

**RAVENSTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the Meeting Held on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2013**

**1. Opening Procedures:**

1.1 Present: S Holt (Chair), D Herbert, J Humphrey, R Spring, M Worthington, R Marsh, J Jones, J Matts

1.2 Apologies: S Pasley-Tyler

1.3 Declarations of Interest:

Personal - none

Personal and Prejudicial - none

**2. Minutes of previous Meeting(s)**

The Minutes of the Meeting held 16<sup>th</sup> January 2013 and the Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting held 30<sup>th</sup> January 2013 were agreed and signed as correct by the Chairman.

**3. Matters Arising**

3.1 Community Enhancement Gangs – suggestions for work requests were: road sign and street name cleaning, weeding paths (High St end of Little Lane, path from Church Gardens to Teeton Road), seats re-oiled and repaired if necessary, pocket park raking. S Holt to pass on requests.

**4. Public Time**

**5. Business**

5.1 Draft Minerals and Waste Local Plan consultation

Appears similar to consultation document from last summer. Nothing of note locally.

5.2 Community Speed Watch

Invitation had been received from police to take part in scheme. Following advertisement, only 2 people have expressed any interest. S Holt will let Sgt Hodgson that we do not have enough people interested to run the scheme.

5.3 Ravensthorpe Emergency Response Plan update

R Spring raised the need for this document to be updated, and had suggested a number of changes. During discussion, a number of further changes were identified.

S Holt to update with Clerk who will amend and contact people as required.

5.4 NCC- Highway Grass Mowing 2013

NCC annual contribution to this cost currently £515.75.

It was agreed that this work would continue to be arranged by the Parish Council.

S Holt to liaise with the Clerk to ensure that the necessary paperwork is signed off and returned and an invoice raised.

5.5 Village Litter Pick 2013

The date was fixed for Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 10.30pm - details to go to Newsletter, Website and on the Notice Board.

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### 5.6 Ravensthorpe Reservoir

Access to reservoir car park near Coton Road was discussed. It was felt that it should be accessible during the winter months when there is no warden in attendance, even though this means it will be open overnight.

S Holt to write to Anglian Water to request this.

## 6. Planning

### 6.1 Planning Applications

DA/2013/0046 - addition of railings to existing single storey flat roof area – Woodlands, 22, Teeton Road, Ravensthorpe.

After discussion of the application, it was agreed that the following observation should be sent to the DDC planning officer:

*The Parish Council feels that, if the design of the western elevation of the balcony (specifically, opaque glass to 1.8m above the balcony floor level) were to be replicated at the eastern end, then this would help to mitigate any privacy concerns from neighbouring properties.*

## 7. Finance

### 7.1 Accounts to be paid

Guildsborough Pre-School	Donation towards refurbishment costs	£100.00 (still to be paid)
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<b>7.2 Balance at bank (as at 8<sup>th</sup> Feb 2013)</b>	<b>£6506.54</b>
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## 8. Correspondence

8.1 DDC – Environmental Crime Campaign – received 22<sup>nd</sup> Jan 2013 for information - circulated.

8.2 Anglian Water - Have your say on the future of water – received 25<sup>th</sup> Jan 2013 – on notice board, and circulated.

8.3 Keep Britain Tidy – Great Litter Count – received 29<sup>th</sup> January 2013 - circulated.

8.4 Northants Best Village Competition 2013 – received 29<sup>th</sup> January 2013 - circulated.

8.5 Northants ACRE – Rural Wellbeing Survey – received 30<sup>th</sup> January 2013 - circulated.

8.6 Northants Highways – Newsletter – received 31<sup>st</sup> January 2013 – circulated via e-mail.

8.7 WNJPU – Notice of Submission of WN Joint Core Strategy Local Plan – received 6<sup>th</sup> February 2013 and circulated. This document has previously been commented on by the Parish Council.

## 9. Councillors' Reports and Risk Assessments

9.1 Pocket Park – in good order. The coppicing was done on 1<sup>st</sup> Feb, and the Parish Council wishes to pass on their thanks to those villagers who helped with this.

9.2 Allotments – in good order.

9.3 Highways – large pothole on the Teeton Road, R Marsh to report to Street Doctor.

## 10. Leaflets and Correspondence not needing attention

10.1 Clerks and Councils Direct – circulated.

## 11. Items for next Meeting

- Housing Needs Survey - results
- Date and Agenda for the Annual Parish Meeting

The meeting closed at 9.05pm.