

RAVENSTONE WITH SNIBSTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 24TH JANUARY 2019

Present: Councillors; Sheila Lunn, Jeanette Pendery, Geoff Plant, David Welch, Val Pulford and Elliot Allman. PC Mark Arjoo, 5 members of the public and the clerk were also present.

710/2019 – Resolution to receive apologies for absence

- Cllr Norley & Cllr Eynon

711/2019 – Welcome & introduction of new councillor, signing of Declaration of Acceptance form

- The Chair welcome Elliot Allman onto the parish council, a declaration of acceptance of office was completed and signed. Cllr Allman will complete and return his register of interest form to the clerk.

712/2019 – Resolution to receive declarations of interest on items on the agenda

- All councillors declared an interest in item 717/2019 as residents of Ravenstone and Snibston Parish, the clerk provided a dispensation for all.
- Cllr Plant on 722/2019 & 727/2019 as a member of REG

713/2019 – To receive County, District, Parish Council and Police reports

- A copy of Cllr Eynon's report was circulated prior to the meeting.
- PC Mark Arjoo provided a verbal crime report from the 22nd November to the 24th January inclusive:
 - 25th November – two vehicles with no tax on Wash Lane
 - 28th November – RTC on Ashby Road
 - 28th November – Criminal damage to a house on Wash Lane
 - 25th and 29th November – Burglary at a property on Raunstone Close, BMW and motorbike stolen. Staffordshire police have arrested a suspect.
 - 29th November – Abandoned BMW (which had been stolen from Tamworth) was found on Main Street.
 - 8th December – Brick thrown through a window of a property on Wash lane
 - 13th December – A male driver of a white sprinter van was seen going through dustbins, the registration of the van was obtained
 - 7th – 8th January – Theft from unattended moto vehicle, tools stolen, on Stones Close
 - 14th January – RTC on Ibstock Road
 - 17th January – RTC on Heather Lane

714/2019 – Presentation by Redrow Homes regarding future residential development

The Chair welcomed Sarah Allsop, Planning Manager for Redrow Homes to the meeting. Sarah reported that Redrow Homes have inherited a strategic plan from Rayleigh and ownership of a piece of land on Church Lane has been transferred to them. It was reported that they are

looking to promote the land for residential development and they are proposing a majority of two bed with some three and four bed homes. Redrow have submitted a response to a call for sites from NWLDC. Cllr Allman asked about parking provision for the site and Sarah reported that a full transport assessment will be carried out but at the moment no analysis of local roads has been done. Councillors raised concerns about the tremendous amount of building in Ravenstone and that the infrastructure of the village is no longer fit for purpose. It was reported that there are concerns about the wildlife in the village, Sarah commented that any work that is carried out will be done in line with the National Trust and a full survey will be done and any mitigation taken.

Sarah commented that no pre-application work has been done and that they are just looking at the options, it will be NWLDC who decide, through the Local Plan, whether the development is appropriate.

Cllr Plant commented that the village is at saturation, we have lost the local pub, the school is at capacity, bus routes have been lost and Ravenstone is creeping closer to Coalville. It was agreed that Redrow would keep in contact with the parish council and provide them with an update at every stage of the process.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS – 10 minutes

- A member of the public asked about the size of the houses that may go up on the land on Church Lane proposed by Redrow Homes and the increase in the volume of traffic. *The Chair commented that no plans have been submitted but that we will ensure we keep in dialogue with Redrow Homes and ensure that all consideration is taken with regards to the infrastructure, traffic management, etc. The Chair reminded parishioners about reporting their concerns directly to the planning department at NWLDC.*
- A member of the public asked about Fossebrook Close and the 28 dwellings, there was a meeting in November 2017 regarding the village plan and whether we are made aware of any changes to the boundaries. *Cllr Pulford confirmed that parish councillors only get the same information as parishioners.*
- A member of the public asked whether it was possible to put a copy of the year end of the financial statement onto the noticeboards. *The clerk confirmed that this would be carried out once the accounts had been approved and signed.*
- A member of the public raised a concern about the volume of litter in the village, particularly on Heather Lane. *The clerk will submit a complaint to Highways, parishioners were reminded that they can also submit complaints to Highways.*

715/2019 – Resolution to approve and sign minutes of the Parish Council meeting of the 22nd November 2018

The clerk circulated a copy of the minutes prior to the meeting and councillors agreed that they were a true and accurate record of the meeting.

Resolved: The minutes were signed by the Chair and will be added to the website.

716/2019 – Resolution to approve payments

The clerk presented the payments listed below for authorisation which were approved by all councillors.

BACS TO:	AMOUNT:	BACS TO:	AMOUNT:
Play inspector salary	£135.72	HMRC, PAYE	£301.95
Premises officer salary	£225.04	J Abbott, Christmas tree light switch on	£104.22
Clerks salary	£642.50	Eden Tree Care, contract tree work	£2,700.00

I Mellor, playground repairs	£607.55	Leicestershire Co-op, band	£150.00
Npower, electricity	£116.74	REG, donation	£50.00
SDI Garden Service, hedge cutting	£1,700.00	St. Michaels Church, electricity	£250.00
HDP Medical Services, purchase of defibs	£2,676.00	EON	£248.00
Cllr Lunn, expenses	£129.79	Water Plus	£14.07
A Brunt, Christmas tree	£100.00	North West Leicestershire	£14.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURE			£10,165.58

717/2019 – Resolution to formally approve precept for 2019/2020

The clerk circulated a copy of the draft precept prior to the meeting. Cllr Pulford proposed that we keep the precept the same as last year and that we submit a request to NWLDC for £55,019, this was seconded by Cllr Welch and all councillors were in agreement.

718/2019 – Update on the installation of defibrillators and training

The Chair reported that two defibrillators had been purchased and installed at the shop and the pub. A training event has been organised for the 29th January at the pavilion at 7.00 PM. All members of the public and community groups are welcome to attend.

719/2019 – To discuss playground reports, repairs and agree actions

A copy of the playground reports were circulated to councillors prior to the meeting. The Chair reported that she is keen to make the refurbishment of the recreation ground playgrounds a priority this. It was suggested that it might be useful for the Cllr Allman to carry out a 'walk round' with the Play Inspector so that he is aware of the facilities we have and to understand the refurbishment that is required. Councillors agreed that the target for the refurbishment of playgrounds at the recreation ground is the summer holidays.

720/2019 – To discuss the newsletter and agree articles

The Chair reported that articles had been received and forwarded to the clerk. The clerk confirmed that these are now with the designer and a draft of the newsletter will be circulated as soon as possible. It is hoped that the newsletter will be circulated in early February.

721/2019 – Update on dog foul posters

The Chair reported that she has now put all the dog foul posters up on parish council owned property.

722/2019 – To discuss the request from REG to use the village green for the St. George's Day weekend on the 27th & 28th April 2019 and agree actions

Councillors discussed the request and it was agreed that providing all the necessary insurances were in place and that the risk assessments had been carried out that permission would be granted.

723/2019 – To discuss the request from the Church for permission to use the recreation ground in June for their fete and agree actions

Councillors discussed the request and it was agreed that providing all the necessary insurances were in place and that the risk assessments had been carried out that permission would be granted. It was suggested that the Church should liaise with the football club to ensure that there is no conflict over dates.

724/2019 – To discuss the conditions of parish council litter bins and agree actions

The Chair reported that a survey of the litter bins in the parish has been carried out and that the bin on the green does need replacing. Cllr Pendery proposed that the clerk look into this and order a bin based on the agreed spend. This was seconded by Cllr Allman and all councillors were in agreement.

725/2019 – Update from the Community Safety meeting

The Chair reported that she recently attended a Community Safety Partnership workshop which had been organised by NWLDC, Leicestershire County Council, Leicestershire Police, Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service, the Probation Service, local housing associations and others. The purpose is to work together to protect North West Leicestershire's residents, communities, businesses and visitors from crime and disorder which may cause them harm. Every three years each community safety partnership is required by law to produce a strategy, informed by strategic assessment and consultation, which outlines the activities it plans to undertake. The strategy identifies priorities and trends for the partnership to focus on and provides a framework for delivery. The strategy is refreshed annually to respond to emerging threats and to ensure the priorities are still relevant. The focus this year is on three key priorities:

- I. Tackle violent crime and abuse
- II. Tackle acquisitive crime
- III. Respond effectively to anti-social behaviour and hate

The Chair reported that the Parish Council have been provided with a box of preventative tools for free for residents that can be used on doors windows and sheds, also included was crime prevention advice. The box is to be used for Ravenstone Parish and that Cllr Pendery will manage the box.

726/2019 – Feedback from the working party meeting and agree actions

Cllr Plant reported that the working party had met with members of the Sunday football club and that the club is going from strength to strength. It was agreed that another meeting would take place in March to review the clubs licence.

Cllr Plant reported that a copy of the minutes from the full working party meeting had been circulated to councillors prior to the meeting. The working party have proposed to continue with the refurbishment of the pavilion, changing rooms, cleaning, baby changing facilities and will bring further details to future meetings. It was noted that if we are going to look at refurbishing the MUGA we will need to look at grant funding opportunities.

727/2019 – To discuss the letter received from REG regarding the future of the group and working in partnership with the parish council and agree actions

The Chair reported that a letter had been received from REG raising concerns about the working relationship and lack of support by the parish council for their events. Cllr Lunn commented that she is a big supporter of REG and confirmed that REG was never set up as part of the parish council but that there were parish councillors on REG.

Councillors discussed the letter and it was noted that the parish council have provide REG with financial support for various events and do offer their continued support.

Cllr Pulford commented that REG are all about promoting community activities and that the parish council fully support their activities. It was suggested that the clerk draft a communication to REG and perhaps arrange a meeting to discuss the future of group.

728/2019 – Planning applications

The clerk reported that she had circulated planning applications to councillors prior to the meeting. Councillors agreed that they had no comments.

1. 18/02015/FUL – erection of a single storey side extension to form a carport at 31 Woodstone Lane, Ravenstone

A copy of the planning application was circulated to councillors prior to the meeting and following a discussion councillors agreed that there was no objection.

2. 19/00053/ADC – provision of eight flag signs and two non-illuminated totem signs at Heather Lane, Ravenstone

A copy of the planning application was circulated prior to the meeting and following a discussion councillors agreed that there was no objection.

729/2019 – To discuss agenda items for the next meeting

- Approval of payments
- Planning applications
- Hedge tender
- Playground repairs
- Election timetable
- Traffic calming

730/2019 – Date of next meeting

The clerk confirmed that the date of the next meeting is Thursday 21st February 2019 commencing at 7.30 PM.

The Chair closed the meeting to members of the public at 21:00 PM

AGREED AS A TRUE RECORD OF THE MEETING	
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SIGNATURE:	
DATE:	