

RAVENSTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING Held on Wednesday 30th November 2011

1. OPENING PROCEDURES:

1.1 PRESENT: S Holt (chairman), J Jones, J Matts, R Spring, S Pasley-Tyler, M Worthington and 1 member of the public

1.2 APOLOGIES: B Ball, J Humphrey

1.3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Personal - None

Personal and Prejudicial - None

2.1 THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING held on Wednesday 19th October 2011 were agreed and signed as correct by the chairman

3. MATTERS ARISING

3.1 Path from Playing field to Top Ardles Wood – M Worthington thanked R Spring for sorting this out so quickly.

3.2 Neighbourhood Planning – this is not a local initiative and the District council is not now partaking.

J Matts advised that he has been co-opted on Spratton Parish Council which is looking at the Neighbourhood Plan. He advised that if a parish has not got a plan in operation there would be no firm defence against planning. The plan must have some building – state what housing the village would be happy with and the areas for future development in the village should be shown. Business and renewable energy policies should also be part of the document. The procedure would be to draw up a plan, have outside experts look at it, then publish – it could cost the village up to £20,000. It was suggested that the initial work could be done at no cost and then if there was a need to go further it would be easier.

3.3 Street Lighting – there had been a few complaints about the lamps having been switched off. Little Lane, Chequers Lane and Coton Road. It was agreed that the lamps in Little Lane should be altered.

4. PUBLIC TIME

S Holt introduced Richard Marsh who had come forward to become a councillor

5. BUSINESS

5.1 Tree Warden Scheme – deferred as having difficulties getting information from DDC

5.2 Co-option of new Councillor – After discussion R Spring proposed that Richard Marsh should be co-opted on to join the council, S Pasley-Tyler seconded, put to the vote all agreed.

5.3 NNC – Grass Mowing 2012- 136 Agreements – it was agreed that the council would continue to carry out the mowing.

5.4 Grass Mowing Tenders – the clerk advised that response had been slow and is going to advertise it more widely.

5.5 Precept for 2012/13 papers were presented to the meeting it was agreed that contingency fund should continue to be increased for the street lighting. The village hall will be given a donation of £1000 to help with further improvements to the hall. The final budget and precept is listed below.

Estimated Bank Balance Year Ending 31/3/12 5000

ESTIMATED INCOME 2012/13

Rents/Bank Interest 300

NCC Mowing 500

5800

Expenditure 2012/13

Street Lighting 2200

NALC/ACRE Subscriptions 160

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| Village Hall Rent | 160 |
| Mowing | 2500 |
| Insurance | 660 |
| Audit | 310 |
| Clerks Salary | 2600 |
| Clerks Expenses/Office Costs | 250 |
| Councillor/ Clerk Training | 150 |
| Sundries | 100 |
| Pocket Park | 200 |
| Church Clock maintenance | 180 |
| Cleaning Bus Shelter | 75 |
| Gardening – The Bank | 80 |
| Allotments – Water | 75 |
| Section 137 | 300 |
| Elections | 1000 |
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Other Expenditures/Requests to be considered:

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| Repairs to Street Lamps | 500 |
| Village Hall Donation | 1000 |

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| TOTAL EXPENDITURE BUDGET | <u>12500</u> | 12500 |
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| PRECEPT for 2012/13 | <u>10700</u> |
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| Estimated Bank Balance 2013/14: Reserves | 2250) | |
| Contingency Street Lights 2000) | | 4000 |

- 5.6 Local Government Boundary Commission** –Electoral Review of Northamptonshire – to go in circulation
- 5.7 DACT Travel Club** – the clerk had approached groups in the village and they thought that they might use the club, if only occasionally. After discussion it was agreed that for an annual affiliation fee of £25 the council join enabling villagers to use the service.
- 5.8 Parking on Pavements** – Cars are still blocking pavements. Although it is illegal to park on the pavement police won't enforce this if vehicles are not causing an obstruction. Options were discussed. It was agreed to produce a leaflet to go out with the newsletter.
- 5.9 Bus shelter Repairs** – the gutter and down pipe repairs had not been carried out. S Holt will approach T Jolley and ask if he would do them.
- 5.10 Vitalise** – request for donation – it was agreed not to contribute as councillors were not aware of any villagers benefitting from this charity.
- 5.11 DDC - Daventry 2040 Masterplan** – M Worthington and S Holt to have a look at this
- 5.12 Northampton Borough Council** - Pre-submission Draft Northampton Central Area Action Plan Development Plan Document - it was agreed that this did not need a response.
- 5.13 Daventry District Council Services – Localism Plan** - no information received
- 5.14 Barn Grove Farm** – this is permitted agricultural development. District Council procedures do not allow officers to give parish councillors information about this type of development. The parish council can keep updated via the website.
- 5.15 NCC Northants Minerals and Waste Development Framework: Development and Implementation Principles Supplementary Planning Document** – this was formally adopted on 30th September 2011.

6. PLANNING

6.1 PLANNING PERMISSIONS

DA/2011/0660 Demolition of existing dwelling and construction of replacement dwelling (revised scheme). Kildonan, The Hollow, Ravensthorpe

DA/2011/760 Alterations associated with subdivision of house into two dwellings (revisions to approved scheme DA/2006/0966. Erection of garden shed, bin stores, 2 metre high garden wall (part retrospective). Ivydene 25 High Street, Ravensthorpe

6.2 CONSENT TO CARRY OUT WORKS

DA/2011/0769 – Work to tree subject of a TPO No. DA/293 at playing field Teeton Road

6.3 PLANNING APPEAL - Windfarm comprising of the erection and 25 year operation of 7 wind turbines with a maximum blade to tip height of 126.5m and up to 50m micro-siting, together with ancillary infrastructure including on-site access tracks, hardstanding areas, control building and cabling and a permanent anemometer mast, and consideration of alternative access arrangements. Land to North and West of Winwick Warren, Cold Ashby Road Winwick.

There is an inquiry into this application commencing in March 2012

Correspondence from amec – Supplementary Environmental Information

There is to be an inquiry into this application commencing March 2012

7. FINANCE

7.1 IT WAS AGREED TO PAY THE FOLLOWING ACCOUNTS

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| Anglian Water | Allotments | 25.10 |
| Long Buckby Electrical | Removing of internal fuses | 90.00 |
| C Giles | Pocket Park Expenses | 19.49 |

TOTAL **£134.59**

7.2 BALANCES AT BANK £8907.62

8. CORRESPONDENCE

8.1 DDC – Parish and Town Councils' Meeting Tuesday 13th December – S Holt to attend

8.2 NCC – Community Tree Planting Scheme for Northamptonshire - noted

9. COUNCILLORS REPORTS AND RISK ASSESSMENTS

9.1 Pocket Park – in good order – gate still needs repairing. The clerk advised that the Big Lottery Fund grant has now been closed and due to the small amount of VAT payable it does not have to be returned.

9.2 Allotments – in good order

9.3 Highways - Speedwatch - noted

10. LEAFLETS and CORRESPONDENCE – to be circulated

Game & Company – Insurance update

Clerks and Councils Direct

NRHA – Annual Report

The meeting closed at 9.20pm