

The Minutes of Ravenfield Parish Council

Minutes of the Ravenfield Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 11 June 2026 at 6.30pm in Ravenfield Parish Hall. The meeting was opened and Chaired by Councillor Rowley.

Present: Councillors, K Jay, M Jones, R Jupp, D Rowley, P Whitworth and G Needes (Clerk).

In attendance: Five members of the public were present.

117/26	NON-ATTENDANCE OF COUNCILLORS
(a)	To receive and note apologies from Councillors who are unable to attend the meeting.
	Apologies received from Councillor Callear and Councillor Lilley.
(b)	To consider reasons for absence provided by councillors who cannot attend and resolve the council's acceptance of these if felt relevant.
	Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Callear and Councillor Lilley. Councillor Callear was away, and Councillor Lilley was attending a family celebration. The Council RESOLVED to accept the apologies and approve the reasons for absence.
118/26	DECLARATION OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY AND OTHER INTERESTS
(a)	To receive disclosures by members of any disclosable pecuniary interests for the purposes of Section 31 of the Localism Act 2011 and any other relevant interests under the Members' Code of Conduct.
	No pecuniary interests declared.
(b)	To receive and decide upon request for dispensations to councillors to take part in discussions and votes where they have declared disclosable pecuniary interests.
	No pecuniary interests declared.
119/26	ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED IN THE ABSENCE OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS - To identify any agenda items where resolutions may be moved to exclude the press and public, Under Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, S1 (2)).
	Agenda Item 11 (a)- Jubilee Field – To receive updates regarding potential land encroachment.
120/26	PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (see attached report)
121/26	CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES
	To receive and confirm the minutes of the Council meeting held in Ravenfield Parish Hall on Thursday 14 May 2026 (attached).
	The Council RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 14 May 2026, be approved as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.
122/26	MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

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	Minute Ref. 100/26(e) – Correspondence Relating to Old Ravenfield The Clerk confirmed that an email had been sent to SYMCA regarding the condition of the bus shelter and notice board in Old Ravenfield. A response is awaited. The Clerk also reported that RMBC had been contacted regarding the 7.5-tonne weight restriction signage. A response had been received from Marc Hill, who advised that the existing signage could be reviewed to ensure compliance with current guidance and to determine whether any improvements could be made. However, Department for Transport regulations do not permit the use of repeater signs for weight restrictions within restricted areas. Enforcement of the weight restriction remains the responsibility of the Police.
123/26	CORRESPONDENCE – To receive the following items and decide further action where necessary:
(a)	Old Ravenfield Village Garden Society – Grant application
	The Council RESOLVED to award the Old Ravenfield Village Garden Society a grant of £400 towards the annual upkeep of the village floral displays.
(b)	Jubilee Field – Request for the Council to review trees
	The Council declined to visit the property of Barberry Way and referred to Tree Policy.
(c)	Ravenfield Rangers JFC – Notification of club closure
	The Council noted the closure of Ravenfield Rangers JFC and acknowledged the commitment and effort of those involved in running the club.
124/26	MATTERS RELATING TO THE RECREATION GROUNDS – To consider the following items and decide further action where necessary:
(a)	Jubilee Field – To receive updates regarding potential land encroachment.
	The Council noted that there had been no further updates and that a response from the solicitor, via YLCA, is still awaited.
125/26	MATTERS RELATING TO THE PARISH - To consider the following items and decide further action where necessary:
(a)	Woodlathes Balancing Pond – To receive a maintenance update and any new information.
	Councillor Rowley, Councillor Whitworth and the Clerk, met with Persimmon Homes and its contractor on site on 26 May 2026. Persimmon advised that repairs to the fencing and removal of the temporary barriers would be completed that day; however, the works remain outstanding. Persimmon is obtaining quotations for ongoing maintenance but had expected responsibility for the pond to transfer to Rotherham MBC or Yorkshire Water. The Clerk confirmed that Rotherham MBC will not take on the pond and a response from Yorkshire Water is awaited. Concerns remain regarding the rapid growth of reeds and the need for ongoing maintenance.
(b)	Street Lighting Attachments – Review of current position and consideration of action.
	The Clerk is expecting to receive details of the contractor appointed by Rotherham MBC to undertake the lamppost stress testing on 12 June 2026.

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	Hobsons has confirmed that the Parish Council will only be charged for the hanging baskets that are ultimately installed. However, due to the weight restrictions imposed by Rotherham MBC, additional maintenance costs may be incurred, as more frequent watering may be required to ensure the baskets remain within the permitted weight threshold. At the recent Network Meeting, Cllr Sarah Allen advised that she would ask Rotherham MBC to consider providing financial assistance towards these additional costs.
(c)	Hollings Lane, Damaged Knee Rail Posts -To receive information. The Clerk has made enquiries with Rotherham MBC regarding the damaged knee rail posts on Hollings Lane. Rotherham MBC has advised that it has no record of installing the posts and believes the land on which they are situated is owned by Ogdens. It has also confirmed that it has no budget available to replace the damaged fencing. Action: The Clerk will obtain mapping information to clarify the land ownership and establish the extent of Rotherham MBC's responsibility.
(d)	Rotherham MBC Community Governance Review 2026 – To consider arrangements for publicising the review within the village. The Council thanked Councillor Whitworth for hand delivering consultation surveys to occupied properties on the Redrow development and for explaining the review to residents. It was noted that the previously agreed village wide leaflet drop had not been undertaken due to the anticipated second stage of consultation and concerns that residents may experience consultation fatigue. The Council RESOLVED to carry out a leaflet drop across Ravenfield during the next stage of the Community Governance Review consultation.
(e)	30mph Road Safety Bin Signs – To receive information from the Ward Councillor and determine any action required. In the absence Ward Councillor Gregory Reynolds (who was attending a Whitestone Solar Farm meeting), The Council were unable to receive an update on the proposed 30mph road safety bin signs. The Council was unsure if the proposed signs were the same as those previously purchased and which locations they were intended for. A parishioner commented that the signs contained too much text to be easily read by passing motorists and could be mistaken for house numbers, suggesting that a simple “30mph” message would be more effective.
126/26	MATTERS RELATING TO THE PARISH HALL - To consider the following items and decide further action where necessary:
(a)	Fascia Board Damage – To review quotation of repair works. The Council noted that the previously approved quotation of £890 did not include the installation of dry verge capping. An additional quotation of £570 for this work was considered. The Council RESOLVED to approve the additional expenditure, recognising that the dry verge capping would help protect the newly repointed gable end and prevent future deterioration. The additional cost still brings the total expenditure below alternative quotations received.
127/26	MATTERS RELATING TO THE PARISH COUNCIL - To consider the following items and decide further action where necessary:

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	No matters raised.
128/26	REPORTS FROM RAVENFIELD ALLOTMENT SOCIETY - To receive the following items and decide further action where necessary:
129/26	MATTERS RELATING TO REDROW DEVELOPMENT
	No matters raised.
130/26	MATTERS RELATING TO GREEN ITEMS
	No matters raised.
131/26	MATTERS RELATING TO WHITESTONE SOLAR FARM
	The Council noted that the meeting hosted by Oliver Coppard coincided with the Parish Council meeting, preventing Council representation. It was also noted that the application had been submitted to the Planning Inspectorate on 10 June 2026.
132/26	PLANNING
(a)	To consider the following planning applications:
	RB2026/0730 – Barrat Homes (David Wilson) Land at, Moor Lane South, Ravenfield, Rotherham, S65 4QN In retrospect - Fascia board affixed to sales centre. Illuminated Plan Portal
	The Council RESOLVED to object to the application, expressing concerns that the proposed bright white illuminated sign is unnecessary and the previous Redrow development did not require illuminated signage. There was comment that the lighting can be intrusive, noting that it shines directly towards properties opposite and may adversely affect residents. Should planning permission be granted, the Council requested that consideration be given to imposing a condition requiring the sign to be switched off by 9:00pm each evening. Action: Clerk to submit the Council's comments
	RB2026/0673 - Unit 2 Braithwell Road Ravenfield Application to remove condition 04 (no outdoor seating or tables) imposed by RB2024/1765 to allow removable tables and chairs and café barrier. Plan Portal
	The Council RESOLVED to object to the application, noting that it is the same as the previous proposal and that the reasons for its earlier objection remain unchanged. The Council also observed that a canopy has been installed outside the premises and were unaware of any planning permission having been granted for this. Action: Clerk to submit the Council's objections.
	RB2026/0615 - Land west of Firsby Lane Hooton Roberts Construction, operation, maintenance, and decommissioning of a ground mounted solar farm with a maximum grid export capacity of up to 13.5MW complete with landscaping, associated infrastructure, and access provision. Plan Portal

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	The Council RESOLVED to object to the application, expressing concern that the proposed solar farm would have a significant visual impact and dominate the character of the traditional stone village of Hooton Roberts. The Council noted its close proximity to the proposed Whitestone Solar Farm and considered the cumulative impact of such developments. Action: Clerk to submit the Council's objections.
(b)	To receive information on any previous planning applications/issues and discuss further action.
	RB2026/0412 - Amended Application to vary conditions 02 (hours of use of external area) and 03 (use of television screens externally in covered area only) imposed by RB2023/1386 at Ravenfield Arms 30 Hollings Lane, Ravenfield To receive correspondence from Rotherham MBC.
	The Council noted that the application had been refused.
133/26	EXTERNAL MEETINGS – To receive information.
	26 May 2026 - Councillor Rowley, Councillor Whitworth and the Clerk attended a site meeting at Woodlaithes Balancing Pond with Persimmon Homes and its appointed contractor. 3 June 2026 - Councillor Jay attended the Rotherham MBC Network Meeting
134/26	YORKSHIRE LOCAL COUNCILS ASSOCIATIONS - To consider the following received items and decide further action where necessary:
135/26	FINANCIAL MATTERS – To receive and approve the following:
(a)	Update on the Council's finances
	The Council noted and approved the Council's finances.
(b)	Payments to be made
	The Council RESOLVED that the payments, as presented, be approved and made accordingly.
(c)	Year end accounts – To receive the final accounts, approved by the internal auditor.
	The Council received and noted the year-end accounts as approved by the Internal Auditor and RESOLVED to approve them for the 2025/26 financial year.
(d)	Public Works Loan Board – To receive the end of year statement.
	The Council received, noted and approved the end-of-year statement from the Public Works Loan Board.
(e)	Community Infrastructure Levy Annual Report 1 April 2025 – 31 March 2026 – To receive the report.
	The Council received, noted and approved the Annual Report for the period 1 April 2025 to 31 March 2026.
(f)	Internal Auditors Report for the period 1 April 2025 to 31 March 2026 - To receive the report and agree any changes to controls that may be necessary.
	The Council received, noted and approved the Internal Auditor's Report. There were no recommendations contained within the report.

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(g)	Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) – Section 1. To be completed and signed by the Chairman and Clerk.
	The Council considered and approved Section 1 of the AGAR for the year ended 31 March 2026. The Statement was signed by the Chairman and the Clerk.
(h)	Accounting Statements for the period 1 April 2025 to 31 March 2026. To consider and approve. The Chairman to sign section 2 of The Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR).
	The Council considered and approved Section 2 of the AGAR for the year ended 31 March 2026. The Statement was signed by the Chairman.
(i)	Notice of Public Rights and Publication of Unaudited Annual Governance and Accountability Return - agree to set the date to advertise the period (suggested dates: Monday 15 June 2026 – Monday 27 July 2026).
	The Council RESOLVED to approve the proposed period for the exercise of public rights, from Monday 15 June 2026 to Monday 27 July 2026, and authorised the publication of the required notice. Action: Clerk.
136/26	DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING
(a)	To confirm the date and time of the next Parish meeting, Thursday 9 July 2026 at 6:30pm.
	The Council RESOLVED that the next ordinary meeting of Ravenfield Parish Council will be held on Thursday 9 July 2026 at 6:30pm.
137/26	ITEMS FOR THE AGENDA OF THE NEXT MEETING - To agree on items to be included on the agenda of the next meeting of the Council.
	Annual Parish Newsletter.
138/26	DISCUSSION OF ANY ITEM(S) FOR WHICH THE PRESS AND PUBLIC HAVE BEEN EXCLUDED - To discuss and take decisions about any agenda item(s) for which the press and public have been excluded
139/26	CLOSURE OF THE MEETING
	The meeting was closed at 8:51pm

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Public Participation 11 June 2026

A parishioner asked whether the Council would consider installing CCTV in the village, explaining that they had recently been the victim of a scam and felt that CCTV footage may have assisted in identifying those responsible.

The Council explained that the use of CCTV had been considered previously but would require multiple cameras due to the number of access points into the village. It was also noted that any footage would not be actively monitored and would typically only be retained for a limited period. The Council agreed to help raise awareness of the bogus company if it was still operating locally. **Action:** Councillor Jay to share an awareness message on Facebook.

A resident raised ongoing concerns regarding unauthorised access to their property from the access track off Hollings Lane Recreation Ground leading to the allotments. The resident reported damage to their property and explained that individuals had recently entered their garden to retrieve a ball without securing the gate, allowing their dog to escape and bite another dog, resulting in veterinary costs. The Clerk asked whether these incidents had been reported to the police. The resident confirmed they had not. The Council encouraged the resident to report future incidents, noting that police resources are often allocated based on reported demand and recorded incidents.

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RAVENFIELD YOUTH CHARITY

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The Minutes of Ravenfield Youth Charity

Thursday 11 June 2026

Minutes of the Ravenfield Youth Charity meeting held on Thursday 11 June 2026 in Ravenfield Parish Hall, chaired by Councillor Rowley.

Commenced at: 8:51pm

Present: Councillors, K Jay, M Jones, R Jupp, D Rowley, P Whitworth and G Needes (Clerk).

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies received from Councillor Callear and Councillor Lilley.

2. GRANT APPLICATION – Ravenfield Primary Academy PTA – Summer Fayre

It was noted that the application had previously been considered by Ravenfield Parish Council and referred to Ravenfield Youth Charity as being more appropriate to the Charity's objectives. The application sought £700 towards the cost of inflatables for the Summer Fayre, with funds raised to be used to develop a sensory garden at the school. It was noted that approximately 60% of pupils reside within Ravenfield Parish. The Trustees agreed that the proposed sensory garden would provide a valuable benefit to local young people and **RESOLVED** to award a grant of £700 towards the cost of the inflatables.

3. CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

The meeting was closed at 8:58pm

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