

RAVENSTONE WITH SNIBSTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 26TH JULY 2018

Present: Councillors; Sheila Lunn, Jeanette Pendery, George Norley and Val Pulford, PSCO Dale Cottington, 17 members of the public and the clerk

631/2018 – Resolution to receive apologies for absence

- Cllr Plant, Cllr Welch, PC Arjoo & Cllr Eynon

632/2018 – Resolution to receive declarations of interest on items on the agenda

- Cllr Pendery declared an interest in planning application 18/01061/VCU as a neighbour

633/2018 – To receive County, District, Parish Council and Police reports

- A verbal police report was given meeting and members of the parish were reminded that incidents should be reported to 101
- A copy of Cllr Eynon's report was circulated prior to the meeting.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS – 10 minutes

- A member of the public commented on the number of cars being parked on Beadmans Close/Wash Lane and that cars have been seen to park over driveways and all around the green. It was commented that there is no space for emergency vehicles and that because of the way people are parking cars are now having to park on Church Lane which is causing even more congestion. *It was suggested that members of the public took photographs of the situation and content LCC Highways and the Police.*
- A member of the public reported ongoing concerns about the poor visibility when pulling out of Raunstone Close because of parked cars on the main road.
- Members of the public raised concerns about the planning application on Raunstone Close. *The Chair commented that this was going to be discussed as an item under planning.*

634/2018 – Resolution to approve and sign minutes of the Parish Council meeting of the 28th June 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.

635/2018 – Resolution to approve payments

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

BACS TO:	AMOUNT:
Play inspector salary	£135.72

Premises officer salary	£225.04
Clerks salary	£642.50
SDI Garden Services – grounds maintenance	£1,055.00
C J Springthorpe – planting	£629.40
C J Springthorpe – planting	£2,031.84
Npower, electricity	£24.98
NWLDC, litter bin emptying	£3,384.68
RoSPA – inspection reports	£319.20
2Commune Ltd – website maintenance	£720.00
Deanclean – pavilion carpet cleaning	£75.00
Sheils Lunn, councillor expenses	£9.50
Helen Chadwick, clerks expenses	£112.74
DIRECT DEBITS TO:	AMOUNT:
EON	£203.00
Severn Trent Water	£16.71
North West Leicestershire	£9.75
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	£9,017.06

636/2018 – Resolution to approve reallocation of funds

The clerk reported that a detailed discussion had taken place at the working party meeting regarding the allocation of funds based on the future needs of the pavilion. A paper outlining the current allocation and the proposed reallocation was circulated to councillors prior to the meeting. Cllr Pulford proposed that the reallocation of funds be accepted and this was seconded by Cllr Pendery.

637/2018 – To discuss hedge tender and agree actions

The clerk reported that to date she not received any quotes in relation to the hedge tender. It was agreed that councillors would forward any contractor information to the clerk so that the tender document can be sent out to additional contractors.

638/2018 – To discuss request from the RVI for a donation towards building extension and agree action

Cllr Lunn reported that she had met with the RVI and further details relating to the building works had been provided to all councillors. Cllr Lunn proposed that a donation of £3,000 be made to the RVI once building works had commenced, this was seconded to Cllr Norley.

639/2018 – To agree amount of donation to St. Michael & All Angel's Church for repair works

It was noted that councillors had previously proposed a donation of £2,000 towards the repair works at the Church and following the approval of the reallocation of funds Cllr Pendery proposed that the donation be made, this was seconded by Cllr Pulford.

640/2018 – To discuss the Centenary of WW1 and agree actions

Councillors discussed the WW1 Centenary and agreed that it would be nice to hold an event in partnership with the REG and the RVI and that a meeting should be arranged in order to discuss this further. Cllr Lunn proposed that she enter into discussions with local groups and this was seconded by Cllr Pulford. Councillors also agreed to the purchase of poppies and wreaths for the event.

641/2018 – To discuss Christmas tree and associated activities and agree actions

Cllr Lunn reported that the Christmas light switch on will take place on the 7th December at 6.00 PM and requested permission to arrange for the purchase of two Christmas trees and to book the band for the switch. Cllr Pulford proposed Cllr Lunn is delegated permission to make the necessary arrangements and this was seconded by Cllr Pendery.

642/2018 – To agree content and design of second edition of the parish council newsletter and agree distribution

The clerk circulated a draft copy of the next edition of the newsletter. Councillors approved the content and design and it was agreed that the Chair and the clerk would work together to ensure that the newsletter was distributed as soon as possible.

643/2018 – To discuss proposals from the working party group and agree actions

The clerk circulated a copy of the working party meeting notes which included two proposals: to work with the senior football committee to continue discussions in relation to the licence and outstanding fees and to review the allocation of funds, discussed at item 636/2018.

Councillors had previously agreed to the reallocation of funds and Cllr Pulford proposed that the working party continue their discussions with the football club and present an update at the September meeting, this was seconded by Cllr Norley.

644/2018 – Update on replacement noticeboards

Cllr Lunn reported that the noticeboards have been installed and feedback has been very positive.

645/2018 – Update on replacement keys for the pavilion

The clerk reported that she has made contact with locksmiths and is in the process of arranging site visits so that the level of work can be addressed and quotes provided.

646/2018 – Update on Public Space Protection Order

The clerk reported that following on from discussions with NWLDC we have been advised that after public consultation in 2017 the old Dog Control Orders came to an end giving way for North West Leicestershire District Council to adopt the Public Space Protection Order which came into force in April 2018.

The major change between the dog Control Order (The Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005) and the Public Space Protection Order (The Anti Social Behaviour Crime and Policing Act 2014) is the Means to pick up.

It was already an offence under the old dog control order to allow a dog to enter or remain in a fenced/enclosed children's play area or a designated marked sports pitch or athletic area. The reason for this is that dog faeces contains harmful bacteria and the residue left behind even after cleaning up will contain parasites which can cause infections in humans (especially children). This is contracted directly through the skin or by accidental ingestion which is the reason the exclusion is in place.

Excluding dogs from marked pitches reduces the risk to public health which is why the Council carried it forward from the old dog control order to the new PSPO, which is in force throughout North West Leicestershire and there are no mechanisms or options to change this.

The clerk reported that NWLDC will provide the parish council with signs which they need to have installed where there are permanently designated pitches.

647/2018 – Planning applications

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

a. 18/0106/VCU – variation of Condition 2 of planning permission 15/00128/FUL.

Members of the public were given the opportunity to raise their concerns in relation to the application and it was noted that:

- There are 27 houses in the Close and the neighbours have been making objections to these plan, they have told that the decision whether to proceed with the Variation is within the Councils delegated powers. Residents have tried to raise their concerns by contacting their local councillor, Cllr Nigel Smith, but they have been advised that he has declared a pecuniary interest and cannot represent the residents despite the fact that he represented the Council on the first set of plans for the original 27 houses and that he did own the land which was purchased for this development. The residents have also be advised that they cannot contact any other Councillor because the adjacent ward boundary is more than 500M from this proposed development. This is discriminatory against the residents of Raunstone Close, who wish to object.
- The Variation is significantly different to the original plans. The area is in a conservation area and the current homes were constructed in keeping with the surrounding area. Windows are wooden and had to be willow green or grey in colour. There were a lot of stipulations surrounding the building of this development. Now it seems that the proposed Variation allows 3 storey properties which are significantly larger and not in keeping with the surroundings.
- The developers plan to destroy the 400 year old rope barn, which is the habitat of bats and a barn owl. A beautiful 80 year old Cedar Tree with a TPO on it will be chopped down. The bat surveys instructed by Sue Timms have been ignored.
- NWLDC have received over 40 letters of objection regarding this site, however, residents have been told that there is nothing that can be done to support them.
- Residents reported that they are being discriminated against by the Council.

Councillors reviewed the planning applications and it was noted that they do not meet the requirements of a conservation area and it appears that the planning committee have discounted the barn, the bats and the trees on the grounds that plans have already been passed for 6 dwellings despite a further survey being recommended at the time.

b. 18/00959/FULM – demolition of existing public house and outbuildings and erection of 15 dwellings with alterations to existing access and provision of off-street parking and landscaping.

Councillors reviewed the planning application and agreed that they would submit an objection on the design, appearance and visual impact, the scale and dominance, the impact on character – listed building and adjacent conservation area and highways safety and parking provision.

648/2018 – To discuss agenda items for the next meeting

- Approval of payments
- Proposals from working party group
- Planning applications
- Hedges
- Update on defibrillator
- Newsletter
- WW1 Centenary
- Rubbish bins

649/2018 – Date of next meeting

The clerk confirmed that the date of the next meeting is Thursday 27th September 2018 commencing at 7.30 PM and papers will be circulated prior to the meeting.

The Chair closed the meeting at 20:45 PM

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