

# RAVENSTONE WITH SNIBSTON PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2018

**Present:** Councillors; Sheila Lunn, Jeanette Pendery, Geoff Plant, George Norley and Val Pulford. NWLDC Councillor Harrison, 2 PSCO, 4 members of the public and the clerk

### 650/2018 – Resolution to receive apologies for absence

- Cllr Welch, PC Arjoo & Cllr Eynon

### 651/2018 – Resolution to receive declarations of interest on items on the agenda

- N/A

### 652/2018 – To receive County, District, Parish Council and Police reports

- A verbal police report was given at the 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 asked the proposed traffic calming measures in the village, particularly the junction of Ashby Road and Main Road. It was reported that following a recent survey of vehicles over 500 were noted as travelling through the village. *The Chair reported that the parish council are working with Highways and are trying to arrange a site visit that we can look at the options that are available.*
- A member of the public asked about the availability of allotments. *The Chair reported that we are waiting for the land allocated for allotments to be handed over from the developer.*

### 653/2018 – Resolution to approve and sign minutes of the Parish Council meeting of the 26<sup>th</sup> July 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.

### 654/2018 – 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	Coalville Signs, noticeboards	£5,364.00
Premises officer salary	£225.04	Cllr Pendery, expenses	£19.50
Clerks salary	£642.50	SDI Garden Services	£1,030.00
Clerks expenses	£65.00	Cllr Lunn, expenses	£6.00

Cllr Lunn, expenses	£86.00	St Michaels Church, repair works donation	£2,000.00
Super Clean, pavilion carpet cleaning	£540.00	Coalville Signs, notices	£190.80
Eden Tree Care	£396.00	EON	£203.00
CJ Springthorpe	£701.10	Severn Trent Water	£16.71
CJ Springthorpe	£780.30	North West Leicestershire	£9.75
OzMedia, flyers	£135.00		
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>			<b>£12,546.42</b>

**655/2018 – To discuss playground reports and agree actions**

A copy of the playground reports were circulated to councillors prior to the meeting. It was agreed that the clerk would continue to source quotes for the repair works and that these would be carried out as soon as possible.

**656/2018 – To discuss casual vacancy for parish councillor and agree actions**

The clerk reported that following the recent notice of election by NWLDC the parish council were now in a position to agree whether to co opt a councillor prior to the May 2019 election. Cllr Pulford proposed that we advertise to co opt a councillor and this was seconded by Cllr Plant. The clerk will ensure that the advert is placed on the website and applications will be discussed at the October meeting.

**657/2018 – To discuss the rubbish bin on Wash Lane and agree actions**

Cllr Lunn reported that there is a lot of rubbish accumulating by the bus shelter on Wash Lane and proposed that we contact Highways to request that a bin is installed. Councillors were in agreement.

**658/2018 – To discuss hedges on Swannington Road and agree actions**

Cllr Lunn reported since the item was added to the agenda the hedges have been cut.

**659/2018 – Update on dog foul posters and agree actions**

The clerk reported that following a response from Highways they had confirmed that they do not give permission for any third party to put posters on lamp posts. Councillors agreed that the posters would be put on all the noticeboards in the village, at the village shop, the RVI and the school.

**660/2018 – To agree content of the third edition of the parish council newsletter**

The clerk confirmed that two articles had already been received and that she was waiting on additional articles. The clerk proposed that the third edition of the newsletter should be distributed mid-November and this was agreed by councillors.

**661/2018 – To discuss proposals from the working party group and agree actions**

Cllr Plant reported that the group had had a successful meeting with members of the senior team and that they had offered to pay their outstanding licence fee by monthly direct debit. This proposal was accepted by councillors.

Cllr Plant report that quotes had been received for the repair to the MUGA and proposed that quote A be accepted. This proposal was accepted by councillors.

Cllr Plant reported that the working party proposed to replace the pavilion door and gate keys with control keys at a cost of approximately £500. The proposal was accepted by councillors.

#### **662/2018 – Update on defibrillator and agree actions for the parish council**

Cllr Lunn reported that the village have collected £1,000 towards the purchase of a defibrillator. It was agreed that a service provider would be invited to the October meeting so that the various options could be discussed before a defibrillator is purchased. Councillors commented that if the parish council are going to take responsibility for it and pay for its maintenance then we will need to discuss the location of it. The clerk reported that we will need to ensure that it is included as a parish council asset and correctly insured.

#### **663/2018 – To discuss the Leicestershire Unitarian Council and agree the position of the parish council**

It was reported that full resolution of the Governments proposal for a unitary structure will be available later in the year and that there will be an opportunity for parish councils to review the proposal as there will be the possibility of increased powers to parish councils.

#### **664/2018 – To discuss Centenary celebrations and agree actions**

Cllr Lunn reported that there will be 'WWI Tea Party' at the RVI on the 3<sup>rd</sup> November at 7.30 PM. Councillors thanked Cllr Lunn for organising the event in conjunction with the RVI and REG.

#### **665/2018 – Update on the Parish Fair event**

Cllr Lunn reported that councillors attended the recent parish fair at NWLDC, there were various presentations including an update on the mobile CCTV cameras. LCC is stepping up its campaign to keep the fines from a 12-month average speed camera trial, which could then lead to a further roll-out of average speed cameras across Leicestershire. Seven sites have already been identified for the trial. As the switch-on starts, county council leader Nick Rushton has made a direct approach to the Government, asking it to consider allowing the council to retain the money generated from speeding fines to cover the installation and running costs of the average speed cameras. Once the costs have been met, the fines would then revert to the Government. Currently, all the money generated through camera fines is retained by HM Treasury. Cllr Rushton said: "We want the county's roads to be as safe as they can be – we owe it to the communities who are affected by speeding motorists. "If the trial is a success, we'd want to roll it out further, but that's not currently possible, so I'm hoping someone in HM Treasury will listen to our case and I'd welcome further talks. In a letter to Robert Jenrick, Exchequer Secretary to the Treasury, Cllr Rushton said the scheme being piloted in Leicestershire would "reduce deaths and casualties, increase long-term revenue for the Treasury and enable Central Government to provide a visible and tangible benefit to local communities". He also outlined that the trial will lead to a fall in the use of road humps which complies with Government advice for their removal as an anti-pollution measure. The speed camera trial has also won the backing of county MPs. The 12-month trial and enforcement will cost around £500,000.

#### **666/2018 – Neighbourhood Plan**

Cllr Norley reported that with the increasing amount of development in the village and surrounding area, and the lack of infrastructure and services, that the parish council should consider creating a neighbourhood plan. The document would be formally acknowledged by NWLDC and would limit the amount of development. Councillors agreed to review what this would entail and discuss it at a future meeting.

### 667/2018 – 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. 18/01307/FUL – proposed two storey rear extension and single storey side extension at Longmoor Farm, Heather Lane and agree actions**

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

**b. 18/01511/OUT – erection of a dwelling at 18 Swannington Road and agree actions**

A copy of the planning application was circulated prior to the meeting and following a discussion agreed that they would submit an objection to the planning application based on comments around the increase in the volume of traffic, the overbearing development of the site and concerns about the impact on the street scene.

**c. 18/01428/OUTM – erection of 28 dwellings at Fosbrooke Close and agree actions**

A copy of the planning application was circulated prior to the meeting and following a discussion agreed that they would submit an objection the application based on concerns about the increased volume of traffic, the loss of greenfield and the saturation of the village infrastructure. Councillors agreed that there should be a condition put on the application, if it is approved, that the design of the houses should be single storey properties. Councillors also recommended that the application be called in to the planning committee so that a further discussion could be had regarding the impact of this development.

### 668/2018 – To discuss agenda items for the next meeting

- Approval of payments
- Councillor co-option
- Planning applications
- Neighbourhood plan
- Defibrillator presentation
- Newsletter
- Traffic calming
- Replacement keys

### 669/2018 – Date of next meeting

The clerk confirmed that the date of the next meeting is Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2018 commencing at 7.30 PM.

**The Chair closed the meeting at 20:40 PM**

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