

RAVENSTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING Held on Wednesday 19th May 2010

1. OPENING PROCEDURES

1.1 **ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN** – R Spring proposed and M Worthington seconded S Holt, there being no other nominations S Holt was duly elected chairman, he signed a declaration of acceptance and took the chair.

1.2 **ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN** – R Spring proposed S Pasley-Tyler, M Worthington seconded the motion, there being no further nominations S Pasley-Tyler was duly elected.

1.3 **APOLOGIES:** B Ball, S Pasley-Tyler

PRESENT: S Holt (Chairman), J Humphrey, J Jones, R Spring, M Worthington, J Matts (8.05)

1.4 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

Personal – None

Personal and Prejudicial - None

1.5 **ADOPTION of Standing Orders** – S Holt advised the meeting that new Standing Orders had been issued and had changed a little. He said that they needed looking at in some detail and he was willing to do this and draw up a list of changes for the council to look at, at the next meeting with the intention of the council approving them then.

1.6 **The following APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS AND OTHER REPRESENTATIVES were made:**

Responsible Financial Officer – E Peachey Clerk

Internal Checkers – J Jones and S Holt

Bank Signatories – E Peachey, J Matts, Jones, S Holt

Planning Co-ordinator – M Worthington

Grass Cutting Officer – R Spring

Highways Officer – B Ball

Tree Warden – it was agreed to find someone who may be interested in trees and look at the role. Clerk to get a new TPO map from DDC to enable the council to acquaint themselves with those trees.

Village Hall Representative – R Spring

Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator – Ian Baverstock

Footpath Warden – Mo Cobbe

Pocket Park Co-ordinator – Cliff Giles

Snow Wardens – Coton: J Jones, Ravensthorpe: J Matts

1.7 SEATS - maintenance

East Haddon Road

Teeton Road

West Haddon Road

Coton Road

After discussion it was agreed to leave this for discussion next month.

2. **THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING held on Wednesday 21st April 2010** were agreed and signed as correct by the chairman.

3. MATTERS ARISING

3.1 **Parish Litter Warden Scheme** – Concerns were raised that if someone was paid to do this job the picking up of litter might be perceived to be ‘someone else’s job’ and those who do it voluntarily and take part in the litter pick may not feel inclined to do so. It was agreed not to go ahead with this.

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

5. BUSINESS

5.1 Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting – these were check and found correct by the parish council

5.2 Matters arising from the APM:

5.2.1 Street Lighting – the meeting was advised that there had been concerns voiced regarding the lamp outside the pub and lamps on Dairy Field. No other concerns had been voiced. After lengthy discussion it was agreed to have a trial run and switch of lamps 20,25,33,40 and 41. Clerk to contact eon regarding them being switched off.

5.2.2 Ash Trees in Church Yard – A parishioner had asked if an agreement could be reached with the parochial council concerning the trees bordering the allotments. This was discussed and it was felt that none of the trees were dangerous – these are the parochial councils’ responsibility.

5.3 Presentation of Accounts for Year Ending 31st March 2010 – it was agreed that the accounts should be passed and signed as a true record. S Holt and J Jones duly signed the accounts.

5.4 Co-option of Councillor – the clerk said that the DDC have advised that the council can now go ahead with co-opting someone on to the council. A notice will go on the notice board. It is hoped that someone will co-opted on next month.

5.5 Dog Bins – R Spring advised that he had met with Lisa Hand who had said that the DDC is not interested in servicing any more dog bins. Litter bins can be used and this would be collected as normal waste. It was recommended that the litter bin near Scott Close (this is little used) should be relocated to the corner of West Haddon Road. This was agreed by the council.

5.6 NCALC – Annual Membership and LCR Magazine – it was agreed to subscribe to the Membership but not the magazine.

5.7 Parking in the Village – M Worthing voiced her concerns regarding people parking on the pavements, thus blocking them to pedestrians. It is particularly bad by the garage and in Teeton Road. After discussion it was agreed that councillors would approach property owners and that a general note should be put in the newsletter.

5.8 NCC – You Choose Campaign - noted

6. PLANNING

6.1 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

DA/2010/0356 Work to trees subject of a TPO. Land at Teeton Road, Ravensthorpe. Mr Christopher Jones.

No Observations

6.2 PLANNING PERMISSIONS

DA/2010/0187 Single storey extension to front of house to provide enlarged dining room, garage and enclosed porch. Richwood House, 37 Guilsborough Road, Ravensthorpe

7. FINANCE

7.1 It was agreed to pay the following ACCOUNTS

Aon	Parish Council Insurance	799.43
NCALC	Membership Subscription	£152.40 292.71
	Internal Audit Fee	140.31
TOTAL		1092.14
 PAYMENTS RECEIVED	Allotment Rents	110.00
	DDC ½ year Precept	5500.00

BALANCES AT THE BANK £7619.00

8. COUNCILLORS REPORTS AND RISK ASSESSMENTS

Allotments - all in good order

Pocket Park – The trail through the trees has been done, but this has brought up new risks. There are stumps left and the ground is uneven. There was discussion as to how to overcome these problems and it was finally agreed that R Spring should ask the pocket park co-ordinator her advice. R Spring also advised that a parishioner had offered to mow the pocket park – this is done by D Grainger at the moment – it was agreed that this offer should be taken up and then D Grainger again asked to do the play area by the affordable housing, in place of the mowing on the pocket park.

It was advised that C Giles had purchased a Strimmer for work at the Pocket Park with his own money. It was agreed that the parish council should consider paying for this as a volunteer should not be out of pocket. It was suggested that it could then be used for other areas in the village. Discussions to continue at next meeting.

Highways – there was no report

9. CORRESPONDENCE

9.1 DDC – Meeting of Parish and Town Councils’ – Change of date – now Thursday 1 July 2010 – M Worthington will try to attend.

9.2 Society of Local Clerks – Regional Conference for East Midlands

10. LEAFLETS AND CORRESPONDENCE for information purposes only

10.1 Clerks and Councils Direct

10.2 Community Panel Meeting Minutes 14th April 2010

11. Items for next month’s Agenda

The meeting closed at 10.04pm