

MINUTES- PARISH COUNCIL MEETING- AGM

Minutes of a meeting of the above-mentioned Parish Council held in the Lonegan Room, Leisure Centre Ravenshead on **Monday 18th May 26** commencing at 7.30pm.

Present Councillors Cllr M Smith (Chairman), S Bestwick-Vice Chairman, C Barnfather, T Barnfather, S Pickering, C Pitt, A Smith, H Stoddart,

Clerk Amanda Rowbotham

1. Election of Chairman

Councillor S Bestwick proposed Councillor M Smith for the role of Chair and this motion was seconded by Cllr C Barnfather with there being no other nominations Councillor M Smith was duly elected again Chairman for the ensuing year.

Resolved All Cllrs were in favour that Councillor M Smith is elected Chairman for the ensuing year.

2. Election of Vice Chairman

Councillor M Smith proposed Councillor S Bestwick as Vice Chairman, and this motion was seconded by Cllr C Barnfather with there being no other nomination Councillor Bestwick was duly elected Vice Chairman for the ensuing year.

Resolved All Cllrs were in favour that Councillor S Bestwick is elected Vice Chairman for the ensuing year.

Councillor M Smith then chaired the meeting from this point.

3. Councillors Areas of Responsibilities – Councillor M Smith advised the meeting of each of the Councillors areas of responsibility- Cllr C Pitt would take on the responsibility of Liaising with the Football Teams overseen by Cllr M Smith.

a) Selection of sub committees

Resolved Cllr M Smith proposed all responsibilities to continue as the previous year.

All Councillors present accepted and adopted their current subcommittee roles and all agreed to continue in their roles.

4. Adoption of Standing Orders and Financial Regulations.

Resolved Councillors agreed to adopt the Standing Orders and Financial Regulations of Ravenshead Parish Council.

5. Annual Review of the effectiveness of the System of internal control. Policies P015/16/17 and P004

Resolved The Annual Review of the Effectiveness of System of internal control was reviewed and accepted for the forthcoming year- All Cllrs were in favour of these adoptions.

6. Apologies – S Harris & R Stevenson.

7. Declarations of Interest

Resolved Councillor S Bestwick declared an interest as a Nottinghamshire County Council Councillor.

8. Minutes of the Full Council Meeting of the 20th of April 2026

Resolved That the minutes of the Full Council meeting of 20th April 26 be accepted as a true record and be signed by Councillor M Smith.

Proposed by Cllrs M Smith & S Bestwick- all in favour.

9. Minutes of the Planning Meeting of the 11th of May 2026

Resolved The minutes of the Planning Meeting of the 11th of May 2026 were accepted as a true record and be signed by Councillor C Barnfather.

Proposed by Cllr M Smith & A Smith- all in favour.

10. Accounts & Finance/Council Matters

a) Financial Reports for April 26 were distributed prior to the meeting.

b) Accounts for April 26-

Resolved To approve the income of £201208.21 for the month of April 26
To approve the expenditure of £34296.27 for the month of April 26

Proposed by Cllrs H Stoddart & M Smith

c) Booking Office- Report –

Income high and continues to thrive with numerous events and new activity. Few cancelled bookings and generally these are due to lack of numbers but enquires are already being made for these bookings to return in the colder months.

Resolved To note information

11. Accidents, Incidents & Policies – As above

12. MATTERS ARISING

13. Police Matters -Cllr S Harris- Absent- Report to follow at the next meeting.

14. Ravenshead Leisure Centre.

- Howdens Game Changer programme submitted by the FA, - Kitchen demolished and repainted- discussions ongoing with Howdens regarding supply.
- Drainage at the rear of the building. Authorised work to be completed waiting a drier day to complete.
- Quotes to be gathered for the refurbishment of the two Ladies toilet showers. Clerk to access funding through the Football Foundation. -Ongoing
- Waiting for contact from Sim Duhra (Climate Change Manager at Gedling Council) to book in an energy assessment

Resolved To note information

15. Play Areas/Lengthsman/Ravenshead Commoners.

- Inspections for all Playparks booked for Thursday 21st May.

Abbey Gates Park –Cllr T Barnfather-

- Tyres removed from the school and thrown into a resident's trees unable to be removed, the area has been fenced off.
- School agreed to chain up the tyres in the school holidays to prevent ASB.
- Gate closer to be monitored as it changes it changes depending on the weather.

Resolved To note information

Haddon Road Park- Cllr A Smith-

- New equipment pending, waiting payment from the funding provider
- Cradle swing strap needs replacement
- Ex Train wet pour crumbling
- Hole to the park been cut out of a neighbouring hedge

Resolved Clerks to organise the replacement parts to be fitted on the Cradle Swing.
Cllrs M Smith & A Smith to replace the temporary fencing around the train wet pour area.
Clerks to write to the property with the damaged hedge to gather information and investigate the circumstances surrounding the changes.

Leisure Centre Play Park- Cllr T Barnfather –

- Bird deterrent needs replacement
- Equipment needs washing

Resolved Clerks to organise the replacement bird deterrent and gather quotes for the washing of all the parks equipment and wet pour but care to be taken in some areas especially at Haddon Road due to the wet pour age and deterioration.

Cornwater Common- Cllr C Pitt

- Reported that the shrubs and trees are starting to encroach into the pathed areas
- Enquired when the fence posts were scheduled to be replaced

Resolved Agreed that the trees and shrubs would be trimmed back to keep the paths passable
Clerks would investigate when the fence post works would be carried out
Handyman would be asked to try and keep one full canister of fuel accessible.

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

- FF Maintenance fund received for 2025/26 season, 3rd year rate reduction- Pitch Power checks due and claim 4th year funds
- FA Grounds Maintenance advice received regarding pitch improvements. Further quotes and advice received, waiting final prices, from various sources.
- General Maintenance, Grass Cutting and Marking contract has been confirmed with Ulyetts.
- Funding received for surface and root works to be carried out on Tennis Court 2. Work has commenced waiting a date to complete. Completed.

Resolved Pitch Power checks to be completed by Cllr M Smith and Clerk on the 21st May

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

- Precinct planting- 3rd June 26 @ 2pm
- Litter Pick 30th May
- Report of stolen plants from some of the tubs around the village

Resolved Cllr S Harris will be organising the collection of plants and compost needed for the 3rd June 26
Clerks to send out litter pick reminders and inform of numbers to attend

Chairman to advise the community via the newsletter of the missing plants within the village pots.

18. Leisure Centre Refurbishment

- 12 payments from Football Foundation received.

Resolved Payments completed and final snagging meeting to take place in June 26. All agreed to remove this item from the agenda.

19. Local government Reorganisation

Resolved No new information received on the matter

20. Correspondence & Newsletter Information

- **Football Charity Match- Alcohol licence**
- **60 years of Ravenshead**
- **Public Space Protection Order**
- **Smoking onsite**
- **Pickleball Markings- on Tennis Court**
- **Byron Cricket Club- Funding**

Resolved Chairman shared his disappointment in the recent newsletter article that was allowed to be published from a Non-Resident of Ravenshead concerning parish councillors. Although he was grateful that he was given the opportunity to respond.

It was agreed to support the application for a license of the sale of Alcohol at RFC Charity match. Recommend they follow all protocol required by the licensing agency and the FA.

Agreed that Ravenshead Parish Council supports the continuation of the Public Space Protection Order. Clerks to write back indicating their support in the matter.

Due to complaints of smoking onsite at the Leisure Centre, Ravenshead Parish Council Finance and General-Purpose committee will discuss options and suggestions going forwards in the next meeting in July to recommend to Full Council.

Request for Pickleball markings on an outside court will be discussed at the July F&GP meeting for recommendation at Full Council. Clerks to gather views and comments from different parties and present to the meeting.

Request for funding help from Byron Cricket Club to be considered by GBC councillors.

21. Future Housing Plans

- Public Drop-in session- 4th June 26
- Possible engagement of a Planning Consultant

Resolved Plans would be provided and enlarged for the drop-in session, Full brief with all the facts given, material objects and tools given to help with individuals objection process.

Proposed by Cllr S Bestwick to engage a Planning consultant and seconded by Cllr C Pitt- Majority were in favour.

22. AOB

- Ravenshead sign at the top of Kighill to the A60 needs replacement or removal.

Resolved Cllr M Smith will chase GBC for action

23.Closure @ 8.32pm

