

# RAVENSTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING held on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2009

### 1. OPENING PROCEDURES:

1.1 **PRESENT:** B Ball, S Holt (Chairman), J Jones, J Matts, R Spring, M Worthington and one member of the public

1.2 **APOLOGIES:** P Foss, S Pasley-Tyler

### 1.3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

**Personal** - None

**Personal and Prejudicial** - None

2.1 **THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING** held on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2009 were agreed and signed as correct by the chairman.

2.2 **THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING** held on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2009 were agreed and signed as correct by the chairman.

2.3 **THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING** held on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2009 were agreed and signed as correct by the chairman.

### 3. MATTERS ARISING

3.1 **Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator** – the council were advised that Mr Ian Baverstock had agreed to take over from Rosemary as Co-ordinator – clerk to write Rosemary expressing the council's thanks for all her hard work and to Ian for taking over the job.

3.2 **Phone Box** – B Ball told the meeting that the WI had expressed an interest in this. The clerk advised that an item which had been ratified by the council could not be looked at again for six months.

3.3 **Dog Bins** – the clerk advised that the most sensible position for this would be near the telegraph pole on the East Haddon Road.

### 4. PUBLIC TIME

### 5. BUSINESS

5.1 **Co-option of Councillor** – the chairman advised that the DDC had reported that no one had come forward asking for an election so the council may now co-opt a member on. As the post had been advertised for some time and only one person had shown an interest he felt that this should be done as soon as possible. He then proposed that Jeremy Humphrey be co-opted on to the council, R Spring seconded the motion. Put to the vote all in favour. Jeremy will officially take up the post next month. He was welcomed and thanked by the council.

5.2 **Audit for the year ending 31 March 2009** – 2 matters were brought to the council's attention. A. Risk Assessment B. Fidelity Guarantee. It was agreed that J Jones and the clerk would look into this in greater detail and report back at the next meeting. It was further agreed that this should be looked at on an annual basis towards the end of the financial year.

5.3 **Scott Fowler** – Ravensthorpe Play Area – council advised that the draft transfer had been looked at and the solicitors are awaiting the Land Registry results.

5.4 **NALC** -2009/2010 National Final Salary Award for local council clerks – as this was only 1% the clerk said that she was quite happy to wait until the next review in April/May next year.

5.5 **NCC** – Consultation on the proposal by NNC to operate a permit scheme in accordance with the Traffic Management Permit Scheme (England) Regulations 2007 on its highway network. – Circulated – it was agreed that the council would not consult on this paper. Clerk to put relevant information on notice board.

- 5.6 Local Works – Sustainable Communities Act** – it was agreed that the council would not act on this – clerk to put in circulation
- 5.7 Society of Local Council Clerks** – Membership – the clerk advised that she did not feel this was necessary at this time.
- 5.8 WNDC** – Pre-Consultation Notification: WNDC Sustainability Manual – awaiting full consultation
- 5.9 Meeting with County Councillor** – the chairman advised that Catherine had suggested meeting with him and other councillors to help address any on going issues in the village. S Holt said that he is willing to meet with her and asked councillors to advise him of any matters they felt should be raised. It was suggested that she should be invited to specific meetings which might be of particular interest. The clerk did advise that she was invited to all council meetings and did receive the agendas and minutes.
- 5.10 NCC** – Northamptonshire Electric Blanket Testing Week 26<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> October 2009 – to go on notice board
- 5.11 Allotments-** Buildings (B Ball declared an interest as an allotment holder) – due to requests from allotment holders the council agreed that with permission, temporary buildings (sheds/Greenhouses) could be erected on the allotments. The terms would be:
- The parish council would hold no responsibility for the structures and the tenant would be responsible for security.
  - The Parish Council reserves the right to ask for removal at any time.
  - The size of the structure will be no bigger than 10' x 8' and the ridge no higher than 8'.
- The clerk to write to all allotment holders and update the Tenancy Agreement.
- 5.12 Village Benches** – Repairs – minor repairs are needed on some benches. J Matts said that he would ask Bob Osborne to repair them. This was agreed by the council.
- 5.13 Refuse Lorries** – speeding – B Ball voiced her concern at the number of speeding refuse lorries (in groups) speeding along the High Street – noted on the 15<sup>th</sup> September at around 1.30. Clerk to write to DDC.

**6. PLANNING** - None

**7. FINANCE**

**7.1 IT WAS AGREED TO PAY THE FOLLOWING ACCOUNTS**

e.on	Street lighting maintenance	141.67
BDO	Audit for year end March 2009	155.25
Smith of Derby	Service of Church Clock	196.64
<b>Total</b>		<b>493.56</b>

**7.2 Received DDC** - Precept Oct – March 2010 £3348.00

**7.3 BALANCES AT BANK** £6724.51

**8. CORRESPONDENCE**

- 8.1 BT** – letter of acknowledgement
- 8.2 DDC Parish & Town Councils' Meeting Minutes** – June 2009 – to be circulated
- 8.3 Centre Screen** – to be passed to the Village Hall

**9. COUNCILLORS REPORTS AND RISK ASSESSMENTS**

- 9.1 Pocket Park** – all in good order. R Spring reported that the mowing and raking had been carried out. He added that the Pat Patrick Seat looks very good.
- 9.2 Allotments** – all in good order
- 9.3 Highways** – nothing to report

**10. LEAFLETS – to be circulated**

**10.1 Northants 50+ Network**

**10.2 emda news**

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

Precept

Guilsborough Road Pavement

Street Lighting

The meeting closed at 8.58pm