

Rauceby Parish Council

Minutes from the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday, 18th November 2020 at 7.30pm.
The meeting was held virtually, using Zoom hosting.

Present: Cllr M Ireland (in the Chair), Cllr B Balderston, Cllr K Colehouse, Cllr G Enstone, Cllr R Enstone, Cllr M Froggatt, Cllr J Malloch, Cllr S Waite, Cllr S Waring (NKDC) logged in but left due to connection problems, Cllr A Hagues (LCC) after item 6, the Clerk, Mrs P Ireland. Mr S Enstone (Rauceby Gigabit) was present up to and including item 5.

1. **Apologies for Absence:** None
2. **To Receive any Declarations of Interest:** Cllr Ireland – Items 7.1 and 12. Cllr Balderston item 7.4
3. **To decide on any items to be carried out in Closed Session:**
4. **To approve as a correct record the notes of the meeting held on 16th September 2020.** The Chairman signed the minutes.
5. **Rauceby Gigabit Project:** Update given by Mr S Enstone. A report had been circulated. The project is split into two separate schemes and 01529 and 01400 exchanges, although they can be funded by one single entity. Firm commitment had been sought from households and a good response received. Following input from Dr Caroline Johnson MP, Mr Enstone now making more constructive progress with Openreach to reach a final quote. Thanks to the help of a parishioner, a legal entity will be formed. Key priority now to maintain a close dialogue with Openreach to secure the final quotation. Cllr Waring concerned at lack of support from NKDC for their own properties and would look into this.
6. **Reports from Visiting Representatives and Police Matters if any:**
 - **NKDC** – Boundary Commission - Cllr Waring unable to give report due to having leave the meeting due to IT problems.
 - **LCC** – Drainage work and low level kerbing on Thorpe Drove – in abeyance
Cycle path request – negative response from LCC due to lack of finance.
Road safety at the A17 crossroads – Site survey request – in abeyance
Cllr Hagues will report back, where necessary, at the next meeting.
 - **Police** – Horse lorry – now removed. The Clerk commented how difficult it had been to get a response from the local police team.
7. **Planning Applications:**
 - i) 20/1197/FUL | Erection of 4 no. poultry units (220,000 bird capacity), a biomass boiler building, feed bins, gas tanks, gate house, water tank, pump room, generator and associated access improvements to Ermine Street | Ermine Street Farm High Dike Ancaster
Cllr Malloch took the Chair – Fully supported.
 - ii) 20/1425/LBC | Replacement of windows and doors and kitchen window to be replaced with french door (retrospective) | 23 Main Street South Rauceby – Fully supported.
 - iii) 20/1407/HOUS | Erection of double garage with hobby / office space above | 8 Thorpe Drove – Majority vote with one against.
 - iv) 20/1331/FUL | Change of use of the existing dining room to allow use as a wedding venue and the erection of marquee for use as wedding function room area as and when required. | Rauceby Hall Tom Lane North Rauceby- Full support given but an accompanying comment to be made – There is noise potential from the application. The Parish Council wish to ensure that no regular disturbance is caused to neighbouring properties.

Plans decided since the last meeting:

- i) 20/0955/TPO | T5 Sycamore - Fell; T6 Lime - Deadwood removal | Woodland Cottage – **TPO refused**
- ii) 20/0474/FUL | Partial conversion of farm building to a Gun Shop (Class E) to support existing shooting range. | North Rauceby Lodge – **Approved**

8. **Red Tarmac – Speed Reduction Scheme** – Following a firm commitment from Highways in 2017, and regular requests for this to be implemented since, correspondence received saying that LCC no longer support red surfacing as a traffic calming measure. It is expensive to maintain and even though the PC had offered to part fund it, this did not cover future maintenance. Response from Parish Council to say that they feel let down and to enquire what else is available.
9. **Councillor Resignation** – After serving as a Parish Councillor since 2002, Ian Graham had decided the time had come to resign his position. The Chairman to write and it was agreed to purchase a small gift using the Chairman's allowance.
10. **To consider purchase of a Zoom subscription** – A zoom pro subscription is available from LALC for £50 plus VAT. All in agreement.
11. **To approve dates of 2021 meetings** – Agreed
12. **Correspondence:**
 - i) **Parking Matters Outside Rauceby School** – The Chairman had been approached by a parent from the school who wanted to revisit the parking problems experienced there. A meeting had taken place which the MP had attended. The Clerk will inform the Parish Council of any developments.
 - ii) **Rauceby Village Hall** – Rauceby Village Hall Committee had recently had their periodic electrical inspection carried out. Request for assistance from the remaining Community Benefit as part of the remedial work lay with the solar panel installation. The Clerk had taken advice from LALC regarding the allocation of this money, who confirmed this project would be suitable. However, Cllr G Enstone reminded the meeting that the remaining fund existed because the final part of the original work was not claimed for. The matter to be discussed further at the next meeting.
 - iii) **Audit 2020** – The Clerk reported that PFK Littlejohn has acknowledged receipt of the Notification of Exempt Status. No correspondence from local electors during the period for the exercise of public rights had been received and so the Audit now closed.
13. **Update on Outstanding Matters:**
 - i) **Position of Post Box, South Rauceby** – The MP had written to the Royal Mail and received a similar response to those already received. Councillors in agreement that this needed to be pursued further. Cllr Ireland and Colehouse to submit a response to the MP.
 - ii) **Rauceby Station – possibility of becoming a request stop** – East Midlands Railway are aware of Greylees and are currently determining their future service strategy on the Skegness route. The Clerk to request that the PC are copied into the consultation.
 - iii) **Parish Council Website** – The Clerk reported that after many hours work the website had been submitted to LCC for publishing. To reflect the extra hours worked by the Clerk it was agreed that she receive the remaining amount in the Transparency Fund.
 - iv) **Benches on Church Lane and St Peters Close** – in hand.
14. **Financial Matters:** (circulated)
 - a) Financial report – for approval and signing
Current account - £17,713.61 30/9/2020
 - b) Cheques for signing / expenditure approval
 - i. J Earl – Groundworks £84.00 – Mr Earl to be thanked for his work.
 - ii. LALC – Zoom subscription - £60.00
15. **Items of Urgency** – Street light out in North Rauceby. The Clerk to report.
16. **Date of next meeting** – The next meeting will be Wednesday, 20th January 2021 at 7.30pm on Zoom.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.10pm.