

# RAVENSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Council Meeting held at the Village Hall on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2017 at 7.30pm

## Minutes

**Present:** Cllrs S. Bailey (in the Chair), H. Anderson, N. Brinner (minute-taker), Les Postawa, Robin Cooper (Neighbourhood Plan); Ward Cllrs P. Geary, D Hosking.

1. **Apologies** - Clerk J Vischer, Ward Cllr K. McLean
2. **Declaration of Members Interests** – none
3. **Approval of October Minutes - Proposer Cllr Anderson, Seconder Cllr Postawa. Unanimous.**
4. **Village Appearance**
  - 4.1. Two finger-posts lettering - Cllr Anderson provided an update, Clerk J Vischer to issues cheque for outstanding work
  - 4.2. Main village ditch overgrown weeds – Cllr Bailey has agreed to obtain a quote for work to be done and will present at the next council meeting.
  - 4.3. Annual Inspection Action Plan –
    - 4.3.1. + 4.3.2. ***Crumbling wall by School House (carry forward)***; Crumbling wall by Old Dovecote – Cllr Bailey has spoken with Merchant Venturers who denied ownership of the stone walls. Cllr Postawa has seen documentation which confirms the ownership of the stone walls to Merchant Venturers and will produce this document at the next Parish Council meeting or in expediency forward to the Chair.
    - 4.3.3. Phonebox removal (*carry forward*) No update
5. **Flood Mitigation** - Ward Cllr P Geary - No update
6. **Recreation Field**

Land Deeds (*carry forward*) - Cllr Bailey confirmed we are still waiting for the documents from the solicitors.
7. **Allotments**
  - 7.1 Cllr Anderson confirmed that the pipe and pump have been purchased and is awaiting quotes for the installing of the items.
  - 7.2 Cllr Anderson confirmed that the contractor is aware of the work and is expected to complete before Christmas.
  - 7.3 It was agreed unanimously that residents were allowed to request half allotments. If residents were allotment holders already they were not obliged to pay another plot deposit fee.
8. **Finance** - Cheques for approval & Balances – these were deferred due to the Clerk's absence but subsequently approved via email.
9. **Neighbourhood Plan**
  - 9.1 Subcommittee report back – R. Cooper provided an update to the NP progress, stating that the formal NP consultation was received on the 12<sup>th</sup> Oct. R. Cooper advised that from the NP steering group's findings, they would provide a list of village recommendations to the Parish Council to consider for planning their 2018 budget for village improvements. Also R. Cooper confirmed to the PC that they were not obligated to hold a housing needs analysis. The steering group will apply for

the next round of grant funding late November 2017.

9.2 New website – Cllr Brinner provided a short update regarding the website and advised that the site could be live as early as the 20<sup>th</sup> Nov. 2017.

**10. Planning Applications**

10.1 *Previous applications* – None

10.2 *NEW applications* – None

10.3 *OTHER to monitor* – *Bluebell cottage* – agreed to remove until new applications are submitted.

**11. Correspondence**

**12. Councillors/Residents Items**

12.1 Outstanding highways – better warning signage (junction Mill Road/Gayhurst Road); collapsed road sign at bend of Weston Road Ward Cllr Hosking CONFIRMED that there will be a visit by Tom Blackburne-Maze date and time tbc; and the collapsed road sign at bend of Weston Road ticket on the council's website had been closed and is now reopened as work is yet to be done to complete repairs.

12.2 A female village resident brought a complaint regarding a male village resident who displayed non-physical aggressive behaviour to her when trying to park her car on the public road. The PC advised the resident that there were no parking restrictions or infringements made, and that she should report the incident to the police.

**13. Date of Next Meeting**

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2017 at 7.30pm at the Village Hall [*post-meeting note*: it was subsequently agreed to move the next meeting a week earlier to December 7<sup>th</sup>.]