

MINUTES- PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of a meeting of the above-mentioned Parish Council held in the Lonegan Room, Leisure Centre Ravenshead on **Monday 16th February 26** commencing at 7pm.

Present Councillors Cllr M Smith (Chairman), A Smith, C Pitt S Harris, C Barnfather, T Barnfather, R Stevenson
Clerk Belinda Kalka

The Chairman opened the meeting and invited those present to observe a moment of reflection in memory of Marjory Ayre, a founder Parish Councillor in 1987, and Mark Bradbury, a local resident and shopkeeper who, over the years, had given valued support to Parish Council.

128. Apologies-. Cllrs S Bestwick-Vice Chairman, S Pickering, H Stoddard.

129 Declaration of Interest

Resolved No declaration of interests to be recorded.

130. Minutes of the Full Council Meeting of 19th January 2026

Resolved The minutes of the Full Council meeting of 19th January 26 be accepted as a true record and would be signed by Councillor M Smith.
Proposed by Cllrs M Smith & C Pitt all in favour.

131. Minutes of the Planning Meetings of 5th January & 2nd February 2026

Resolved The minutes of the Planning Meetings of the 5th of January & 2nd February 2026 were accepted as a true record and be signed by Councillor C Barnfather
Proposed by Councillor A Smith & S Harris all in favour.

132. Accounts & Finance

a. financial reports - for January 26 were distributed prior to the meeting.

b. Accounts January 26.

Resolved To approve the income of £21,405.49 for the month of January 26
To approve the expenditure of 39,925.46 the month of January 26

Proposed by Cllrs M Smith & C Barnfather

c) **User Fees The 2026/27- User Fees** were circulated prior for their recommendations; The 2026/27 user fees to be increased with a 3.95% increase, this increase would be in line with the financial year 1st April 2026

Resolved Annual Increase of 3.95% was accepted and to be implemented with effect from 1st April 2026. All users to be advised accordingly.

Proposed by Cllrs C Pitt & M Smith

d. **NIC Industrial Cleaners Ltd- National Living Wage –**

Correspondence received from NIC Cleaners Ltd regarding the increase of the minimum National Living Wage with effect from 1st April 26, therefore, the monthly invoice will increase to £410.00 per week. However, due to the refurbishment the Cleaners contractual hours have been amended accordingly and approved by NIC.

Resolved Noted information. Proposed by Cllr M Smith, all in favour.

e. **Booking Office- Report –**

The Clerks will liaise with the Booking Office to be proactive in filling any available time slots, particularly at prime time's where cancellations have occurred. A waiting list to be implemented.

End of Year Closedown - DCK Accounting Solutions has been instructed to perform the closedown of the year ending 31st March 2026. Date and time to be confirmed.

Resolved To note information

f. **Booking Office- Staffing – Confidential Item.**

Following the recent resignation in the Booking Office, it was proposed that the vacancy be filled internally. Therefore, it was proposed that the Parish Council Clerk assume the role, with the associated hours and rate of pay in line with the Booking Office position.

Resolved Proposed by M. Smith – all were in favour

133. Accidents, Incidents & Policies

- **Policy P037 & P037A- New wording adoption**

Resolved Proposed by Cllrs C Pitt & C Barnfather – all were in favour

134. Matters Arising **NB Public Session Time at approx. 7.30pm.**

Police Matters -Cllr S Harris- would provide her update via email; this report will give details of the Ravenshead crimes which have occurred since the last meeting.

Cllr S. Harris confirmed that, unfortunately, the recent Beat Surgery did not go ahead and is hopefully being rearranged for Wednesday 18 February.

Resolved The Clerks to circulate according.

135. Ravenshead Leisure Centre.

- Howdens Game Changer programme submitted by the FA, application for new kitchen cupboards at the centre. We have been successful in our application. Work needs completing by 3rd May 25.
- Shower maintenance -still experiencing water pressure/availability and temperature issues.
- Drainage at the rear of the building cleared. Works need to be done to the downpipe and one drain dug up to investigate further the blockage issue. Quote attached

Resolved Councillors had previously approved the expenditure of £5,010 plus VAT, installation to be considered for April/May 2026 (the start of the new financial year).

Cllrs M. Smith, C. Barnfather and C. Pitt have arranged to meet on Saturday 28 February to dismantle the existing kitchen/tiles/flooring in preparation for Pete Johnson.

The Football Foundation have confirmed that the pre-commencement conditions have now been met, and they would confirm to Howdens HQ. Once they receive their approval to proceed, the PC will receive an email granting permission to move forward with our local depot.

The Clerk will arrange for a skip.

135. Play Areas/Lengthsman/Ravenshead Commoners.

Abbey Gates Park – Cllr T Barnfather. Continues to do the weekly checks and litter picking of the playpark

Cllr T. Barnfather confirmed that all is well at Abbey Gates Play Park. However, the wet pour surface is to be monitored as it is showing signs of deterioration.

It was also reported that the see-saw is making a clunking noise; the Clerk will ask the Handyman to investigate.

The installation of the mesh is still outstanding.

Resolved Information noted- Actions for the Handyman

Haddon Road Park- Cllr A Smith-

- Tarmac funding bid to be submitted Nov 25- decision expected by the end of March 26.

Resolved The decision regarding the tarmac funding application is still awaited. However, in the meantime, Cllrs A. Smith and T. Barnfather will prepare for the purchase of the new pieces of equipment.

Leisure Centre Play Park- Cllr T Barnfather –would continue to do the weekly checks and litter picking of the playpark.

Resolved Weekly monitoring of all the park will continue, and any issues would be reported to the Clerks.

Section 106 funds to be ring-fenced.

Cornwater Common- Cllr C. Pitt – confirmed that not been able to undertake cutting due to recent weather condition.

Resolved

- It was reported again that both kissing gates leading from the Leisure Centre site—located at Regina Crescent and Swallow Crescent—require replacement wooden posts. The Clerk is currently liaising with Ilkeston Fencing into replacements.
- Eco Group- meeting on Saturday 14th March 26 10-1pm.

136. Ground Maintenance/Football/Petanque/Tennis Pitch Funding –Maintenance

- FF Maintenance fund received for 2025/26 season, 3rd year rate reduction. – Start of season pitch inspection complete and report received. Next due March 26.

Resolved GBC Local Communities Fund for £18,450.00 has been successful to cover the cost of root severance and resurfacing works on court 2, this will including all appropriate court

markings. It was noted that the requirements of the grant include a match-funding contribution from the Parish Council.

136. Village Matters/Litter Picks/Ravenshead in Bloom –S Harris. S Pickering

The next litter-picking session have been scheduled for
Saturday 28th March, Friday 24th April, Saturday 30th May

- Cllr S. Harris will inspect the barrels around the village and report to the Clerk if any need replacement prior to the Spring planting.
- It was discussed that during the handyman's periods of annual leave, Councillors will be informed so that litter picking on the leisure centre grounds and the emptying of bins can be arranged accordingly.

138. Leisure Centre Refurbishment

- 12 payments from Football Foundation received.

Resolved The Parish Council is currently working with ARC to resolve the shower issues. An update on their findings and the proposed solution is imminent.

139. Local government Reorganisation-

The Parish Council's view is to remain outside of the city. There is currently a consultation available on the Gedling Borough Council website.

A decision is expected to be made in June 2026

140. Parish Council- Website update

The Clerk will contact Sharpe IT to obtain a quotation to update the Parish Council website, which is currently very dated. The aim is to create a more user-friendly and easier-to-navigate site, in a similar style to the Leisure Centre website.

Resolved The quotation will be discussed at the next F&GP meeting in April.

141. Correspondence & Newsletter Information

- Ravenshead 60th Anniversary Event- Picnic 20th June 26 – Village Hall.
- Blue Grit Bin- Request

Resolved **The 60th Anniversary event** will be held on 20th June 2026 from 1.00pm to 5.00pm. At the Village Hall. A Bar is available at the Village Hall.

This will be a "bring your own picnic" event. There will be a children's fancy dress competition with a 1960s-character theme. Pete Johnson will provide the music; a local historian will give a display and talk.

Grit Bin Request- Cllr M. Smith proposed the installation of a new blue grit bin at The Birches. All were in favour.

Funding will be provided from the GBC Councillor's pot.

142 AOB- None

Full Council Meetings scheduled.

Full Council	16 th March 26
Full Council	20 th April 26
APM	18 th May 26@7pm
AGM	18 th May 26@7.30pm

143. Closure @ 8.15pm