

RAVENSTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT RAVENSTHORPE VILLAGE HALL ON Wednesday, 15 January 2020 at 8.00 pm

1 OPENING PROCEDURES

- 1.1 **Present:** Cllr R Marsh (Chairman), Cllr D Herbert, Cllr J Matts, Cllr J Hewison, Cllr J Jones, Cllr K Bazini, Mrs C Holifield (Clerk) and 2 members of the public
- 1.2 **Apologies:** Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Hawkins, Connor and Worthington.
- 1.3 **Declarations of Interest:**
Personal: None
Personal and Prejudicial: None

2 MINUTES

- 2.1 The Minutes of the ordinary meeting of the Parish Council held on 20 November 2019 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

3 PUBLIC TIME

The two members of the public stated that they had attended the meeting to observe proceedings only.

4. MATTERS ARISING

- 4.1 Cllr Matts stated that he would be attending to the overgrown shrubbery at the junction of Chequers Lane and The High Street once the weather improved.

5 BUSINESS

- 5.1 **Update on Site Visit by Highways representative and Consideration of quotations for purchase of Speed Awareness Device**
The Clerk stated that she, the Chairman and Cllr Herbert had met on site with Steve Barber of Highways and 10 possible locations within Ravensthorpe for a speed awareness device to be mounted on an existing pole had been identified. Mr Barber had now forwarded the relevant Section 50 licence documentation for completion and submission by the Council with the requisite payment to NCC. It was resolved to approve the payment of £321 so that the Licence could be signed by the Clerk and sent off to Highways with the necessary insurance documentation as soon as possible.



The Council then considered the three quotations that had been received from TWM, Coeval and Elancity (documentation previously circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting). After discussion, it was resolved to purchase the cheapest and lightest device with rechargeable lithium batteries from TWM at a quoted cost of £2,791.50. Clerk to place order.

- 5.2 **Approval of quotation to replace lantern on street light number 38 in Coton**
It was resolved to approve the quotation in the amount of £320 (exc VAT) to replace the lantern on street light number 38 in The Lane, Coton.
- 5.3 **Approval of Precept Request in the amount of £17,500**
Further to setting the budget at the November meeting, it was resolved to request an amount of £17,500 for the precept for the year 2020-21. The Chairman and the Clerk signed the request form to be forwarded to DDC by 24 January 2020
- 5.4 **Consideration of possible celebrations to commemorate VE day on 8 May 2020**
The Chairman stated that he had made some tentative approaches to various groups in the village but there did not seem to be a great deal of interest. It was suggested that the Cinema Club could perhaps organise a viewing appropriate to the event. The Clerk stated that Guilsborough and Hollowell branch of the Royal British Legion were planning a weekend of various events to commemorate VE day and were hopeful that this would include all neighbouring villages. It was resolved that should any support be required for this event that the Council would try to assist.
- 5.5 **To consider the need to promote candidacy at the May 2020 Parish Council elections**
The Chairman stated that he would draft something to be put in the Village newsletter to alert residents that elections for Parish Councillors would be taking place in May and that nominations for prospective candidates would need to be submitted by end of March/early April. All Councillors present at the meeting indicated that they would stand again
- 5.6 **To consider and approve the Highways Verge Mowing contract for the 2020/21 season**
The Clerk stated that she had received the relevant documentation for the 2020/21 Highways Verge mowing contract for which there was a grant of £515.75. It was resolved that the Council should continue to sign up to this contract and arrange from Stephen Hartwell to cut the verges.
- 5.7 **Consideration and promotion of the DDC Housing Needs Survey**
The Chairman stated that the Housing Needs Survey had now been received by residents and that they should be encouraged to complete the survey whether they were for or against the Lingles Farm development.

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6 PLANNING

6.1 Planning applications

DA/2019/0992 – Land Opposite Water Works, Teeton Road, Ravensthorpe

Installation of pumping station and motor control centre (MCC) building, meter kiosk, surge vessel, alterations to access road, internal road and fencing including removal and replacement of hedgerow.

The Council strongly objects to the application on the following grounds:

- *Exceedingly large and intrusive building obstructing views to unspoilt open countryside.*
- *Location should be on the other side of the road where the existing waterworks building are located and where there appears to be adequate space available.*
- *Style of building is incompatible with the existing waterworks buildings which are of architectural merit.*

It was resolved that a site meeting with the Planning Officer and Anglian Water representative might be helpful and Clerk to try to organise.

6.2 Planning Decisions

DA/2019/0737 – 19 High Street, Ravensthorpe

Listed Building Consent for repairs to cob wall frontage of Lansdown including replacement stonework, pointing and corrugated steel wall coping. Removal of 1980s brick piers and adjacent walls restored to traditional cob termination profile.

Consent granted

7 FINANCE

7.1 Payments

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

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Payee	Amount £	Cheque Number
Mrs C Holifield – Clerk's December salary	272.20	Online
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Clerk's Administration Expenses	37.00	Online
E-on Street Light Maintenance (Oct-Dec 19)	123.92	001309
WAVE – Allotment Water (Sept-Nov 19)	20.43	Direct Debit
Brian Alderwick – Extension to Noticeboard	250.00	001310
SSE Swalec – Street Light electricity (Nov 19)	251.29	Direct Debit
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Northants County Council – Section 50 Licence	321.00	001311

7.2 Income Received

Bank interest of £3.31 and 88p relating to overpayment.

7.3 Balances at Bank

The Chairman signed the bank reconciliation statement for the period ended 31 December 2019. Balance at bank was £23,615.78 of which £6,568.81 is the balance of the easement monies.

8 CORRESPONDENCE (for information only)

8.1 Email from DDC re Good Neighbours scheme - circulated

9 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS AND RISK ASSESSMENTS

9.1 **Pocket Park** – Ruth Rolls report had previously been circulated to Councillors by email. It was noted that a Working Day had been arranged for 26 January 2020.

9.2 **Allotments** – Cllr Bazini stated all in order and written report to follow.

9.3 **Highways** – Cllr Matts reported that the drains had been cleaned since the last meeting. However, flooding was still being experienced on the Causeway. Clerk to submit Street Doctor report.

9.4 **Trees** – Cllr Herbert stated that he had nothing new to report.


9.5 **Street Lights** – The Clerk stated that she had received no new reports of faults.

9.6 **Village Hall/Playing Field** – No report available.

10 ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA (19 February 2020 at 8.00 pm)

- Norse Bin Lorries speeding through Ravensthorpe

Meeting closed at 9.00 pm.

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