

RAVENSTONE WITH SNIBSTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 27TH FEBRUARY 2020

Present: Councillors; Sheila Lunn, George Norley, David Lunn, Elliott Allman, Tina Meredith, Lee Mackenzie, Sharon Pickering and 11 members of the public.

The Chair opened the meeting and welcome members of the Scouts Group and recently co-opted councillors, Sharon Pickering and Lee Mackenzie.

871/2020 – Resolution to receive apologies for absence

- PC Mark Arjoo, Cllr Eynon and the clerk.

872/2020 – Resolution to receive declarations of interest on items on the agenda

- Cllr S Lunn & Cllr D Lunn declared an interest on item 877/2020 regarding the playground as they know the company who are providing a quote.
- Cllr Allman declared an interest as his wife Rebecca Allman is taking minutes for the meeting.

873/2020 – To receive county council/borough council/parish councillors/police reports & traffic calming

- A copy of Cllr Eynon's report was circulated to councillors prior to the meeting.
- PC Arjoo provide a verbal police report for incidences logged between the 30th January and the 26th February:
 - Theft from a JCB digger on Church Lane between 18th & 19th February
 - Report of a vehicle that had left the road and gone into a ditch on Heather Lane on the 22nd February

PUBLIC QUESTIONS

- Question from Scout members parent, regarding ownership of land on Ashby Road towards Alton Farm (Access to the surface mine). Motor bikes have been using the public footpath. Cllr Allman advised he will find out who owns the lands.
- Scout leader raised a question about speeding, concerning Jenny's lane. Cllr S Lunn advised it's an issue for Highways. She advised that the Clerk is building a relationship with Highways to raise speeding concerns. It was noted that PC Mark Arjoo is trying to organise a speed watch on the back of Cllr Pickering's recommendation. Cllr Allman mentioned that he had a meeting with County Councillor Dan Harrison regarding Swannington Road and Wash Lane in relation to speeding and weight limit, an option of a roundabout or lights will be considered. Cllr Pickering advised the public that they need to report any speeding.
- A member of the public mentioned that he has been attending the meeting for 3 years because of his concerns regarding speeding, he raised the issue that Highways aren't dealing with the issue. He doesn't see what anyone is doing to resolve the issue. Cllr D

Lunn suggested inviting a member from Highways. It was agreed that the clerk would invite someone from Highways to attend a meeting to put pressure on the speeding issue in the Village.

874/2020 – Discussion about how the Scout Group can work with the parish council and agree actions

Cllr S Lunn asked how the Scouts can help with VE Day. Two Scout Leaders will attend event meeting on Thursday 5th March 7:30pm were support will be agreed. Ideas suggested tonight setting up a Marque, bunting, welcoming visitors, marshalling litter picking.

Cllr S Lunn also asked if the Scouts could help on 21st March with litter picking, Scout leader advised that the Scouts are bag packing at Tesco but he will ask the Beavers.

Cllr D Lunn read the notice from the recent Newsletter about supporting the Church with the ground maintenance. Scout Leader confirmed they will make contact to see what support can they offer.

Cllr Norley asked for the Scouts to clean the Penfold, Scout Leaders confirmed they will.

875/2020 – Resolution to approve and sign minutes of the Parish Council meeting of the 30th January

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.

876/2020 – 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	£142.30
Premises officer salary	£164.84
Clerks salary	£631.05
Eden Tree Care, safe removal of damaged tree at rear of Nursery Gardens	£420.00
OzMedia, printing of newsletter	£309.00
2Commune, set up of new councillor email account	£42.00
ADT, fire alarm service	£381.01
Viking, stationary	£168.02
A J Specialist Welding, repairs to security barrier	£60.00
SDI Garden Services, branch removal	£50.00
Pest Away, mole treatment	£180.00
Sheila Lunn, expenses	£74.34
NWLDC, election costs	£226.70
TOTAL	£2,849.26

877/2020 – To receive playground reports and agree actions

A copy of the playground reports were circulated to councillors prior to the meeting.

Cllr Allman reported that he had received an additional quote and plans for the playground, a copy of which were shared with councillors.

The clerk reported that she had only received positive comments from the playground consultation and that parishioners had asked for the playground to be multi-functional. Cllr S Lunn, Cllr D Lunn, Cllr Allman and the clerk will meet on Thursday 19th March to discuss all plans received as Cllr S Lunn would like to implement a new park by the Summer. Recommendations from this working party will be presented at the next meeting and Cllr Allman to look into grant funding.

878/2020 – Update following VE day working party meeting

Cllr D Lunn, advised that he met a gentleman that would dress in Top Hat and tails, Mr Ploughman who use to live in the Village, cost of £10. Also a friend of his will dress as Winston Churchill, cost of costume is £75.

879/2020 – To discuss the request for a skate park in the village and agree actions

The Chair reported that a letter had been received from a member of the public asking whether it would be possible to install a skate park in the village.

Cllr S Lunn advised it was looked into a few years ago, the only location would be the village park and there isn't enough space.

Cllr Pickering made the suggestion to reduce the size of the new park and add in a skate park. Cllr Allman advised that Measham Skate park received £20K grant funding, however funding wouldn't cover 10% of the total costs. Cllr Allman will look into options to discuss at the next meeting.

It was agreed that the clerk would write to the member of the public thanking them for his letter and to let him know we are looking into it.

880/2020 – To discuss the request from REG to use the village green for the St. George's Day event on the 25th & 26th April 2020 and agree actions

The Chair reported that a request had been received from REG to use the village green for their St. George's Day event. Councillors discussed the request and agreed that permission would be granted as in previous years.

It was agreed that the clerk would contact REG to confirm permission had been granted.

881/2020 – To discuss the parish council's involvement in the St. George's Day event and agree actions

Councillors agreed to a stand at the event to discuss a Local Plan with the villages. It was agreed that Cllr Allman will provide a gazebo.

Cllr D Lunn proposed that we purchase a parish council sign for the stand at a cost of £55 + VAT, this was seconded by Cllr Allman and all councillors were in agreement and that it could be used at future events.

Cllr Allman suggested having a petition on speeding advertised at the event.

882/2020 – To discuss social media and agree actions

Cllr Allman suggested setting up a Facebook page, he would set this up for the Parish with Cllrs Norley, Meredith, and Mackenzie to be administrators. Posts will be approved by the administrators and rules agreed on the page. A 6 month trial has been agreed by all Councillors. Cllr Allman to create the page.

883/2020 – To discuss the purchase of new benches and agree actions

Cllr S Lunn advised that she had checked the budget with the clerk prior to the meeting and that there was funding available for one bench. Councillors agreed that their preference would

be a recycled plastic bench over wood. Cllr D Lunn has written a letter asking for sponsorship for funding from local businesses – Village shop, pub, hall and F Coombs, local builders, Coalville rotatory and it was agreed that the letter would be added to the newsletter. Cllr Allman proposed buying one bench for the village green, this was seconded by Cllr Meredith and all councillors were in agreement.

884/2020 – To discuss the use of the pavilion by the football clubs

Cllr S Lunn advised the new collapsible dug outs haven't been used since purchase. The lease needs to be reviewed so the team are held accountable as other issues have been raised. It was agreed that the clerk will contact the current football teams to say the council are disappointed that the dug outs haven't been used, since the good will gesture of the council.

885/20202 – To discuss planning applications

The clerk circulated a copy of the planning applications prior to the meeting.

- a. 20/00230/FUL – remodelling of dwelling to include loft conversion, dormer windows and other alterations at 26 Main Street, Ravenstone. *Councillors had no objections.*
- b. 20/00347/TCA – works to one silver birch tree and one leylandii tree at 1 The Coach House, Main Street, Ravenstone. *Councillors had no objections.*

886/2020 – Update on wildflower areas on the village green and agree to submit an application to the Green Shoots Scheme at NWLDC

Cllr D Lunn shared two plans on having a meadow section on the green which, wouldn't be cut by the grass cutter. This has been proposed because the purchasing of wildflowers is very costly.

Cllr D Lunn proposed purchasing 5000 bulbs for £250, this was second by Cllr Allman and all councillors were in agreement. The Scouts agreed to help plant the bulbs between Monday 5th and 12th October.

887/2020 – To discuss agenda items for the next meeting

- Approval of payments
- Planning applications
- VE Day
- Social media review
- Neighbourhood plan
- Wildflowers
- Skatepark
- Davidsons update
- Allotments
- Highways
- CCTV camera
- Benches

888/2019 – Date of next meeting

The date of the meeting was confirmed as Thursday 26th March 2020 at 7.00 PM.

The Chair closed the meeting at 8.10 pm

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