

RAVENSTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON
Wednesday, 15 January 2025 at 7.30 pm
At Ravensthorpe Village Hall, High Street, Ravensthorpe, NN6 8EH**

1 OPENING PROCEDURES

1.1 **Present:** Cllr D Hayes (Chair), Cllr R Marsh, Cllr J Matts, Mrs C Holifield (Clerk) and Unitary Cllr P Bignell

1.2 **Apologies:**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr M Bushell, Cllr E Connors, Cllr T Hogben, Cllr J Jones and Cllr M Worthington.

1.3 **Declarations of Interest**

None

2 MINUTES

2.1 The Minutes of the Parish Council ordinary meeting held on 20 November 2024 were approved by the meeting and the Chairman signed the minutes accordingly.

3 PUBLIC TIME

Unitary Cllr Bignell stated that there was a suggestion to have a Mayor for the South Midlands area (following the example of Manchester and Birmingham). However, Luton and Milton Keynes Councils were not inclined to include North and West Northants within the area.

4 MATTERS ARISING

None

5. BUSINESS

5.1 **Update on obtaining quotations for 'No Parking' signs**

As no quotations had been obtained prior to the meeting it was agreed to take this matter forward to the February meeting. It was agreed that the wording and exact locations for the signs would need to be considered.



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5.2 To decide date for meeting with Angela Tarry of Anglian Water

The Clerk stated that Angela Tarry had now returned from maternity leave and was able to meet with the Council to discuss issues at the reservoir, however the dates provided were too soon so Clerk to go back and ask for some dates at the beginning of February. Chair and Cllr Marsh wished to meet with her.

5.3 To update existing Financial Regulations to the new model Financial Regulations

Councillors and Clerk went through the new regulations and amended as required in line with the existing Financial Regulations. Clerk to type up the new version, circulate to Councillors with a view to the document being adopted at the February meeting.

6.1 Planning Applications

None

6.2 Planning Decisions

None

7 FINANCE

7.1 Payments

The following invoices/items were approved by the Council for payment by the method stated. The December payments had been approved and paid in December.

(It was noted that SSE Energy Solutions had submitted two further invoices in December for direct debit payment for street light electricity charges dating back to May and June. Further to enquires made, it was explained that the final invoices for two of the MPANS had not been generated at that time.)



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Payee	Invoice number	Amount (£) includes VAT where applicable	Payment type
December payments (already approved)			
Clerk's Salary – December 2024	n/a	456.57	Online
Clerk's Office Expenses – December 2024	n/a	20.00	Online
WAVE – Allotment Water	14380017	40.57	Online
Argos – New Printer (reimburse Clerk)	6683745762	44.99*	Online
E-on Energy – Street Light maintenance	127101	153.60*	Online
YU Energy – Street Light Electricity (Nov 24)	02184369	159.30*	Direct Debit
YU Energy – Street Light Electricity (Nov 24)	02184366	8.33*	Direct Debit
YU Energy – Street Light Electricity (Nov 24)	02184368	9.45*	Direct Debit
YU Energy – Street Light Electricity (Nov 24)	02184367	18.24*	Direct Debit
SSE Energy – Street Light Electricity (May 24)	1990058	25.86*	Direct Debit
SSE Energy – Street Light Electricity (June 24)	2009650	25.00*	Direct Debit
January Payments			
Clerk's Salary – January 2025	n/a	456.57	Online
Clerk's Expenses – January 2025	n/a	28.64	Online
YU Energy – Street Light Electricity (Dec 24)	02259937	18.89*	Direct Debit
YU Energy – Street Light Electricity (Dec 24)	02259938	168.89*	Direct Debit
YU Energy – Street Light Electricity (Dec 24)	02259936	8.53*	Direct Debit
YU Energy – Street Light Electricity (Dec 24)	02259935	9.76*	Direct Debit

7.2 Income Received to 31 December 2024

£50 pit rent and £51.47 bank interest.

7.3 Balance at Bank

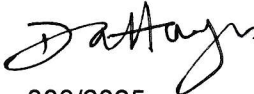
The Chairman signed the bank reconciliation statement for the period ended 31 December 2024. Balance at bank was £19,508.38 of which £2,803.37 related to the balance of the Easement funds.

8 CORRESPONDENCE

- NCALC Update – November/December edition (circulated to Councillors)

9 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS AND RISK ASSESSMENTS

- 9.1 **Crabtree Pocket Park** – No report available.
- 9.2 **Allotments** – In the absence of Cllr Hogben there was no report.
- 9.3 **Highways** – Cllr Matts stated he had nothing new to report
- 9.4 **Trees** – Cllr Marsh stated he thought that the Ash tree in Cuffys Old Pit on the Guilsborough Road should be reported to the agent as a large branch was overhanging the road. Clerk to action.

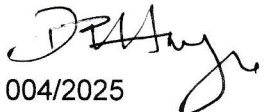

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- 9.5 **Street Lights** – The Clerk stated she had received no new reports of faulty lights
- 9.6 **Footpaths** – In the absence of Cllr Bushell there was not report.
- 9.7 **Speed Awareness Device** – Cllr Marsh stated that he had nothing to report both devices working despite the poor weather conditions.
- 9.8 **Village Hall Liaison** – In the absence of Cllr Worthington there was no report.
Playing Field Liaison – In the absence of Cllr Worthington there was no report.
- 9.9 **Police Liaison Representative** – In the absence of Cllr Bushell there was no report

**ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA TO BE HELD ON
Wednesday, 19 February 2025 at 7.30 pm**

- Update on meeting with Anglian Water representative
- Update on parking signs
- Adoption of Financial Regulations

Meeting closed at 8.35 pm


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