

RAVENSTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING held on Wednesday 15th September 2010

1. OPENING PROCEDURES:

- 1.1 **PRESENT:** R Alibone, S Holt (Chairman), J Humphrey, J Matts, R Spring, S. Pasley-Tyler, J Jones(8.10)
- 1.2 **APOLOGIES:** B Ball, M Worthington

1.3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Personal

Personal and Prejudicial

- 2.1 **THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING** held on Wednesday 21st July 2010 were agreed and signed as correct by the chairman.
- 2.2 **THE MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING** held on 4th August 2010 were agreed and signed as correct by the chairman.
- 2.3 **THE MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING** held on 1st September 2010 were agreed and signed as correct by the chairman.

3. MATTERS ARISING

- 3.1 **Electoral Review** – the chairman said that he had given councillors an opportunity to air their views but no one had come back with any comments.
- 4. **PUBLIC TIME** – David Shepherd, church warden, advised the council that one of the trees on the boundary of the churchyard and allotments had had to be removed as it had become dangerous. He said that of the four remaining trees all bar one are in the middle of the boundary. With reference to previous discussions he asked the council what it might consider doing with regard the maintenance of these.

5. BUSINESS

- 5.1 **Street Lighting** – D Millard had said that he could not attend an evening meeting – the clerk to arrange a daytime meeting with J Matt and S Holt.
- 5.2 **Internal Audit** – Standing Orders – the chairman advised that he knew that councillors did not feel it necessary to leave the room for the vote, after having declared an interest. He said that he will write to Danny Moody at NNALC regarding these changes.
- 5.3 **Clearance of bushes and weeds** - Little Lane - the chairman advised that as this was getting out of hand and causing a nuisance for pedestrians he asked the clerk to get the work carried out as a matter of urgency. Councillors agreed that this was a job well done.
- 5.4 **Top Ardles Wood** – access – J Matts said that he had spoken with the chairman of the Woodland Trust with regard to the fact that public only have a permissive right to access at the moment. She was going to look into this. It was agreed that there should be a sign on the squeeze post asking dog owners to keep their dogs on a lead. Something to go in the newsletter.
- 5.5 **Code of Conduct** – Standards Committee Training event and Aide-memoir - It was felt that training was not necessary. A copy of the aide memoir was circulated to all councillors.
- 5.6 **Vitalise – essential breaks** – request for donation – to be circulated
- 5.7 **NCC** – Northamptonshire Minerals and Waste Development Framework – Core Strategy Development Plan – it was agreed that the council ask to be kept informed of any changes.
- 5.8 **NNC** – Emergency Planning Conference – Preparing for Winters Worst – Thurs 7th Oct

It was agreed that notes of the meeting should be asked for along with voicing concerns regarding the filling of salt bins.

5.9 Pavement Parking and Speeding – a letter was received from a resident regarding these problems, he suggested that putting articles in the newsletter from time to time was not sufficient. A discussion took place and it was noted that most of the parking on pavements was done by visitors. It was felt that any specific problems should be put to Glyn Lewis so official action can then taken. A further note will go in the newsletter and the chairman said that he would respond to the letter.

5.10 NCALC - Update July /August – includes Training calendar – to be circulated

6. PLANNING

6.1 Planning Permissions

DA/2010/0570 Conversion of adjoining barn to work at home office, additional living accommodation and upgrading of existing games room. The Dolls House, Teeton Road

7. FINANCE

7.1 IT WAS AGREED TO PAY THE FOLLOWING ACCOUNTS

David Grainger	Village Mowing April/May/June	1266.06
Anglian Water	Allotments	14.12
The Lawn Ranger	Cutting back in Little Lane	50.00
E Peachey	Clerk Salary July – Sept 10	£523.53
	Expenses – Stamps	9.02
	Heat and Light	25.00
		557.55

TOTAL **£1887.73**

7.2 BALANCES AT BANK **£5588.62**

8. CORRESPONDENCE

8.1 No-Need for Nuclear – House of Commons Early Day Motion No 557 – to be circulated

8.2 Northamptonshire Licensing Partnership – Licensing Act 2003 – clerk to pass on to village hall and playing field chairmen.

8.2 DDC – Parish and Town Councils' Meeting July Minutes – to be circulated

9. COUNCILLORS REPORTS AND RISK ASSESSMENTS

9.1 Pocket Park – in good order. R Spring advised that the meadow mowing had been carried out and volunteers from the post office will again rake it next week.

9.2 Allotments – in good order. The felling of the ash tree was noted

9.3 Highways – the outcome of the speedwatch carried out in July/August was encouraging only three drivers exceeded the 30mph speed limit. Many people stopped to talk with the volunteers about the initiative. Overall it was felt that the project raised awareness of the dangers of speeding. B Ball thanked her small team of volunteers but added, for the scheme to continue more volunteers were needed.

10. LEAFLETS and CORRESPONDENCE to be circulated

Village Viewpoint
Clerks and Councils Direct
Being a good employer

11. Items for next month's Agenda

Trees on Churchyard/allotment boundary
Dog Fouling

The meeting closed at 9.20pm