

# RAVENSTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING held on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2009 at 8.00pm

### 1. OPENING PROCEDURES:

1.1 **PRESENT:** B Ball, Clewes, P Foss, S Holt, J Jones, J Matts (chairman), S Pasley-Tyler, R Spring, M Worthington

1.2 **APOLOGIES:** Councillor Boardman (CC)

### 1.3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

**Personal**

**Personal and Prejudicial:** P Foss (Mineral Plan), J Matts (HGVs)

2.1 **THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING held on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2009** were agreed and signed as correct by the chairman.

### 3. MATTERS ARISING

3.1 **Notice board** – this will be made slightly bigger with two locking doors for PC and one for public notices. It will be done as soon as possible.

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

### 5. BUSINESS

5.1 **Condition of footpaths around the village** – it was agreed that there were several highway areas which needed looking at these include: Guilsborough Road footpath, Little Lane, the railings at the end of Little Lane, marking of white lines etc. It was agreed to arrange a site meeting with Ian Smith and a few councillors.

5.2 **Speed Watch** – C Clewes advised that he had resigned from this as he no longer had the time required. B Ball will take over with help from him. C Clewes was thanked for all the work he had carried out over the past few years. PC John McQuade had requested to attend the next parish council meeting to give a brief presentation. This was agreed. This will be put in the newsletter and a notice will be posted on the notice board. More volunteers are needed for speedwatch. It was advised that at the last Community Panel Meeting it was emphasised that speed/road and traffic offences were still high on the police agenda.

5.3 **Dog Bin** – a licence has now been granted and the clerk will order a bin immediately. A very generous donation has been received from Mr Ian Bennion towards the cost of this.

5.4 **Request from co-ordinator for new neighbourhood Watch Signs** – The council agreed to purchase 8 new signs from Dave Sheville Signs and Designs at £7.25 + VAT.

5.5 **NCC Northants Minerals Development Plan** – circulated – it was agreed that this did not affect Ravensthorpe at this time.

5.6 **Village of the Year Competition** – after discussion it was agreed not to enter this year.

5.7 **Village Litter Pick – Operation Spring Clean** – this will take place on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March meeting at 2.00pm outside the village hall. Notice to go on notice board and in newsletter.

5.8 **NCC Local Councils Spring Conference 18<sup>th</sup> March 2009** – noted - to go in circulation

5.9 **NCALC Jan-Feb Update** - circulation

5.10 **Age Concern** – IT Classes – this was handed to P Foss to pass on to other village groups.

5.13 **HGVs** – S Holt advised that he and representatives from East Haddon and Holdenby met with John Trimble who advised that he is happy to go ahead with signage that will discourage traffic through the three villages. Entrances covered would include Long Lane from A428 and East Haddon exits from A248. These signs would read 'Local Access Only' and hopefully will be installed by the end of May. J Trimble would offer assistance to local businesses using these routes. BIFFA hope to see Welford tip closed as soon as possible.

6. **PLANNING** there were no planning items

### 7. FINANCE

7.1 **ACCOUNTS TO BE PAID** – there were no accounts to be paid

7.2 **BALANCES AT BANK**                    **£5915.22**

## **8. COUNCILLORS REPORTS AND RISK ASSESSMENTS**

**8.1 Pocket Park** – only previous issues which are currently being reviewed.

**8.2 Allotments** – All in order

**8.3 Affordable Housing** – a question was raised by a parishioner concerned at the number of street lights in such a small area. The subject of street lighting in general was raised. Clerk to have a word with the housing association. It was further advised that two of the properties were now occupied.

## **9. CORRESPONDENCE**

**9.1 Neighbourhood Watch** – asking the council to support their local groups – this we do

**9.2 Ravensthorpe Village Hall – a letter** thanking the council for the donation for the purchase of a soup kettle.

**9.3 DDC** – have Adopted of Public Health Act 1925 Sections 17 to 19

## **10. LEAFLETS and CORRESPONDENCE for information purposes only**

**10.1** Daventry District and S Northants Safer Stronger Partnership Objectives – to be circulated

## **11. Items for next month's Agenda**

Update – councillor's apologies

Items for parish meeting

The meeting closed at 8.55 pm