

RAVENSTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING held on Wednesday 17th June 2009

1. OPENING PROCEDURES:

1.1 **PRESENT:** B Ball, S Holt (Chairman), P Foss, J Matts, S Pasley-Tyler, M Worthington

1.2 **APOLOGIES:** J Jones, R Spring, C Clewes, C Boardman (CC)

1.3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Personal - none

Personal and Prejudicial - none

2.1 **THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING held on Wednesday 20th May 2009** were agreed and signed by the chairman as a true record.

3. MATTERS ARISING

3.1 **Teeton Road Pit** – J Matts has looked at this and advised that the tenant was doing nothing contrary to the tenancy agreement.

4. **PUBLIC TIME** – there were no members of the public present

5. BUSINESS

5.1 **Dog Mess** – letter to parishioners – S Holt had drafted a letter which council members had seen, he advised of slight alterations. This was discussed. It was agreed that this should be printed and delivered to all households. Several councillors offered to help with distribution.

5.2 **Garden – the Banks** – the clerk advised that she was chasing the contractor. Two people had come forward to look after the area after its' initial clearance. It was agreed that Ruth Giles should be asked to do it. She would be paid £80 a year.

5.3 **Speed Watch** – B Ball advised that the signs will be taken down at the end of June to be replaced with mobile flashing signs. She asked that the name 'Speedwatch' could be changed to 'Road Safety' enabling other matters to be encompassed.

5.4 **Village Emergency Plan** – the clerk and chairman had not had time to look at this – to be put on next agenda.

5.5 **Powers of Well Being in the Community** – paper is in circulation – in R Spring's absence it was agreed to discuss this at the next meeting.

5.6 **Pocket Park Gate** – disabled access – J Matt advised that this will be done by the end of the summer.

5.7 **WNDC** – West Northants Manual for Design Codes Consultation and Presentation Invitation – 17th or 18th June at WNDC Offices, Franklin Road – councillors notified

5.8 **East Midlands Regional Assembly** – Regional Plan Partial Review: Options Consultation Launch – issues housing, transport and climate change, half day workshops to be held in July. – M Worthington or S Holt will try to attend this.

5.9 **Daventry & District Housing** – 'Help us make a difference to your environment!' – funding available for environmental projects. To be passed on to Playing Field Committee.

5.10 **NCALC** Update May June 09 Yellow Book – 'Local Council Administration' by Charles Arnold. Eighth Addition. (we hold the fifth). – It was unanimously agreed that this would be a waste of money for such a small council. Training Courses available: 'Code of Conduct'. 'Chairmanship Training', 'Engaging with Communities and Working in Partnership', 'Off to a flying Start.' Training courses were noted. – 'Update' to be circulated.

6. **PLANNING** – there were no planning matters

7. FINANCE

7.1 It was AGREED TO PAY THE FOLLOWING ACCOUNTS

Brian Alderwick	New Notice Board	450.00
E. Peachey	Clerk salary April-June 09	523.53
	Expenses: 73.27	596.80
TOTAL		1046.80

Income Received: Allotment Rent £20.00

7.2 BALANCES AT BANK £6554.61

8. COUNCILLORS REPORTS AND RISK ASSESSMENTS

8.1 Pocket Park – in good order

8.2 Allotments – in good order

9. CORRESPONDENCE

10. LEAFLETS and CORRESPONDENCE for information purposes only

10.1 West Northants Joint Planning Unit – Planning Briefing –

www.westnorthamptonshirejpu.org – to be circulated

10.2 DDC – Licensing Act 2003: Community Premises – information pack – to be kept on file

11. Items for next month's Agenda

Road Safety

Pot Holes and White Lines

Street Lighting

The meeting closed at 8.36pm