

RAVENSTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON

Wednesday, 19 March 2025 at 7.30 pm

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

1 OPENING PROCEDURES

- 1.1 **Present:** Cllr D Hayes (Chair), Cllr J Matts, Cllr M Worthington, Cllr E Connors, Cllr M Bushell, Cllr T Hogben, Mrs C Holifield (Clerk) and two members of the public

1.2 Apologies:

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr R Marsh, Cllr J Jones and Unitary Cllr P Bignell

1.3 Declarations of Interest

None

2 MINUTES

- 2.1 The Minutes of the Parish Council ordinary meeting held on 19 February 2025 were approved by the meeting and the Chairman signed the minutes accordingly.

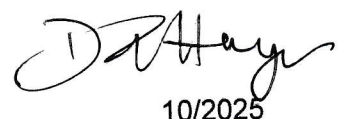
3 PUBLIC TIME

- 3.1 The Chair welcomed the members of the public to the meeting who stated that they were present just to observe.

4 MATTERS ARISING

- 4.1 **Update from Angela Tarry of Anglian Water following meeting with Councillors**

The email from Angela Tarry had been circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting. It was agreed that the matters outlined for action were as discussed. It was noted that whips had already been planted in the gap in the hedge on the Causeway. Now had to wait to see what action would be taken about the parking issues and the proposed permit to walk around the reservoir.



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5. BUSINESS

5.1 Update on obtaining quotations for 'No Parking on Footpath' signs

The Chair stated that further information about sourcing approved signs and rules regarding erecting such signs had been obtained from our Highways Liaison Officer. Unfortunately, neither she nor the Clerk had had any luck in getting quotations from the sign provider recommended. To be taken forward to the April meeting.

5.2 Arrangements for the Annual Litter Pick – Saturday, 29 March 2025

The Chair stated that Cllr Marsh would be organising the annual litter pick. Volunteers to meet outside the Village Hall on Saturday, 29 March 2025 at 10.00 am. Should any additional bags, gloves, etc, be required, cost of these can be reimbursed (receipted).

5.3 Arrangements for Annual Village Event to take place on Saturday, 5 April 2025

The Chair stated that she had received positive responses from a number of groups within the village to confirm that they would be attending the event and providing a short report. It was agreed that any Councillors available would attend at 10.00 am to set up the hall with the event scheduled to commence at 10.30 am. Refreshments would be made available.

6.1 Planning Applications

None

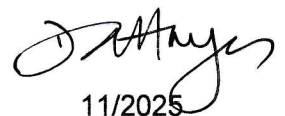
6.2 Planning Decisions

None

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 (£) includes VAT where applicable	Payment type
Clerk's Salary – March 2025	n/a	456.57	Online
Clerk's Office Expenses – March 2025	n/a	20.00	Online
WAVE – Allotment Water	14753116	21.04	Direct Debit
YU Energy – Street Light Electricity (Feb 25)	02415494	150.40*	Direct Debit
YU Energy – Street Light Electricity (Feb 25)	02415493	17.21*	Direct Debit
YU Energy – Street Light Electricity (Feb 25)	02415491	8.86*	Direct Debit
YU Energy – Street Light Electricity (Feb 25)	02415492	7.78*	Direct Debit

7.2 Income Received to 28 February 2025

Pit Rent for the West Haddon Road pit of £100, WNC Mowing Grant for 2024 season of £1,115.86 and allotment rents totalling £410.

7.3 Balance at Bank

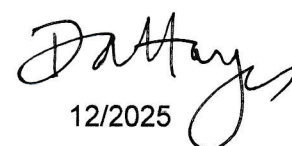
The Chairman signed the bank reconciliation statement for the period ended 28 February 2025. Balance at bank was £18,882.09 of which £2,803.37 related to the balance of the Easement funds.

8 CORRESPONDENCE

- Email from Anglian Water following meeting with Councillors (circulated)
- Email from WNC Elections Office giving further details about the forthcoming Parish Council elections (circulated)

9 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS AND RISK ASSESSMENTS

- 9.1 **Crabtree Pocket Park** – No report available. Clerk had emailed Simon Barnett about carrying out repairs to the entrance gate including replacing the posts and had received no response. Cllr Matts to chase. The Clerk stated that she had also contacted Ruth Rolls about the suggestion of a finger post for the Pocket Park but she felt it was unnecessary to incur this expense as there was already a plaque on the gate.
- 9.2 **Allotments** – Cllr Hogben stated that all was in order. Clerk stated that she had now received all rental payments for the year and that the new tenant had signed her agreement and made payment.
- 9.3 **Highways** – Cllr Matts stated he had nothing new to report. Clerk to contact the PCC to see whether a volunteer community service gang could come and clear vegetation etc from the footpath in Coton. If not, will report to Street Doctor.


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- 9.4 **Trees** – No report available.
- 9.5 **Street Lights** – The Clerk stated she had received no new reports of faulty lights
- 9.6 **Footpaths** – Cllr Bushell stated that she would be walking the footpaths shortly to see whether they were passable
- 9.7 **Speed Awareness Device** – No report available
- 9.8 **Village Hall Liaison** – Cllr Worthington stated that the Hall were preparing for the Annual Village Meeting on 5 April. Otherwise, they have a full programme of activities.
- Playing Field Liaison** – Cllr Worthington stated that the annual lottery tickets which start in June are now available to purchase online.
- 9.9 **Police Liaison Representative** – Cllr Bushell stated that there had been a spate of thefts from vehicles. It was also reported that there had been groups of people cold calling in other villages and intimidating householders. It was agreed to add something to the next Village Newsletter.

**ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA TO BE HELD ON
Wednesday, 16 April 2025 at 7.30 pm**

- Update on No parking signs
- Update on Annual Village Event
- Update of Annual Village Litter pick
- Update on Annual Audits
- Update on Coton Footpath

Meeting closed at 8.00 pm


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