circulated the receipts and payments account for the period ended 30 September 2026 to Councillors. There were no comments.

8 **CORRESPONDENCE**

- NCALC Update September/October 2026 edition (circulated to Councillors)
- Email correspondence from WNC regarding New Local Plan – Regulation 19 consultation (circulated to Councillors) – see item 5.1 above.

9 **COUNCILLORS' REPORTS AND RISK ASSESSMENTS**

9.1 **Crabtree Pocket Park** – Ruth Rolls had reported that works had been carried out by the Pocket Park volunteers to the bank on the Village Green. The Council noted it's appreciation.

9.2 **Allotments** – All satisfactory

9.3 **Highways** – Cllr Connor stated she would investigate whether the correct procedures had been followed regarding the closure of the footpath on the Guilsborough Road due to scaffolding being erected to repair a roof.

9.4 **Trees** – No report available

9.5 **Street Lights** – Cllr Bushell to report back following the change to the clocks at the weekend regarding the operation of the part-night cells.

9.6 **Rights of Way** – The Chair stated that she had received complaints about the moss on the footpath at the side of the Village Green. To be reported to Fixmystreet in the first instance.

9.7 **Speed Awareness Devices** – No report available.

9.8 **Village Hall Liaison** – Cllr Worthington reported that Bob Pike, Chairman of the Village Hall committee has indicated that he will be retiring from the role of Chairman at the end of March 2027 although he will continue to serve on the Committee. The financial position is fine and there are many ideas for the future.
Playing Field Liaison – Cllr Worthington reported that the committee is currently planning the annual firework event to take place on 6 November. Bar staff and vendors confirmed. Working to secure sponsors, improve vendor sites and co-ordinating entertainment. Traffic management will be arranged through a local Police Officer to ensure emergency vehicle access. The AGM will be held on 18 November in the Pavilion

9.9 **Police Liaison Representative** – Cllr Bushell stated it was suggested that if householders did not want to encourage trick or treat callers to switch outside lights off at Halloween – likely more relevant in larger villages/towns.

9.10 **Climate and Nature Champion** – No report available.

ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA TO BE HELD ON
Wednesday, 25 November 2026 at 7.30 pm

Meeting Dates for 2027
Insurance Claim update
Budget for 2027-28
Precept for 2027-28
Internal Finance Checks
Quotations for Works to the Trees on the Village Green

Meeting closed at 8.00 pm

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