

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 March 26** commencing at 7pm.

Present Councillors Cllr M Smith (Chairman), S Bestwick-Vice Chairman, A Smith, S Harris, S Pickering, H Stoddard, and C Pitt @ 7.45pm

Clerk Belinda Kalka

144. Apologies-. Cllrs C Barnfather, T Barnfather, R Stevenson.

145. Declaration of Interest

Resolved No declaration of interests to be recorded.

146. Minutes of the Full Council Meeting of 16th February 2026

Resolved The minutes of the Full Council meeting of 16th February 26 be accepted as a true record and were signed by Councillor M Smith.
Proposed by Cllrs M Smith & S Bestwick all in favour.

147. Minutes of the Planning Meetings of 2nd March 2026

Resolved The minutes of the Planning Meetings of the 2nd of March were accepted as a true record and were signed by Councillor C Barnfather
Proposed by Councillor M Smith & A Smith- all in favour.

148. Accounts & Finance

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

b. Accounts February 26.

Resolved To approve the income of £14,113.01 for the month of February 26
To approve the expenditure of £18,108.61 the month of February 26

Proposed by Cllrs M Smith & S Bestwick

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- 15th April 26.

Resolved To note information

- d) Annual Zurich Insurance policy- The renewal notice has been received from Zurich Insurance, as the current three-year fixed agreement is due to end on 1 April 2026.

The renewal premium options are as follows:

- One-year term: £10,027.45
- Three-year long-term agreement: £9,047.73 per annum

Resolved Councillors unanimously agreed to proceed with the three-year agreement.

149. Accidents, Incidents & Policies

150. 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.

Resolved The Ravenshead Neighbourhood Watch AGM will be held at 7.15pm on Wednesday 15th April in Ravenshead Village Hall- The Clerk to circulate accordingly.

151. 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 26.
- 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).

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.
- The Clerk will accept the quotation for the pavilion painting.

152. Play Areas/Lengthsman/Ravenshead Commoners.

Abbey Gates Park – no report, however, the wet pour surface is to be monitored as it is showing signs of deterioration.

Resolved Information noted- Actions for the Handyman

Haddon Road Park- Cllr A Smith-

- Tarmac funding bid has been awarded of £20,000.

Resolved Following the successful grant application, 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 have been ring-fenced.

Cornwater Common- Cllr C. Pitt – grass cutting would commence within the next few weeks.

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 with the date for replacements.

153. 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.

154. 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

- The Clerk will make enquiries regarding the purchase of three replacement barrels, subject to delivery costs (one to replace the damaged barrel at the precinct and two as spares)
- Additional *Grow more* will be purchased. The Clerk will also request that Andy cuts back the overhanging oak tree branches on the common/car park
- 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.

155. Leisure Centre Refurbishment

- 12 payments from Football Foundation received.

Resolved ARC have now resolved the shower issues with replacement pumps at no cost to the Parish Council.

156. Local government Reorganisation- Cllr S Bestwick addressed the meeting and provided Cllrs with the latest update regarding the 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 July 2026

Resolved Councillors discussed the available options, and it was agreed that Cllr M Smith would prepare a statement on behalf of the Parish Council expressing the view that all rural areas should remain outside the city.
The draft statement will be shared with Cllr S Bestwick for agreement prior to being submitted - deadline of the 26/3/26

157. 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.

158. AOB-

- The Clerk will contact roofing companies to obtain quotations for investigation and repair works to the sports hall guttering.
- Councillors considered a request to hold a charity football match on Pitch 4 in June/July 2026.

Resolved The proposal was discussed in full, and Councillors expressed their support for the event. It was agreed to waive the booking fee.

- Councillors noted that the Church Summer Fayre will take place on 27th June, from 10am to 1pm- the PC will have a stall.
- Councillors noted the historical significance of the Fishpool Treasure, discovered in March 1966, being the largest hoard of medieval gold coins found in Britain.

Resolved It was proposed that GBC Councillors fund a commemorative plaque to be installed on the wall- subject to the approval of the resident.

Full Council Meetings scheduled.

Full Council
APM
AGM

20th April 26
18th May 26@7pm
18th May [26@7.30pm](#)

159. Closure @ 7.55pm