

RAVENSTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING Held on 28th November 2012

1. OPENING PROCEDURES:

1.1 **PRESENT:** D Herbert, S Holt (Chairman), J Humphrey, S Pasley-Tyer, R Spring, M Worthington and 6 members of the public

1.2 **APOLOGIES:** J Jones, R Marsh, J Matts, C Boardman (NC), K Melling (DC)

1.3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Personal - None

Personal and Prejudicial - None

2.1 **THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING** held on Wednesday 17th October 2012 were agreed and signed as correct by the chairman.

3. MATTERS ARISING

3.1 **Village Notice Board - Repaired**

3.2 **Community Enhancement Gangs** - R Spring advised that the parish council should look at this - next months' agenda.

4. PUBLIC TIME

All members of the public present were at the meeting in regard to planning application DA/2012/0255, the chairman advised that the council were informed of some late information and as this had not yet been received the application would be considered at another meeting (date to be set) members of the public were invited to speak and all comments made would be considered at the next meeting

5. BUSINESS

5.1 **Neighbourhood Planning** - S Holt said that he had hoped to agree a date for a public meeting but in the absence of J Marsh and J Matts he felt this would have to be delayed - it was uncertain as to whether or not they had been able to speak with people regarding the formation of a committee to steer the Community Plan forward. The chairman will contact JM & JM to set a date and try to get a notice out as soon as possible.

S Holt advised that he attended a meeting regarding planning. Although parishes were free to follow the Neighbourhood Plan process, DDC would open up its planning process for parishes to put their views forward to be included in the District plan. The DDC time-frame will be 2014

5.2 **Council's Employment Status - PAYE** - the council is now fully registered

5.3 **Precept** - The council noted an email from Danny Moody (NNALC) regarding 'Dispensation for setting precepts' and 'Excessive Increases of Council Tax'.

The precept papers were presented to the meeting for discussion. It was agreed to precept a further £500 for the street lighting and £300 to help with the production of a Community Plan. The council unanimously agreed the final budget and precept as listed below.

Estimated Bank Balance Year Ending 31/3/13	4800
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ESTIMATED INCOME 2012/13

Rents/Bank Interest	300
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NCC Mowing	550
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5650

Expenditure 2012/13

Street Lighting	2500	
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NALC/ACRE/DACT Subscriptions	190
Village Hall Rent	170
Mowing	2500
Insurance	620
Audit	300
Clerks Salary	2850
Clerks Expenses/Office Costs	250
Councillor/ Clerk Training	150
Sundries	400
Pocket Park	200
Church Clock maintenance	190
Cleaning Bus Shelter	75
Gardening – The Bank	80
Allotments – Water	75
Section 137	200
Trees and Hedges	200
Community Plan	300
	<u>11250</u>

Other Expenditures/Requests to be considered:
Repairs to Street Lamps 500

TOTAL EXPENDITURE BUDGET	<u>11750</u>	11750
		6100
PROPOSED PRECEPT for 2013/14		<u>10600</u>
Estimated Bank Balance 2014/15: Reserves	2000)	
Contingency Street Lights	2500)	4500

Section 137

The limit for the council in the year ending March 2014 is £6.80 (534) x £3658.40

- 5.4 **Data protection Act** - the council is now registered under this act.
- 5.5 **DDC - Daventry Settlement Countryside Local Plan Consultation** - it was agreed that councillors should email any comments and M Worthington and S Holt will complete the response - it will be emailed to councillors for approval before it is sent.
- 5.6 **Local Government Boundary Commission - Electoral Review** - The final recommendation is that the number of County Councillors will be reduced to 57.
- 5.7 **DDC - Consultation of Councillors Allowances** - emailed - the council did not agree that parish councillors should receive allowances.
- 5.8 **DDC - Parish and Town Meeting** - Tuesday 11th December at 6.30pm - see 5.1
- 5.9 **The Green - Betty Close** - it was reported that the verge near the seat has been damaged by vehicles driving over it. During discussion it was thought that it was due to the volume of construction traffic as several building projects are being carried out in the area. All cars are parking legally. It was felt that nothing could be done until the construction traffic leaves. It was agreed that the contractors are asked to put it right after they have finished. S Holt will look into this. Regarding spraying of weed killer around the tree R Spring will check with David Grainger to determined whether he had carried out this work.

6. PLANNING

6.1 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

DA/2012/0255 Construction of one 500kw wind turbine (78m to tip of blade) and supporting infrastructure). Land at Covert Farm, Long Lane, East Haddon
It was agreed to delay a decision as there are more papers to follow.

DA/2012/0849 Single storey extension to workshop. 2 Coton Road Ravensthorpe
No Observations

DA.2012/0850 Listed Building consent for single storey extension to workshop. 2 Coton Road, Ravensthorpe
No Observations

6.2 Certificate of Lawful use of Development Proposed

DA/2012/0708 - Certificate of Lawfulness (proposed) for the removal of existing window and insertion of new door and window; removal of existing door and infilling of opening; removal of existing window and infilling of opening; replacement of existing patio doors with new multi-fold patio doors.

Hill View, 57 High Street Ravensthorpe.

DDC certified the proposed development as lawful within the meaning of the section 192 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990

7. FINANCE

7.1 IT WAS AGREED TO PAY THE FOLLOWING ACCOUNTS

e.on	Street Lighting maintenance	147.83
David Grainger	Mowing Aug - oct	784.40
Smith Of Derby	Servicing of Church Clock	217.20
Anglian Water	Allotment Water supply	16.49
Chris Spokes	Work to trees on Green	60.00
Total		1225.92

RECEIVED

7.2 **BALANCES AT BANK** £8961.15

8. CORRESPONDENCE

9. COUNCILLORS REPORTS AND RISK ASSESSMENTS

9.1 **Pocket Park** - in good order

9.2 **Allotments** - in good order - the hedge has now been cut

9.3 **Highways** - R Spring suggested that the speed limit down to the causeway should remain the same from Ravensthorpe through to Coton. S Holt will Contact Highways to ask what the procedure would be to put this in place.
Some of the signs have been repainted on the road now.

10. **LEAFLETS and CORRESPONDENCE** - to be circulated

10.1 **NRHA** - Keeping Villages Alive

10.2 **Came & Company** - Parish Matters

10.3 **Clerks and Councils Direct**

11. **Items for next January's Agenda**

The meeting closed at 9.27 am

RAVENSTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING
Held on Wednesday 12th December 2012

1. OPENING PROCEDURES:

1.1 PRESENT: D Herbert, S Holt (Chairman), J Matts, S Pasley-Tyler, R Spring, M Worthington and one member of the public

1.2 APOLOGIES: J humphrey, R Marsh

1.3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

Personal: None

Personal and Prejudicial - None

2. PUBLIC TIME

3. PLANNING

DA/2012/0255 Construction of one 500kw wind turbine (78m to tip of blade) and supporting infrastructure. Land at Covert Farm, Long Lane, East Haddon

DA/2012/0255 as above - additional plans/information. To be looked at separately.

Observations: *Having considered all the supplementary planning information passed to the Parish Council in two stages, the objections made are as follows: The council strongly opposes the above application.*

- 1.** *The siting of the proposed wind turbine is close to the A428 and would be in direct sight of drivers approaching a dangerous bend in the road. The turbine could be a distinct distraction. This is a hazardous stretch of the road where there have been a number of accidents including a recent fatality. This matter of road safety is of grave concern.*
- 2.** *Close to the edge of this Special Landscape Area this site would make the proposed wind turbine highly visible from a considerable area of the surrounding countryside.*

DA/2012/0892 Construction of new barn to replace existing pole barn. Construction of manage. Construction of toilet/shower block. Resiting and extension of stable and construction of tack room. Change of use of agricultural land for use of caravans, camping and static homes.

Observations: *The council strongly object to this application, and would like to highlight the following Planning Policies all of which show that this application should be refused.*

Policies HS6/HS10/HS21/HS24/HS33/TM5/TM2/RC6/EN1/EN25/EN39

The council has grave concerns regarding the extra traffic that would be created with caravans and horse vehicles. The site is close to a very hazardous bend and the time taken for such vehicles to pull out of the site could be crucial.

It has been brought to the attention of the parish council that this site is being used as residential without planning permission.

4. DAVENTRY HOUSING ALLOCATION - It was agreed that S Holt and M Worthington would look at this and email the response to councillors for their observations and agreement.

5. PROPOSED CHANGES TO PLANNING - Permitted Development - It was agreed that S Holt and M Worthington would look at this and email the response to councillors for their observations and agreement.

The meeting closed at 6.10pm

RAVENSTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING
Held on Wednesday 3rd January 2013**

1. OPENING PROCEDURES:

1.1 PRESENT: D Herbert, S Holt (Chairman), J Humphrey, R Marsh, R Spring,
M Worthington and one member of the public

1.2 APOLOGIES: J Jones, J Matts, S Pasley-Tyler

1.3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: - None

Personal - None

Personal and Prejudicial - None

2. PUBLIC TIME

3. PLANNING

DA/2012/0914 Single-storey side extension. 8 Church Gardens, Ravensthorpe
No observations

The meeting closed at 6.45pm