

The Minutes of Ravenfield Parish Council

Minutes of the Ravenfield Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 13 June 2024 at 6.30pm in Ravenfield Parish Hall, chaired by the Chairman, Councillor M Jones.

Present: Councillors K Jay, M Jones, R Jupp, S Lilley, D Rowley and G O'Carroll (Clerk).
Councillor Whitworth was co-opted at the start of the meeting.

In attendance: 10 members of the public were present.

119/24 NON-ATTENDANCE OF COUNCILLORS

- (a) Apologies received from Councillor Callear.
- (b) Councillor Callear was absent, due to being away on holiday. The Council **RESOLVED** to accept Councillor Callear reason of absence.

120/24 **DECLARATION OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY AND OTHER INTERESTS.** None declared.

121/24 **ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED IN THE ABSENCE OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS.**

122//24 **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** – see attached report.

123/24 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The Council **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 9 May 2024 be a true and accurate record of the proceedings.

124/24 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES.

125/24 CORRESPONDENCE

- (a) Ravenfield Old Village Garden Society would like to request a donation towards floral decoration in the Old Village. The Council **RESOLVED** to donate £350.00.
- (b) During the Bramley Sunnyside JFC Football Presentation event on Saturday 18 May 2024, complaints were raised regarding parking issues on Hollings Lane and the surrounding area. The Council reviewed photographs and videos submitted by parishioners. Additionally, concerns were made about music being played, despite the event's condition prohibiting amplified music. Representatives from Bramley Sunnyside JFC attended the meeting and apologised, explaining that the music was played by a third-party contractor (bouncy castle provider) who was repeatedly asked by the event organisers to turn it off.
The organisers had advertised the event, asking that people walk, and had conducted a leaflet drop to notify residents in advance. Bramley Sunnyside JFC emphasised that they had taken all possible steps to mitigate parking issues, but given the event's popularity, not all attendees do walk. They noted that hiring traffic officers would be too expensive, and if this was a condition of hire, the event could not go ahead. The Council requested that Bramley Sunnyside JFC consider solutions to the parking problems before seeking permission for future events. The Council reminded Bramley Sunnyside JFC that they must apply for permission to use the recreational grounds no more than six months prior to the proposed event date.
- (c) Lost Chord requested assistance to support their future sessions. The Council **RESOLVED** to continue offering free Hall hire but requested a detailed breakdown of the session costs before considering additional financial

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support. The Council acknowledged the sessions' popularity and expressed that it would be unfortunate for the Lost Chord events to be discontinued. **Action:** Clerk.

126/24 MATTERS RELATING TO THE RECREATION GROUNDS

- (a) All-Weather Path at Jubilee Field: The architect's design plans have been received, printed to scale, and laminated. A community questionnaire has been prepared, and a collection box has been created. Councillors Jay, Jones, and Whitworth will attend the Ravenfield Fete on Saturday 15 June 2024, to showcase the design plans and encourage visitors to complete the questionnaire. The questionnaire is available online, and Councillor Jay will share the link on the Council's Facebook page. **Action:** To review the questionnaire results at the next meeting.
- (b) Hollings Lane Play Area Repairs: The required repair work is divided into two categories:
Play Equipment: This involves repairing the damaged parts of the playhouse and replacing one baby basket swing with a standard seat. The playhouse is manufactured by Hags. Quotes from Hags for replacing the necessary parts and installing a new flat swing seat amount to £5,397.32.
Councillor Lilley has noted sections of the perimeter fencing that are corroded and mentioned that he would obtain estimates for the necessary repairs to be reviewed at the Ravenfield Youth Charity meeting.
Play Area Floor Surface: Three quotes were received for replacing the current floor surface from Lightmain, Creative Play, and Hags, ranging from £30,179.33 to £49,684.00. The cost variations are due to the different approaches in resurfacing versus replacing, with disposal fees influencing the total cost.
The Council **RESOLVED** to approve both the replacement of the play equipment and the resurfacing of the floor. However, the funding will need to be sourced from the Ravenfield Youth Charity.

127/24 MATTERS RELATING TO THE PARISH

128/24 MATTERS RELATING TO THE PARISH HALL

- (a) It was noted that the Baby group has disbanded. The Parish Hall is now available for regular hire every Monday and Tuesday. **Action:** The Clerk to advertise.

129/24 MATTERS RELATING TO THE PARISH COUNCIL

- (a) The Council received one application for the vacancy of a Parish Councillor. The Council **RESOLVED** to co-opt Patricia Whitworth as a new Ravenfield Parish Councillor. This item was brought forward to the start of the meeting, allowing Councillor Whitworth to participate.
- (b) Parish Council Website and Email Update: The Clerk reported that the Parish Council website is currently under development but is missing photographs. Despite posting a notice on Facebook requesting residents to submit photos taken over the year, no responses were received. Additionally, local charities and groups have been slow to provide their contact details and a brief description of their activities.
Gov.uk email accounts are expected to be set up in the coming weeks. The Council decided on the email format: @ravenfieldparishcouncil.gov.uk. Initially, the cost was quoted at £18.00 per account per year. However, upon placing the order, the Clerk was notified of a price increase to £20.00 per account per year. The Clerk has successfully secured a government grant of £100.00 to offset the cost of setting up .gov.uk emails, effectively covering the price increase.
The Council **RESOLVED** to proceed with the specified email format.

130/24 REPORTS FROM RAVENFIELD ALLOTMENT COMMITTEE

131/24 MATTERS RELATING TO REDROW DEVELOPMENT

- (a) Redrow have advised 20 properties are occupied/sold. At this time, the numbers are insufficient to enable the Council to request a Community Governance Review.

132/24 MATTERS RELATING TO GREEN ITEMS

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133/24 PLANNING

(a) The Council considered the following planning applications:

RB2024/0692 – 12 Grayson Close, Ravenfield. Demolition of existing conservatory and porch and erection of single storey side and rear extension. – No objections raised.

RB2024/0747 – 10 St James View, Ravenfield. Application to undertake works to a tree within Ravenfield Conservation Area – No objections raised.

(b) The Council received information of the following previous planning applications/issues and discussed further action.

RB2024/0354 - 6 St James View, Ravenfield. Demolition of existing and erection of new detached residential dwelling and detached outbuilding.

Residents of St James View contacted the Council regarding the above planning application raising their concerns that the proposed modern design does not fit with the area. The Council submitted concern to Rotherham MBC Planning Department and referenced that this is a conservation area.

RB2023/1386 – Ravenfield Arms, Ravenfield. Use of land as extension to public house with erection of covered seating area to side and variation of condition 5 of RB2003/1577 to allow open seating area to the front.

It was noted that planning approval has been granted with certain conditions. The Council remains concerned that the steps leading to the recreational grounds have not been addressed and are still in place. **Action:** The Clerk will contact the planning department to seek clarification.

134/24 EXTERNAL MEETINGS

135/24 YORKSHIRE LOCAL COUNCILS' ASSOCIATIONS

Councillor Jupp and Councillor Rowley will attend the South Yorkshire Branch Meeting will be held on 19 June 2024.

136/24 FINANCIAL MATTERS

(a) Update on Council's finances. The information was noted and approved.

(b) Payments to be made were approved.

137/24 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

(a) The date and time of the next meeting was confirmed as Thursday 11 July 2024 at 6.30pm, to be held in the Parish Hall.

138/24 MINOR ITEMS AND ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

(a) Annual Parish Newsletter

(b) Lamppost Poppies

139/24 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

It was moved that under Section 100(A)4 of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12(A) of such Act indicated, as now amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006, information relates to finance and business affairs. It was moved that under Section 100(A)4 of the Local Government Act 1972 the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

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140/24 DISCUSSION OF ITEMS FOR WHICH THE PRESS AND PUBLIC HAVE BEEN EXCLUDED.

141/24 CLOSURE OF MEETING

The meeting was closed at 8:29pm.

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Public Participation 13 June 2024

Parishioners reported that pedestrian access between 202 and 204 Braithwell Road is currently impassable due to overgrown grass on the verge. This area has not been maintained by Rotherham MBC for 20 years, as local residents had been managing the upkeep. However, they are now unable to continue this maintenance and are requesting that Rotherham MBC take responsibility for tending to this section. The overgrowth poses a safety hazard for pedestrians on this stretch of road.

Ward Councillor Liz Duncan was present at the meeting and requested that parishioners email her their details. She will visit the site on Saturday to assess the situation and follow up with Rotherham MBC to arrange for the necessary maintenance work.

Representatives from the PTA of Ravenfield Primary Academy attended the meeting to raise awareness about the upcoming summer fair on 7 July 2024, at Ravenfield Primary Academy. They aim to raise funds for establishing a new sensory room within the school. The Council offered its support in promoting the event.

Residents living near the Tennis Court have reported that the area is neglected, with overflowing bins and unmown grass. The land is believed to be owned by Premier Tennis Courts. Residents were advised to contact them directly regarding these issues.

Reports received that the grass has been cut and maintenance work commenced at Woodlathes Balancing Ponds, but as yet no work seen to repair the collapsed drain/footpath. **Action:** Clerk to follow this up with Persimmon Homes.

A parishioner inquired whether the Council had authorised the trimming of trees behind the Ravenfield Arms. Concern was expressed that the trees may have been excessively pruned without proper approval. **Action:** The Clerk will contact the Rotherham MBC Trees department for clarification.

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The Minutes of Ravenfield Youth Charity

13 June 2024

Minutes of the Ravenfield Youth Charity meeting held on Thursday 13 June 2024 in Ravenfield Parish Hall, chaired by Councillor David Rowley.

Commenced at: 8:30pm

Present: Councillors K Jay, M Jones, R Jupp, S Lilley, D Rowley, P Whitworth and G O'Carroll (Clerk).

1. APOLOGIES

Councillor Callear was not present.

2. SCHRODERS PERSONAL WEALTH

(a) All Parish Councillors present signed a document, prepared by the Clerk, which included the name and address of each Councillor. The Clerk will obtain Councillor Callear's signature upon his return and then send the document to Scrodgers Personal Wealth.

(b) Councillor Rowley will continue to review the performance of Schrodgers Personal Wealth investment.

3. HSBC BANK ACCOUNT

(a) All Parish Councillors present signed a document, prepared by the Clerk, which included the name and address of each Councillor. The Clerk will obtain Councillor Callear's signature upon his return and then send the document to HSBC.

2. CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

The meeting was closed at 8:37pm

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