

RAVENSTONE WITH SNIBSTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 25TH MAY 2017

Present: Councillors; Paul Tubb, Sheila Lunn, Jeanette Pendery, Val Pulford and George Norley.
Cllr Eynon and 2 members of the public

In attendance: Helen Chadwick, Clerk

The meeting was opened at 7.00 PM.

433/2017 – Appointment of Chair

- Cllr Pulford proposed Cllr Tubb as the Chair and this was seconded by Cllr Lunn. Cllr Tubb accepted the position of Chair for a further 12 months.

434/2017 – Appointment of Vice Chair

- Cllr Pulford proposed Cllr Lunn as Vice Chair and this was seconded by Cllr Norley. Cllr Lunn accepted the position of the Vice Chair for 12 months.

435/2017 – Resolution to receive apologies for absence

- Cllr Plant and Cllr Welch

436/2017 – Resolution to receive declarations of interest on items on the agenda

- Cllr Pendery declared an interest in item 445/2017 b.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS – 10 minutes

- N/A

437/2017 – To receive County, District and Police reports

- The clerk circulated a copy of the District Councillor report prior to the meeting.
- Apologies were received from PC Mark Arjoo and a report circulated on his behalf.

438/2017 – Resolution to approve and sign minutes of the Parish Council meeting of the 27th April 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 PT as Chair.

439/2017 – Financial matters

a. Resolution to approve payments for May 2017 listed below:

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
NWLDC litter bins	£2,860.00
ESPO, pavilion cleaning items	£43.68
Kevin Shaw, internal auditor	£20.00
2Commune Ltd, website	£270.00
C J Springthorpe, weeding	£142.20
SDI Garden Services, grounds maintenance	£966.00
Pest Away, mole treatment	£600.00
TOTAL	£5,873.65
DIRECT DEBITS TO:	AMOUNT:
EON	£144.00
Severn Trent Water	£5.13
North West Leicestershire	£9.75
TOTAL	£158.88
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	£6,032.53

Resolved: All payments were approved and signed by councillors.

b. Resolution to approve and sign the annual return for 2016/2017

The clerk presented the year end accounts for 2016/2017 which showed an income of £80,165.00 and expenditure of £53,564.96. Councillors reviewed the accounts and Cllr Pulford proposed that they be accepted them as a true reflection of the accounts for 2016/2017 and this was seconded by Cllr Lunn.

Resolution: The year end accounts were signed by the Chair and the clerk, the clerk will submit them to the auditor, Grant Thornton, to ensure we meet the June deadline.

c. Resolution to approve Standing orders

The clerk circulated a copy of the standing orders prior to the meeting and Cllr Pulford proposed that these be approved as a true reflection of the business of the Parish Council, this was seconded by Cllr Lunn.

d. Resolution to approve Financial orders

The clerk circulated a copy of the financial orders prior to the meeting and Cllr Pulford proposed that these be approved as a true reflection of the business of the Parish Council, this was seconded by Cllr Lunn.

440/2017 – Parish maintenance

a. Playground reports and RoSPA inspection

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

441/2017 – To discuss and agree membership for the Recreation Ground Working Party committee

Councillors agreed that it was important for the working party committee to meet as soon as possible to outline the frequency of their meetings, to look at a schedule of work and a proposed budget. It was suggested that Cllr Tubb, Cllr Plant, Cllr Lunn and Cllr Pendery should form the parish council membership and the clerk would liaise with members to agree a meeting date.

442/2017 – To discuss request from property owner to purchase parish council land adjacent to property at St. Michael’s Gate and agree action

The clerk reported that she had received a request from a new property asking whether it would be possible to purchase some of the parish council land that is adjacent to their property. Councillors reviewed the diagram which highlighted the area in question and agreed that the areas has been designated as green space and is a buffer between two housing developments. Councillors agreed that as a parish council we want to protect any green space within the village and confirmed that the land would not be available to purchase.

443/2017 – Update from Davidsons including external WC and allotments

The Chair report that Davidsons planned to take delivery of plant and materials for the floor on Monday and to make the site secure. They plan to dig and pour the foundations on Tuesday, the bricklayers will form the floor on Wednesday, the floor will be poured on Thursday and Friday will be used to clear up and reinstate the area ready for any half term activities. Outstanding work will commence after half term.

The clerk confirmed that she had received no further communication regarding the allotments and it was anticipated that the area would not be handed over until all the houses are completed.

444/2017 – Update on Speedwatch Scheme

The clerk reported that she had submitted a request for a speedwatch scheme in the village and asked Cllr Lunn to confirm the details of the village speedwatch co-ordinator.

445/2017 – To discuss planning applications and prepare any response

Councillors reviewed and commented on the following planning applications:

- a. 17/00238/OUT – erection of up to nine dwellings on land at Church Lane and Wash Lane, Ravenstone – *Councillors reviewed the planning application and agreed that there are concerns about the volume and speed of traffic in this area and suggested that traffic calming measures should be reviewed and that there was a need for better visibility splay on exiting the site.*
- b. 17/00528/FUL – erection of garden shed at 7 Raunstone Close, Ravenstone – *Councillors reviewed the planning application and agreed that they had no formal objections.*

- c. 17/00240/OUT - amended application to erection of nine dwellings including demolition of 26 & 28 Jenny's Lane, Ravenstone - *Councillors reviewed the amended planning application and agreed that the comments previously submitted remained*
- d. 17/00508/VCU - variation of condition 6 of planning permission 15/00147/FUL to extend temporary permission for the wind turbine by five years until 16th June 2041 at Heather Lane, Ravenstone - *Councillors reviewed the application and following a vote (4 to 1) it was agreed that no objection would be submitted.*
- e. 17/00485/FUL - first floor front and side extensions, single storey rear extension and associated landscaping at 27 Creswell Drive, Ravenstone - *Councillors reviewed the planning application and agreed that they had no formal objections.*

446/2017 - To discuss agenda items for the next meeting

- Recreation Ground Management committee
- Planning
- Parish maintenance
- Finance
- External WC
- Dog foul posters

447/2017 - Date of next meeting

The clerk confirmed that the date of the next meeting is Thursday 27th July 2017 commencing at 7.30 PM and papers will be circulated prior to the meeting.

The Chair closed the meeting at 20:00 PM

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