Ravenshead Parish Council

MINUTES- PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of a meeting of the above-mentioned Parish Council held in the Lonegan Room, Leisure Centre Ravenshead on **Monday 21st September 26** commencing at 7pm.

Present Councillors Cllrs M Smith (Chairman), Cllrs S Bestwick-Vice Chairman, A Smith, C Barnfather, T Barnfather, S Pickering, and C Pitt

Clerk Belinda Kalka

58. Apologies-. Cllr S Harris, H Stoddart, R Stevenson

59. Declaration of Interest

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

60. Minutes of the FC Meeting of 20th July 2026

Resolved The minutes of the Full Council meeting of 20th July 26 be accepted as a true record and would be signed by Councillor M Smith

Proposed by Cllrs S Bestwick & T Barnfather- all in favour.

61. Minutes of the Planning Meetings of 3rd August & 14th September 2026

Resolved The minutes of the Planning Meetings of the 3rd of August & 14th September 26 were accepted as a true record and would be signed by Councillor C Barnfather.
Proposed by Councillor C Barnfather -all in favour.

62. Accounts & Finance

a. financial reports - for July & August 26 were distributed prior to the meeting.

b. Accounts July & August 26.

Resolved To approve the **income of £21,652.38** for the month of July 26
To approve the **expenditure of £49,051.41** for the month of July 26

To approve the **income of £11,011.07** for the month of August 26
To approve the **expenditure of £22,321.23** for the month of August 26

Proposed by Cllrs B Bestwick & M Smith

c. **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 has been implemented. All events/with feedback to be listed.

Resolved To note information

63. Accidents, Incidents & Policies- None

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

65. Police Matters -Cllr S Harris- provided her update prior to the meeting -these reports gave details of the Ravenshead crimes which have occurred since the last meeting.

Resolved Information noted.
Community Speed Watch. the Chairman has put out an appeal in the Newsletter.

66. Ravenshead Leisure Centre.

- Drainage at the rear of the building. Authorised work to be completed -On the Handyman's to do list
- Quotes to be gathered for the refurbishment of the two Ladies toilet showers. Clerk to access funding through the Football Foundation. -Ongoing -Waiting quote.
- Waiting for contact from Sim Duhra (Climate Change Manager at Gedling Council) to book in an energy assessment- documentation completed and submitted, awaiting date for delivery.
- Roof leaking in Dance storeroom off the Studio, advised the cladding needs replacing, quote received from Henson roofing. Waiting second opinion.
- Funding for Free Junior Tennis applied for.
- NCCLCF application towards disabled access gate to Pitch 4 submitted.
- Sink hole has appeared on the field- near where the football goals are stored/adjacent to the Skatepark. Area is currently fenced off and waiting for the Coal Board to undertake the necessary works.

Resolved Information was noted

The Clerks would obtain additional quotations for the refurbishment of the ladies' showers and for the repair of the roof leak in the dance storeroom. Delegated authority was granted to the Chairman to instruct the roof repairs.

It was agreed that the Clerk would seek an additional quotation from Academe Roofing. Should the quotation from Academe Roofing be within £1,000 of the quotation received from J Henson Roofing, delegated authority was granted to proceed with J Henson Roofing.

67. Play Areas/Lengthsman/Ravenshead Commoners.

Abbey Gates Park – Cllr T. Barnfather reported that the next project will involve the replacement of, and addition to, existing equipment. Quotations and information are currently being sourced from a range of suppliers, and a further update will be provided.

Resolved Information noted- to be updated according. The Clerk will apply for FCC grant funding.

Haddon Road Park- Cllr A. Smith confirmed that the new equipment from Proludic is currently being Installed and work commenced on the 17th September 2026, together with the painting of the existing equipment. The project is expected to be completed by 9 October 2026.

Leisure Centre Play Park- Cllr T. Barnfather confirmed that the jet washing of the park's metal fencing was completed in August. The Handyman has yet to attend to the loose bolts on the picnic table.

Resolved Information was noted. Outstanding maintenance works are to be updated as soon as possible.

Cornwater Common- Cllr C Pitt- report – That a couple of cuts of the grass and strimming has been done. The Parish Council will need to decide if they plan to cut back the shrubs and hedges as they are becoming invasive.
The broken wooden fence posts previously referred to have yet to be fixed.

- Cutting back of trees- overhanging pathway- on Handyman's to do list
- Replacement of fence posts- on Handyman's to do list

Resolved The Clerks will obtain a quotation from Rainworth Fencing for the replacement of the broken wooden fence posts and also check if the Handyman can find time to do the work himself.

It was requested that sufficient fuel be left available for Councillors to use when undertaking maintenance tasks.

The self-drive mower needs repair. Cllr C. Pitt will make the necessary arrangements to have the repairs carried out.

The information was noted, and the above actions were agreed.

Weekly monitoring of all the park will continue, and any issues would be reported to the Clerks.
Section 106 funds have been ring-fenced- and updated accordingly.

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

- FF Maintenance fund for 2026/27 season, 4th year rate reduction- Pitch Power checks complete and funds received from 4th year claim
- FA Grounds Maintenance proceeding with Replay. Weed inspection took place and advised weedkiller wasn't needed to be applied. Dates to be set for fertilization and grass seeding when the weather has broken enough for the best outcome.
- Ravenshead FC hosted a football tournament on 30th August 26.
- 2x Benches for the Tennis Courts received

Resolved Grass seeding and fertilisation works are scheduled to take place within the next two weeks.

Ravenshead Pétanque Club have expressed their thanks to the Parish Council for the recent painting of the Pavilion and the replacement of the kitchen cupboards.

Members of the Petanque Club also recorded their appreciation to Cllr S. Bestwick for securing a £200.00 NCC grant**,** which will contribute towards the replacement of the base cupboards. P Johnson will undertake the installation work.

Resolved: The information was noted

69. Village Matters/Litter Picks/Ravenshead in Bloom –S Pickering reported that the recent Litter picking was again successful- and thanked all the Councillors and Volunteers.

Resolved 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.

Furter litter picking dates have been scheduled for;
Saturday 17th October and Saturday 21st November- All to meet in the Hutt Carpark at 9.30am

Suggested dates for the replanting of the precinct planters have been circulated to Councillors on the following dates:

- **Tuesday 13th**: 10:00am to 12:00 noon
- **Wednesday 14th**: Morning or afternoon session
- **Thursday 15th**: From 2:00pm onwards
- **Friday 16th**: Morning or afternoon session

Resolved: The information was noted

70. Local Government Reorganisation- Cllr S. Bestwick addressed the meeting and provided Councillors with the latest update regarding the local Government Reorganisation. Cllrs were advised that, at the present time, progress on the proposals has been paused, and no further developments have been announced.

Cllr S. Bestwick will continue to monitor the situation and provide updates to the Council as further information becomes available.

Resolved: Information noted.

71. Correspondence & Newsletter Information

- **Speed Watch- Cllr M Smith -**Signs received
- Lagan Homes

Resolved The Parish Council discussed the implications of allowing Lagan Homes to use 17 car parking spaces during Phase 2 of its development.

Councillors noted that the impact on neighbouring properties, Leisure Centre users, and residents would need to be carefully considered as part of any arrangement.

Cllr M. Smith will continue discussions and provide an update to the Parish Council.

Resolved: The Parish Council agreed in principle to assist with the provision of parking spaces, subject to the agreement of an acceptable plan that addresses the needs of neighbouring properties and users.

The Parish Council would arrange to meet with Lagan Homes nearer the time to discuss the siting of the cabins in more detail.

The information was noted.

72. Future Housing Plans

- **Possible appointment with a Barrister- Cllr S Bestwick**

Cllr S. Bestwick provided an update on the cost implications of appointing a Barrister to challenge GBC. The Barrister would be responsible for compiling the necessary evidence and presenting the Parish Council's case at the hearing.

The estimated cost for preparing the evidence and attending one day of the hearing is £12,000. Should the hearing extend beyond one day, additional costs of £2,000 per day would apply.

In the meantime, the Parish Council will make enquiries regarding the commissioning of an independent traffic flow survey to gather as much relevant information and supporting evidence as possible.

Resolved: Cllr S. Bestwick proposed, seconded by Cllr M. Smith, that expenditure for the Barrister's engagement be capped at £12,000, with any requirement for additional expenditure to be reported back to the Parish Council for consideration.

The information was noted, and the above actions were agreed.

73. Neighbourhood Plan- Cllr S Bestwick confirmed that Urban Vision has been instructed to proceed with the preparation and completion of a Neighbourhood Plan for Ravenshead Parish Council.

Resolved: It was unanimously agreed that the designated Neighbourhood Plan area would be the whole Parish. A letter and map outlining the Parish boundary will be submitted to GBC.

Councillors will establish a Steering Group comprising three Parish Councillors and two members of the public. The Steering Group will meet monthly to oversee the development of the Neighbourhood Plan.

Information was noted.

74. AOB-

Cllr S. Bestwick informed the Council of recent planning amendments and their potential implications, and he would monitor developments and keep the Council informed of any relevant updates as they arise.

Resolved: The information was noted. Cllr S. Bestwick will provide further updates to the Council as necessary.

Remembrance Day- **Wednesday 11th November**- Cllrs are to install all the lamppost poppies by the end Of October 26.

Christmas Lights Event- The Council considered arrangements for the Christmas Lights Event to be held on **Saturday 28th November**.

Resolved: It was agreed by all Councillors that only two carols would be sung prior to the official switching on of the Christmas lights. Information was noted.

75. Closure@ 8.35pm

Meetings scheduled

Full Council 19th October 26- A Dilks to Clerk
Full Council 16th November 26
No Meeting December 26
Full Council 18th January 27
Full Council 15th February 27
Full Council 15th March 27
Full Council 19th April 27