

RAVENSTONE WITH SNIBSTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 25TH JANUARY 2018

Present: Councillors; Paul Tubb, Sheila Lunn, Jeanette Pendery, Val Pulford, George Norley, David Welch, Geoff Plant, PSCO Collington & PSCO Winson, 4 members of the public

In attendance: Helen Chadwick, Clerk

The meeting was opened at 7.30 PM.

530/2018 – Resolution to receive apologies for absence

- Cllr Eynon

531/2018 – Resolution to receive declarations of interest on items on the agenda

- All councillors declared an interest in item 535/2018 as residents of Ravenstone, the clerk provided a dispensation for all.

532/2018 – To receive County, District, Parish Council and Police reports

- The clerk circulated a copy of the District Councillor report prior to the meeting.
- PSCO Collington & PSCO Winson delivered a verbal update.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS – 10 minutes

- A member of the public asked whether the Davidsons site is located on Melbourne Road or Ibstock Road because large vehicles are using Melbourne Road for deliveries.
The Chair commented that he would seek clarification from Davidsons.

533/2018 – Resolution to approve and sign minutes of the Parish Council meeting of the 23rd November 2017

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.

534/2018 – Financial matters

The clerk presented the payments listed below for authorisation.

BACS TO:	AMOUNT:
Play inspector salary	£129.96
Premises officer salary	£213.59
Clerks salary	£628.22
Jon Abbott, Christmas expenses	£181.08

St Michael & All Angel's Church, electricity contribution	£250.00
Grant Thornton, annual audit	£420.00
DIRECT DEBITS TO:	AMOUNT:
EON	£144.00
Severn Trent Water	£5.13
North West Leicestershire	£9.75
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	£1,981.73

Resolved: All payments were approved and signed by councillors.

535/2018 – Resolution to formally agree precept for 2018/2019

The clerk circulated an updated budget for income and expenditure for 2018/2019 and following a discussion Cllr Tubb proposed that the budget be accepted and that we submit a precept request to NWLDC for £55,019, this was seconded by Cllr Pulford and all councillors where in agreement.

536/2018 – To discuss non payment of licence fees for 2017 by the football club and agree actions

The clerk reported that despite numerous reminders the football licence fees, totalling £1,500, were still outstanding for 2017. The Chair welcomed Mark Eborall, Treasurer of the youth teams, to the meeting. ME reported that there had been a change in the management of the football club and that the youth teams and the senior team had been separated and would be managed independently. ME reported that a meeting of the football club was taking place to discuss the future of the club and created a plan of action.

ME commented that the football club have concerns about the condition of the ground and asked about the responsibility for the pitches and ensuring they are fit for purpose. The Chair commented that the pitches are the responsibility of the football club and all the information is provided in the licence agreements. It was agreed that the clerk would email a copy of these to ME as he had not been made aware of them.

Cllr Plant proposed that members of the football club be invited to a pavilion working party meeting so that their plans can be discussed and to look for a way of moving forward to ensure that the recreation ground is used to its full potential. Councillors agreed and the clerk will email the date of the working party meeting to the football club.

537/2018 – Parish maintenance

a. Playground reports

The clerk reported that the playground reports had been received and that there were no urgent actions required.

b. External WC

Cllr Lunn reported that whilst the external WC appeared to be completed and was usable there still remain several issues outstanding including the replacement of the clear glass external door to a frosted door, the removal off all building materials, handover of keys and all documentation. Cllr Lunn will continue to work with Davidsons to ensure that all the works are completed and that there is a successful handover.

c. To discuss playground quote and agree action

Cllr Lunn reported that she had met with a playground supplier at the various sites within the parish and that quotes had been received for each site. It was agreed that additional quotes needed to be sourced so that comparisons could be made before any decisions on the work to be carried out could be made. The clerk will source alternative suppliers.

d. Update on dog foul posters

Cllr Tubb reported that the posters had been received and passed to the Street Cleaning team at NWLDC who were going to install them at locations across the village.

538/2018 – To discuss the proposed speed limit order at Alton Hill and agree response

The clerk circulated details of the proposed speed limit order prior to the meeting and councillors agreed that they would fully support the application.

539/2018 – To discuss the request from Ravenstone Village Institute for a donation towards building works and agree action

The clerk circulated a copy of the request from the RVI in relation to a donation to support the building works at the village institute along with a proposed schedule of works. Councillors discussed the request and agreed that until the precept request had been approved no decision of the amount to be donated could be agreed. It was agreed that the clerk would contact the RVI and explain that the Parish Council will make a donation and will agree an amount at the April meeting.

540/2018 – To discuss the request from St. Michael & All Angels Church for a donation towards building works and agree response

The clerk circulated a copy of the request from the Church Council in relation to a donation to support the building works at the Church. Councillors discussed the request and agreed that until the precept request had been approved no decision of the amount to be donated could be agreed. It was agreed that the clerk would contact the Church Council and explain that the Parish Council will make a donation and will agree an amount at the April meeting.

541/2018 – Update from the working party meeting and agree actions presented

Cllr Plant reported that the working party had met on the 11th January and had been joined by members of the RVI. The RVI provided an update on the proposed building work at the village institute and discussions were held regarding an online village calendar that could be managed by the clerk. Cllr Lunn suggested that the parish council could produce a quarterly newsletter which would include details of village events and that other groups could contribute to. Cllr Lunn reported that the external toilets at the pavilion were usable but that additional work needed to be carried out and she would work with Davidsons to ensure this was completed. Cllr Plant reported that the working party had produced a budget for 2018/2019 for the pavilion which included all day to day expenditure, salaries, insurance, maintenance and project costs. Cllr Tubb proposed that the budget be accepted and this was seconded by Cllr Welch. Cllr Plant reported that the working party had requested £9,000 from the 2017/2018 allocated reserves for the pavilion to carry out the installation of new windows and doors at the pavilion. Cllr Pulford proposed that the allocated reserves be released and this was seconded by Cllr Norley.

542/2018 – Update on defibrillator installation at the pavilion

The clerk reported that no further action had been taken because EMAS were still trying to source a suitable electricity supply.

543/2018 – To discuss agenda items for the next meeting

- Recreation Ground Working Party update
- Planning
- Parish maintenance
- External WC

544/2018 – Date of next meeting

The clerk confirmed that the date of the next meeting is Thursday 22nd February 2018 commencing at 7.30 PM and papers will be circulated prior to the meeting.

The Chair closed the meeting at 21:20 PM

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