

RAVENSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 12 December 2013 at Ravenstone Village Hall

Present: Cllrs. W. Meades (Chairman), R. Rook (Vice Chairman), R. Humphreys, E. Reed, + 1 parishioner Beryl Rook

1. **Apologies:**
Cllrs, P. Geary, D. Brock, S. Bailey,
2. **Declaration of Member's Interests:**
None.
3. **Minutes of the previous Meeting:**
The Minutes of the October meeting were approved. Proposed Cllr Reed, seconded Cllr Humphreys Unanimous.
4. **Matters Arising not covered below:**
 - a. SID (Speed Indicator Display Units) 'Loan & Operate Scheme'. Ongoing.
 - b. Lidded bin at North End: *Proposal: 'To purchase new bin direct'* Passed Unanimous **Action: Clerk to circulate possible option to all Councillors for agreement/comment via email. Action: Clerk**
 - c. Replacement bin liner for heritage bin (by lychgate) *Proposal: 'To invite local garage/engineer to quote for fabrication of steel bin liner and agree to purchase if reasonable'* Passed. Unanimous **Action: Cllr Reed**
5. **Village Appearance Review:**
Reinstatement of damage to the verge near Yew Tree Farm: ongoing. **Action: Cllr Rook**
Replacement 'Ravenstone' sign should have been installed by end Nov. **Action: Cllr Rook**
6. **Recreation Field:**
The application for funding from the National Hockey Foundation has not yet been agreed by them. **Action: Cllr Rook**
7. **Village Hall Access Improvements**
Improvement to lighting and access quotes not yet received. **Action: Cllr Bailey**
8. **Allotments:**
RPC to write to all current allotment holders to confirm their willingness in principle to relinquish their existing agreements with MV **Action Cllr Rook / clerk**
9. **Flood Mitigation:**
Although the section of stream from Stoke Road to their grain barn has been cleared by Manny & Stuart Howkins there is still silt on the stream bed higher than the base of the feeding culvert. The stream bed needs to be cleared to at least the same depth as the culvert with adequate fall. Manny Howkins has requested that RPC write to confirm what needs to be done so he can seek assistance from his landlord. Following clearance of the stream bed the culvert can be cleared by MKC. **Action: Cllr. Rook to draft letter for Clerk to send on RPC headed paper**

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10. **Finance:**

- a. 2010/2011 PPF funding - Heritage lamps funding still being investigated by MKC. **Action: Cllr Geary to progress**
- b. Alternative prices for landscaping contract to be obtained in readiness for possible transfer form MKC. **Action: Chair**
- c. Cheques approved:

chq no. 100577	Hire of Hall (annual)	£133.75
chq no. 100576	outgoing clerk final salary payment	£420.00

11. **Planning:**

NEW – 13/02504/FUL Construction of Solar Energy Park on farmland by B526, (Stoke Goldington) MK16 8LP, Pegasus Estates. **Objection:** '*on the grounds of change of character (unsightliness from public highway)*'. Unanimous. **Action: Clerk**

12. **Correspondence:**

Invitation to Civic Carol Service - noted

Abbey Way triangle of land with no clear ownership. No immediate action required

13. **Councillors' / Residents' Items:**

- a. Moles need controlling on Recreation Field. **Action:** Anna MacDougall to forward contact details of contractor to Clerk who will instruct clearance
- b. MKC Mineral Extraction Plan – confirmation required of local plans **Action:** Clerk to seek overview of the plan and the consultation process and either circulate by email or distribute at next meeting
- c. Email received 11.12.13 from Lisa Wheaton headed "2014/15 LCTRS Parish Funding - Amended Version" with attached spreadsheet headed Parish Funding. **Action :** Clerk to investigate what this is about and report at next meeting
- d. Trustees of Chapman Education Foundation – Summary report by Alan Faulkner-Stevens presented to meeting for information. No follow up action required
- e. A presentation and gift was made to the outgoing clerk Anna MacDougall in recognition of all her hard work for the parish.

14. **Date of next meeting**

Thursday, 9th January 2014 at 7:30pm. Meeting closed at 8:40pm.