

RAVENSTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON

Wednesday, 16 October 2024 at 7.30 pm

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

1 OPENING PROCEDURES

1.1 **Present:** Cllr D Hayes (Chair), Cllr M Bushell, Cllr M Worthington, Cllr T Hogben, Cllr R Marsh, Mrs C Holifield (Clerk) and Unitary Cllr P Bignell,

1.2 **Apologies:**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr J Jones, Cllr J Matts and Cllr E Connor.

1.3 **Declarations of Interest**

None

2 MINUTES

2.1 The Minutes of the Parish Council ordinary meeting held on 18 September 2024 were approved by the meeting and the Chairman signed the minutes accordingly.

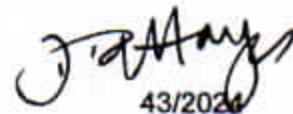
3 PUBLIC TIME

Unitary Cllr Bignell stated WNC had a plan to improve air quality. The Market Square in Northampton fully re-opens on 17/18 October 2024. He said that he had confirmation from Highways that all defects on the High Street were repaired on 16 August 2024.

4 MATTERS ARISING

4.1 **Update on meeting with Anglian Water representative regarding issues at Ravensthorpe reservoir**

The Clerk stated that John Taylor from Anglian Water currently responsible for Ravensthorpe reservoir had now agreed to meet with Councillors at Noon on 22 October 2024. Unitary Cllr Bignell stated he would also attend.


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4.2 Update on Heavy Goods Vehicle Survey

The Chair stated that the proposed survey due to take place on 30 September had been cancelled due to bad weather. It was decided that the survey would now be held back until Spring 2025.

4.3 Update on new Fixed Solar Panel for TWM device

Cllr Marsh stated that the solar panel had now been installed and seemed to be working satisfactorily.

4.4 Update on installation of replacement dog waste bin in Coton

The Clerk stated that Cllr Jones had now installed the new green dog waste bin in Coton.

5. BUSINESS

5.1 To consider and approve additional street light upgrades to LED and installation of further part-night cells

The Clerk presented information on the savings to be made from installing further LED street lights and part-night cells (previously circulated to Councillors). After discussion, it was resolved to budget sufficient monies to cover the LED/part night cell upgrade to street light numbers 11, 15 and 40 and to install part-night cells to a further 8 lights that had already had LED lantern replacements.

5.2 To consider any large expenditure items to be included when budgeting for Precept for 2025-26

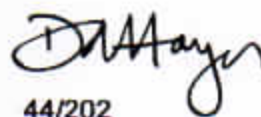
Apart from street lighting, the Council did not consider that there would be any unusual large expenditure items to budget for specifically for 2025-26

5.3 To consider and approve revision to Highways Verge Mowing contract for 2024 season

The Clerk stated that the grant for mowing the Highways Verges had now been increased to £1,115.86. Invoice to be prepared as last cut of the season had now been completed.

5.4 Notification of change to number of Parish Councillors for Coton following Corporate Governance Review

Following the Council's request the Review Panel had confirmed that the number of Councillors for Coton had been reduced from two to one with effect from the elections to be held in May 2025.



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5.5 Consideration of action to be taken regarding parking on footpaths and verges

The Chair stated that she had been receiving concerns from residents about the amount of parking on the pavements/verges making it impossible for pedestrians to pass without having to go into the road. It was resolved that a number of signs would be purchased to place on posts nearest to the locations where this happened most frequently. Cllr Marsh to contact Alistair Mold to see if he was able to make some suitable bespoke signs and Chair to check on internet for standard issue signs. Decision to be made at November meeting.

6.1 Planning Applications

Notification of Tree Work at Rowan House, The Hollow, Ravensthorpe

Crown Lift to 1 x Oak Tree subject to a Tree Preservation Order

Notification of Tree Work at Sycamore House, The Hollow, Ravensthorpe

Reduction to 1 x Oak Tree subject to a Tree Preservation Order

The Council had no observations to make on the above works

6.2 Planning Decisions

2024/3666/LBC – The Old Mill House, 20A High Street, Ravensthorpe

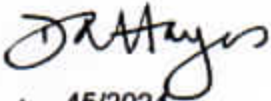
Listed building consent for internal repairs to wall, floor and ceiling damaged by water leak

Listed Building Consent approved by WNC

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(£) (including VAT at appropriate rate where *)	Payment type
Mrs C Holfield – Clerk’s Salary – October	n/a	44.011	Online
Mrs C Holfield – Clerk’s Expenses – October	N/a	20.00	Online
Mrs C Holfield – re-imburement for Laptop	Tba	349.99*	Online
Stephen Hartwell – Mowing village	257	623.64*	Online
TWM – Solar Panel for SAD device (easement monies)	867	600.40*	Online
E-on Energy – Street light maintenance	125704	145.20*	Online
HMRC – PAYE (July to Sept 24)	n/a	330.00	Direct Debit
Information Commissioner – Data Protection Fee	Z3398394	35.00	Direct Debit
YU Energy – Street Light Electricity Sept 24	2035585	126.74*	Direct Debit
YU Energy – Street Light Electricity Sept 24	2035582	8.10*	Direct Debit
YU Energy – Street Light Electricity Sept 24	2035583	15.72*	Direct Debit
YU Energy – Street Light Electricity Sept 24	2035584	8.74*	Direct Debit

7.2 Income Received to 30 September 2024

2nd half of Precept of £8,250 and bank interest of £51.29

7.3 Balance at Bank

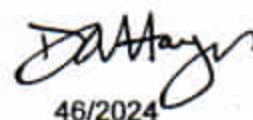
The Chairman signed the bank reconciliation statement for the period ended 30 September 2024. Balance at bank was £24,897.15 of which £3,403.77 related to the balance of the Easement funds.

8 CORRESPONDENCE

- NCALC Update September/October edition (circulated to Councillors)
- Email correspondence from resident regarding the operation of the street light part night cells (dealt with by Clerk)

9 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS AND RISK ASSESSMENTS

- 9.1 **Crabtree Pocket Park** – Ruth Rolls had provided a report relating to planned conservation tasks up to the end of March 2025 and this had been circulated to Councillors. She also confirmed that Natalie Carrington was now assisting her in her role.
- 9.2 **Allotments** – Cllr Hogben stated all was in order.
- 9.3 **Highways** – It was reported that potholes in the parish were now being dealt with. West Haddon Road due to be closed week commencing 21 October for works to be carried out.
- 9.4 **Trees** – Cllr Marsh stated he had nothing new to report.

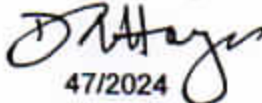

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- 9.5 **Street Lights** – The Clerk stated that she had received no new reports of problems with the lights
- 9.6 **Footpaths** – Cllr Bushell stated that she had nothing new to report.
- 9.7 **Speed Awareness Device** – Cllr Marsh stated that he was still trying to download data from the new Coeval device.
- 9.8 **Village Hall Liaison** – Cllr Worthington stated that all was going well and several events had been booked up in the period leading up to Christmas.
Playing Field Liaison – Cllr Worthington stated that the new pathway to the pavilion would be laid with resin with the work scheduled to start week commencing 21 October. Preparations are underway for the Bonfire Night on Friday, 8 November 2024.
- 9.9 **Police Liaison Representative** – Cllr Bushell stated that she was getting more information but had asked to be included in rural crime updates. The Beat Bus was due in the village shortly and she would be attending.

**ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA TO BE HELD ON
Wednesday, 20 November 2024 at 7.30 pm**

- Update on meeting with Anglian Water representative
- Setting Budget for 2025-26
- Setting Precept for 2025-26
- Update on parking signs
- Review of Financial Regulations
- Setting Meeting Dates for 2025
- Setting Date for Annual Parish Meeting (March to May 2025)

Meeting closed at 8.20 pm


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