

# RAVENSTONE WITH SNIBSTON PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2017

**Present:** Councillors; Paul Tubb, Sheila Lunn, Jeanette Pendery, Geoff Plant and David Welch and George Norley. PC Mark Arjoo, 2 members of the public and Guy Longley and Helen Prangley (representing Davidsons Developments)

**In attendance:** Helen Chadwick, Clerk

**The Chair opened the meeting at 7.30 PM.**

### **385/2017 – Resolution to receive apologies for absence**

- Cllr Pulford

### **386/2017 – Resolution to receive declarations of interest on items on the agenda**

- Cllr Lunn declared an interest in item 390/2017 a. as she was in receipt of a payment.
- All Councillors declared an interest in item 390/201 b. as residents of Ravenstone.

### **387/2017 – Presentation by Pegasus Group on behalf of Davidsons Development – proposed residential development of 18 dwellings at land west of Ibstock Road, Ravenstone**

The Chair welcomed Helen Prangley from Davidsons Developments and Guy Longley from Pegasus Group to the meeting. Helen Prangley explained that Davidsons had been given the opportunity to acquire some additional land off Ibstock Road and were currently looking to submit a planning application for approximately 18 new dwellings. The proposal will essentially form an extension to the existing residential development which has already commenced on the neighbouring site.

Councillors raised concerns about the lack communication between Davidsons, the parish council and residents regarding ongoing issues with the perimeter fencing and suggested that any neighbouring property that would be affected by the proposed development be written to so that early discussions could be held regarding boundary treatments, etc.

The Chair asked whether it would be possible received regular updates from Davidsons and Helen Prangley agreed to provide an update on timescales, planning application details, communication with local residents, etc. to the clerk on a regular basis.

### **PUBLIC QUESTIONS – 10 minutes**

- Phil Barrington from Ravenstone Football Club attended the meeting and asked whether it would be possible to get another copy of the five year licence that had been agreed. *The clerk confirmed that an electronic version had been resent to Simon Kirkland and a hard copy would be posted out.*

Phil Barrington also raised a concern about the condition of the football pitch and because of the health and safety implications asked the parish council whether any

work could be carried out. *The chair confirmed that the parish council would carry out some investigation work and provide an update to the football club as soon as possible.*

Phil Barrington reported that dog fouling remained a huge issue on the recreation ground and asked whether any could be done to prevent this. *The Chair commented that the parish council were aware of the dog fouling issue and it was agreed that the clerk would contact NWLDC to see whether anyone from the Street Cleansing team could attend the next meeting to discuss the options available.*

Phil Barrington asked for an update on the external toilet block. *The Chair commented that Davidsons would be attending the February meeting and would provide a full update on the external toilet block.*

### 388/2017 – To receive County, District and Police reports

- The clerk circulated a copy of the District Councillor report prior to the meeting and reported that she had received a communication from Cllr Eynon regarding the leaf fall on The Limes. Cllr Eynon had received a letter asking whether anything could be done in relation to clearing the leaves on gardens on The Limes. Councillors discussed the concern and it was agreed that because the gardens are private priority the clearing of the leaves was not a responsibility of the parish council, it was however, suggested that the local scout group be contacted to see whether they could help.
- PC Mark Arjoo presented a verbal report at the meeting.

### 389/2017 – Resolution to approve and sign minutes of the Parish Council meeting of the 24<sup>th</sup> November 2016

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.

### 390/2017 – Financial matters

#### a. Resolution to approve payments for October 2016 listed below:

The clerk presented the payments listed below for authorisation.

<b>BACS TO:</b>	<b>AMOUNT:</b>
Joanne Lee, play inspector salary	£124.80
Mandy Bradshaw, premises officer salary	£203.20
Helen Chadwick, clerks salary	£622.00
HMRC, PAYE	£46.40
Sheila Lunn, keys	£7.00
Helen Chadwick, clerks expenses	£131.66
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£1,135.06</b>
<b>DIRECT DEBITS TO:</b>	<b>AMOUNT:</b>
EON	£122.00
Severn Trent Water	£4.28

North West Leicestershire	£12.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£138.28</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>£1,273.34</b>

**Resolved:** All payments were approved and signed by councillors.

**b. Approve precept request for 2017/2018**

Following on from the discussion at the November meeting, and with no update to the precept, Cllr Tubb proposed that the sum of £53,417 be requested and this was seconded by Cllr Lunn.

**Resolved:** The clerk will formally submit the precept request for 2017/2018 to NWLDC before the 31<sup>st</sup> January deadline.

**c. Phillis Creswell Charity**

Following a communication from with the solicitor the clerk presented an updated 'small charity' constitution and Cllr Tubb proposed that this be accepted and signed and this was seconded by Cllr Lunn. It was agreed that the AGM for the charity would take place in May.

**d. Recreation Ground Management Committee update**

The clerk reported that a copy of the draft constitution had been sent to the solicitor for comment.

**391/2017 – Update from Davidsons regarding external toilets at the pavilion and CDM elements**

The clerk reported that she had received no further update from Davidsons but they had agreed to attend the February meeting to provide a full update.

**392/2017 – Parish maintenance**

**a. Pavilion external light**

The clerk reported that the contractor has still not carried out the necessary works to ensure that the outside light is working effectively and that the external cage has not been fitted. Cllr Plant agreed to contact the contractor.

**b. Pavilion fence repair**

The clerk confirmed that the additional works to the pavilion fence had been carried out and Cllr Plant agreed to check the work prior to payment being made.

**c. Playground reports**

The clerk reported that the playground reports had been received and that there were no urgent actions required. Ongoing maintenance was taking place as required.

**393/2017 – Update on NWLDC discussions about 4 x 4 use at Jubilee Woods**

The clerk reported that she had been approached by NWLDC regarding complaints by members of the public who use the pathway and woodland around Jubilee Woods and on the land of the Bennions who have been attempting to prevent 4 x 4 vehicles and quad bikes from accessing the land for recreation purposes. NWLDC are in the process of setting up a meeting with the police and the land owner to look at what action can be taken.

**394/2017 – To discuss planning applications and prepare any response**

Councillors reviewed and commented on the following planning applications:

- a. 16/01374/FUL – erection of a two storey side/rear extension and a single storey rear extension at 18 Ibstock Road, Ravenstone – *Councillors reviewed the updated planning application and agreed that it had the same concerns that were raised when the original planning application was submitted and it was agreed to resubmit the original response.*
- b. 16/01422/FUL – use of annex as independent dwelling at Whitegates Farm, Wash Lane, Ravenstone – *Councillors reviewed the planning application agreed that there was no objection.*

**395/2017 – To discuss agenda items for the next meeting**

- Recreation Ground Management committee
- External toilet block
- Planning
- Dog fouling/dog control orders
- Flood lighting

**396/2017 – Date of next meeting**

The clerk confirmed that the date of the next meeting is Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2017 and papers will be circulated prior to the meeting.

**The Chair closed the meeting at 21:00 PM**

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