

The Minutes of Ravenfield Parish Council

Minutes of the Ravenfield Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 10 October 2024 at 6.30pm in Ravenfield Parish Hall, chaired by the Vice Chairman, Councillor Rowley.

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

In attendance: Nine members of the public were present.

188/24 NON-ATTENDANCE OF COUNCILLORS

- (a) Apologies received from Councillor Jones.
- (b) Councillor Jones was absent from the meeting due to being on holiday. The Council **RESOLVED** to accept this reason for absence.

189/24 **DECLARATION OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY AND OTHER INTERESTS.** Councillor Jay declared an interest in agenda item: Correspondence – Ravenfield Ladies Friendship Circle, request permission to display knitted poppies in the village, as a member of this group.

190/24 ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED IN THE ABSENCE OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS.

191//24 **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** – see attached report.

192/24 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The Council **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 14 September 2024 be a true and accurate record of the proceedings.

193/24 **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES.** Minute 174/24 (c) the Clerk explained that a Portable Appliance Testing (PAT) machine had not yet been purchased, as funding had been applied for through Electrical Safety First to support local organisations in running electrical safety projects. **Action:** To await the outcome of the application.

Minute 174/24 (d) – The Clerk explained that upon further investigation, TalkTalk's download speeds were found to be very poor, with a lot of negative reviews. TalkTalk advised that only one device could download at a time. The Clerk contacted Sky and negotiated a new 24-month contract at a monthly cost of £19.95 plus VAT, compared to the previous rate of £16.95 plus VAT. The Council approved this decision retrospectively.

194/24 CORRESPONDENCE

- (a) Ravenfield Ladies Friendship Circle have submitted a request to display knitted poppies on the Millennium sign, or in the flower bed at the crossroads. The Council raised no objections but recommended that consent be obtained from Rotherham MBC as the landowners. **Action:** Clerk to obtain permission from Rotherham MBC.
- (b) Residents of Longfield Drive have contacted the Council requesting assistance in addressing the overgrown wasteland bordering the new Redrow development and the gardens of properties on Longfield Drive. Photographs were circulated showing the land heavily overgrown with weeds, which residents report are encroaching through their boundary fences. Additional concerns were raised about ongoing rat infestations (believed to have been triggered by earth movement during the development's construction), as well as noise and dust preventing residents from hanging laundry or enjoying their gardens. The Council acknowledged these concerns and **RESOLVED** to engage with Redrow Homes, providing them an opportunity to address the issues.

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Action: Clerk to contact Redrow Homes and arrange a site meeting to allow residents to voice their concerns directly.

- (c) Additional Item – Thrybergh Academy notified the Council that pupils will be passing through Ravenfield on Friday 25 October 2024, as part of their annual sponsored walk.

195/24 MATTERS RELATING TO THE RECREATION GROUNDS

- (a) All-Weather Path at Jubilee Field: The Clerk shared the results of the community survey, which received a strong response with 102 participants. The overwhelming majority expressed support for the project. The Clerk will analyse the data further and present the findings in a detailed report.
- (b) All-Weather Path at Jubilee Field – Grant Application Update: The Clerk is in the process of completing the application and aims to secure tenders for the Council's review at the next meeting, ahead of the submission deadline on 20 November 2024.
- (c) Hollings Lane Play Area – To review the details and costs associated with the play equipment parts identified for repair. The Council **RESOLVED** to defer this item for the Ravenfield Youth Chairty.
- (d) Hollings Lane Play Area: The Council reviewed the completed works and are pleased with the results. All safety concerns have been addressed. Councillor Lilley received the new play area signage and will arrange for its installation.

196/24 MATTERS RELATING TO THE PARISH

- (a) The Clerk shared information from the trustees of Ravenfield Tennis Courts prior to the meeting, providing an overview of the running costs and explaining why Premier Courts can no longer manage the facility. Although the trustees were unable to attend this meeting, they expressed interest in discussing the future of the tennis courts with the Council. **Action:** Clerk to obtain the deeds of Ravenfield Tennis Club for review by Councillor Rowley and invite the trustees to attend the next Council meeting.
- (b) Woodlathes Balancing Pond Maintenance: The Clerk received confirmation from Persimmon Homes on 14 October 2024 that a contractor has been appointed to carry out maintenance of the pond, including removal of low hanging branches, clear the head walls and remove vegetation to the pond. It was reported that a resident, via Facebook, claimed to have personally tended to the pond in the past, recovering items such as a plastic dinghy, road cones, and life buoys. Additionally, there are reports of people fishing in the pond to catch fish for food. A parishioner suggested that Rotherham MBC install signage around the pond to deter fishing and prevent people from entering the water. **Action:** Councillors to raise these requests at the next Bramley and Ravenfield CAP meeting.
- (c) The Council received notification from Rotherham MBC regarding proposed resurfacing of the carriageway on Silvermoor Drive, Ravenfield. The Council welcomed the proposed works but raised concerns about flooding at the bottom of Silvermoor Drive and recommended that Rotherham MBC's drainage team be made aware of the issue. **Action:** Clerk to inform Rotherham MBC.
- (d) VE Day 80 – 8 May 2025: The Council discussed if to mark this event. It was **RESOLVED** not to make any plans at this time, but to revisit the matter closer to the date.
- (e) Lamppost Poppies. Volunteers will meet at Ravenfield Parish Hall on Saturday 2 November 2024 at 10:00am to collect and begin displaying poppies on lampposts along Braithwell Road, Hollings Lane, Moor Lane North and North Lane South. **Action:** Clerk to purchase extra long tie wraps.
- (f) The Council confirmed that a Remembrance Service will take place at the memorial stone on Moor Lane North on Sunday 10 November 2024, at 10:45 am. Councillor Jay offered to provide refreshments at the Parish Hall following the service. The service will be conducted by St James Church. On behalf of the Council, Councillor Callear will lay a poppy wreath.
- (g) Additional Item. Christmas Light Switch On – Tuesday 3 December 2024. Councillor Jupp will lead the light switch on, and will arrange to test the lights before the event.

197/24 MATTERS RELATING TO THE PARISH HALL

- (a) Reference minute 171/24 (a), the Clerk responded to the offer proposed by Netmore requesting further information on the installation of a connectivity device on the gable end of Ravenfield Parish Hall. Netmore

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- have not responded to the Council emails. The Council **RESOLVED** no further action be taken.
- (b) The "Beauty and the Beast" Mini Panto will take place at Ravenfield Parish Hall on Saturday, 14 December 2024. Neil Pearson, along with Councillors Jay, Jupp, and Whitworth, volunteered to help run the event.
- (c) Additional Item – The Council discussed the arrangements for displaying the Christmas tree decorations in the Parish Hall and **RESOLVED** to put these up after the Council meeting on Thursday 14 November 2024. Councillors will return on Friday 3 January 2025, at 5:30 pm to take them down.

198/24 MATTERS RELATING TO THE PARISH COUNCIL

- (a) The Clerk provided an update on the new Parish Council website. The community group page has been updated and greatly improved, though the Clerk has requested further amendments to ensure consistency in formatting. The Council **RESOLVED** to approve the website going live as soon as possible and granted the Clerk permission to make that decision. Councillors confirmed they have access to their Gov.UK email accounts. It was **RESOLVED** that Councillors begin transitioning from their current yahoo.com accounts to the Gov.UK accounts and start transferring any important emails before the yahoo.com accounts are closed.
- (b) The Council **RESOLVED** to schedule the annual staffing committee meeting for Thursday 14 November 2024, to be held immediately following the Council meeting.

199/24 REPORTS FROM RAVENFIELD ALLOTMENT SOCIETY

200/24 MATTERS RELATING TO REDROW DEVELOPMENT

Discussed, minute reference 194/24 (b)

201/24 MATTERS RELATING TO GREEN ITEMS

202/24 PLANNING

- (a) The Council considered the following planning applications:

To consider the following planning applications:

RB2024/1267 - Retrospective - Listed Building Consent, 3, Hall Mews, Ravenfield, Rotherham, S65 4PW.

RB2024/1330 - Ravenfield Primary School House Moor Lane North Ravenfield. Change of use from Residential (use class C3) to Education Facility (use class F1)

RB2024/1323 - The Orchard, Hazel Court, Ravenfield. Erection of single storey rear extension

RB2024/1394 – 1 Common Lane, Ravenfield. Erection of front extension and raising of roof height to create a room with gable front and rooflights.

RB2024/1421 - 93 Braithwell Road Ravenfield. Demolition of existing porch and car port, erection of single storey side and rear extension, raising part of roof height, change in roof design from hipped to gabled, dormer windows to rear, Velux window to front and render to existing dwelling and proposed extensions.

24/01404/FULM - Land South East Of Old Road Conisbrough Doncaster. Proposed residential development with public open space, access, landscaping and associated infrastructure. (This planning consultation is held with the City of Doncaster Council).

The above planning applications were noted. No objections raised.

Grant of a Premises Licence - The Long bar, Unit 2 Braithwell Road, Ravenfield, Rotherham S65 4LH
The application seeks consent to allow the:

- Sale of alcohol, for consumption on & off the premises, on Monday to Friday between 12:00 & 22:30 hours; on Saturday between 12:00 & 23:30 hours and on Sunday between 12:00 & 17:30 hours.

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- Provision of Late Night Refreshment, for consumption on the premises, on Saturday between 23:00 & 23:30 hours. (please note that a licence is only required for late night refreshment if it takes place between 11pm and 5am – as the premises close before 11am on very day other than a Saturday, a licence only required for late night refreshment for a half hour period on Saturday between 11pm and 11:30pm)

The applicant has described the premises as:

“A café / coffee shop and Deli during the day-time, operating as a small wine bar in the evening with a small and intimate setting, with seating for 38 persons. No outdoor area for consumption”

The Council **OBJECTS** to the premises licence application on the grounds of insufficient parking and increased traffic, which may pose risks to public safety. There are concerns about the potential impact on noise levels and public disturbance due to the close proximity of residential dwellings, as the proposed operating hours extend late into the night, likely increasing noise and public nuisance. Additionally, the Council is concerned about the proximity to existing public houses; the presence of another licensed establishment in such close vicinity would not only be unnecessary but could lead to over-saturation, competition, and potential public nuisance or anti-social behaviour as customers move between venues late at night. **Action:** Clerk to submit an Objection to Rotherham MBC Licensing Manager.

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

Grant of a Premises Licence - The Long bar, Unit 2 Braithwell Road, Ravenfield, Rotherham S65 4LH

The application seeks consent to allow the:

- Sale of alcohol, for consumption on & off the premises, on Monday to Friday between 09:00 & 22:30 hours; on Saturday between 09:00 & 23:30 hours and on Sunday between 09:00 & 17:30 hours.
- Provision of recorded music, inside only, on Monday to Friday between 09:00 & 23:00 hours; on Saturday between 09:00 & 00:00 hours and on Sunday between 09:00 & 18:00 hours.

Provision of Late-Night Refreshment, for consumption on the premises, on Saturday between 23:00 & 23:30 hours.

Application has been amended (see revised application minute reference 202/24 (a)). This information was noted.

203/24 EXTERNAL MEETINGS

Councillor Jay and Councillor Rowley attended the Rotherham MBC Networking Meeting at The Lyric, Dinnington on 17 October 2024.

204/24 YORKSHIRE LOCAL COUNCILS' ASSOCIATIONS

205/24 FINANCIAL MATTERS

- (a) Update on Council's finances. Noted and approved.
- (b) Payments to be made were approved. The Clerk highlighted a test payment made to Hags Ltd (for play equipment repairs and floor resurfacing) due to the bank account not being verified. Once Hags Ltd confirms receipt of the £1 test payment, the Clerk will arrange the payment for the remaining amount and seek Councillors' approval.

206/24 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

- (a) The date and time of the next meeting was confirmed as Thursday 14 November 2024 at 6.30pm, to be held in the Parish Hall.

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207/24 MINOR ITEMS AND ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

208/24 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.

209/24 DISCUSSION OF ITEMS FOR WHICH THE PRESS AND PUBLIC HAVE BEEN EXCLUDED.

210/24 CLOSURE OF MEETING

The meeting was closed at 8:21pm.

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Public Participation 10 October 2024

Parishioners of Old Ravenfield attended the meeting to discuss the following issues:

1. The rise in criminality within the village with regards to attempted break in's, car theft and anti social behaviour.

The Council noted that the Neighbourhood Watch group in Old Ravenfield is highly active, and residents have established WhatsApp groups to maintain regular communication. Discussions focused on actions already taken and further steps the community can consider. **Action:** The Clerk shall arrange a community meeting with police attendance to provide parishioners an opportunity to discuss their concerns.

2. The ongoing issue of speeding vehicles through the village remains a concern, particularly as traffic travels down Moor Lane North into Main Street, where many drivers continue to exceed the 30 mph limit, posing a risk to both road and pavement users. Additionally, there has been an increase in the number of HGVs passing through the village when there is a 7.5-tonne weight limit restriction in place. It is unclear whether the signage on Doncaster Road is unclear or if drivers are deliberately ignoring the restriction to take a shortcut.

The Council discussed various measures, including encouraging residents to request a speed enforcement van by submitting an online request. Additionally, residents are urged to document registration numbers and times when HGVs are observed passing through the village and report this information to the police.

Action: Councillors will raise this issue at the next CAP meeting.

Complaints were raised regarding the ongoing work by City Fibre, particularly in the Braithwell Road area. Concerns include the site being left untidy and patched pavements with uneven new tarmac.

Action: The Clerk will report the issue to Rotherham MBC Highways.

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The Minutes of Ravenfield Youth Charity

10 October 2024

Minutes of the Ravenfield Youth Charity meeting held on Thursday 10 October 2024 in Ravenfield Parish Hall, chaired by Councillor David Rowley.

Commenced at: 8:21pm

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

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies received from Councillor Jones.

2. HOLLINGS LANE PLAY AREA

(a) Following the completion of works at Hollings Lane Play Area, Rotherham MBC noted additional parts showing signs of wear that were not identified in the original inspection reports. Hags conducted a site visit and provided a quote of £832.00 (excluding VAT) to replace these parts. The Council **RESOLVED** to approve these additional works to ensure the play area remains in a good condition.

3. HSBC – BANK ACCOUNT

(a) The Clerk confirmed that no additional correspondence has been received from HSBC regarding the returned mandates with updated signatories.

(b) CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

The meeting was closed at 8:50pm

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