

RAVENSWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 24<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2022**

**Present**

Cllr A Ayres (Chair)  
Cllr B Hird  
Cllr C Robinson

4 Members of the Parish

Cllr Ayres welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**1. To receive and note **apologies for absence****

Councillor Kilvington was unable to attend.

**2. To receive '**Declarations of Interest**' in items on the agenda**

There were no Declarations of Interest.

**3. To approve the **minutes** of the meeting held on the:**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> November 2021 were approved.

**4. **Matters Arising****

The Parish Council voted unanimously to commit to supporting the 20's Plenty for North Yorkshire campaign calling on North Yorkshire Council to implement 20mph in Ravensworth. We join more than 100 Councils across North Yorkshire including local ones like Whashton, Melsonby, Manfield, Aldbrough, Caldwell & Middleton Tyas.

The acoustics issue with the Village Hall is under investigation but our expert is recovering from a burst appendix so there will be a delay as he recovers.

Our work on Public Rights of Way continues and successful contact has been made with Andrew Brown, the Council Officer responsible for Hambleton & Richmondshire and with George Bateman of the Ramblers' Association. Both gentlemen have visited Ravensworth in response to our communications.

Issues with the parking of vehicles on Village Hall land have been discussed with those involved and will be addressed in writing so the situation is clear.

**5. **Open Forum****

Concerns were raised over increasing levels of dog fouling in the village - poo on The Green, pavements and local paths and the irritating habit of some who leave plastic bags full of excrement in a variety of locations including next to bins. It was agreed that every resident should be encouraged to point out to negligent dog owners their responsibilities and suggested that anyone not complying should be publicly identified.

**6. Finance & Payments**

There was little to report since the last meeting with the balance of the account having increased by £5.04 through bank interest to £10,777.79. Invoices are due for 2021 grass cutting and 2022-23 parish insurance.

**7. Planning Applications & Updates**

Ravensworth Nurseries were granted permission for the change of use of land for the siting of 40 Holiday Lodges/Caravans at a full meeting of the planning committee on 30 November 2021. Information about the planning conditions associated with the development are available at <https://www.richmondshire.gov.uk/planning-and-climate-change/planning-applications/view-planning-applications-and-decisions/> Of particular note is the requirement that a footpath must be constructed from the holiday home entrance to the village before there is any operation of the business.

Permission has been given for the 10 Glamping Pods at Greenbank Farm. Information regarding the design of the pods have been submitted for planning consideration.

There has been no decision yet on the 2 additional houses at the Mill Farm development.

In the summer of 2019, a planning application was made to install a fuel station at Mainsgill Farm Shop. The PC along with numerous others made objections to the proposal. While the application was not approved, it remained undecided. There is evidence that progress is being sought by Mainsgill.

**8. Reports on Village Green & Hall**

Illness and bad weather have precluded any progress with repair to the lower track.

Councillor Robinson reported on matters related to the Village Hall. Revenue from hall hire continues to cover running costs. There has been good feedback from hall users and Whashton have booked the hall for all their Parish Meetings. She thanked Ken Bell for replacing the oil monitor and then outlined the refurbishment programme for the hall. Planning permission has been sought namely as per 21/01020/LBC | Listed Building Consent to Carry Out Repairs to Stone Windows, Repoint, Repair Roof, Repoint North Gable Wall with Lime Plaster, Widen Entrance Door on Attached Porch, Improve and Make Safe External Ground Surrounding Hall and Remove Concrete from Stone Walls for Gravel Soakaway.

The Ravensworth Village Hall Charity is in the process of being established and the meeting agreed its draft constitution in principle. While the charity has its own constitution and independent finance, it will work closely with the Parish Council in all relevant matters and will have a councillor as one of its trustees. The hall remains the property of the Parish Council.

**9. Any Other Business**

Ken Bell outlined some material regarding the village school of the 1900's, attended by 95 pupils, which he intended to add the website

<https://ravensworthvillage.wixsite.com/website/history-of-the-local-area>

**The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 4 April 2022 at 7pm.**

**The Meeting Closed at 19.54 pm.**