# Ravenfield Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of Ravenfield Parish Council held on Thursday 10th March 2016, at 6.30pm, in the Parish Hall.

**Present** Cllrs. D. Rowley (Chairman), B. Callear, D. Finch, S. Hamshaw, J. Jesson, N. Pearson and J. Wilson.
5 members of the public were present.

**1. Apologies.**
None, all members being present.

**2. Minutes.**
The minutes of the previous meeting, held 11th February 2016, were approved as a true record: moved Cllr N. Pearson, seconded Cllr S. Hamshaw.

**3. Matters Arising.**
Item 3A) a) Defibrillator Safe Cabinet – now, finally in full working order.

**4. Police Report.**
Information from Police.uk website, latest figures available January; 6 reported incidents.
Cllr. Wilson had a meeting with Police and reported that South Yorkshire Police and Rotherham MBC were working together to try and resolve School parking problems. The white 'H' was to be removed and the zig zag lines extended. Also railings were to be installed at the edge of the pavement. The Safety Camera Partnership was to be contacted. It was agreed to confirm with RMBC ownership of the spare land, currently used, unofficially, for parking. The land was for sale and there would be a major problem if the 50 cars that park there couldn't use it.

The meeting was adjourned for public participation; see separate report.

**5. Correspondence**.
a) RMBC – Rotherham CIL. Information that RMBC has submitted its CIL proposals to the Secretary of State. The Government has appointed an examiner and an independent examination into the proposals will be held. If the Examiner approves the proposals it is likely the Levy will be introduced in the autumn. Noted.
b) RMBC, Leisure & Community Services, EDS – VAT. The Finance Dept. has informed them that they must charge VAT for Grounds Maintenance Services and there may be a retrospective charge. Noted, the Clerk confirmed that any VAT charge applied could be reclaimed.
c) Crossroads Care Rotherham – Befriending Service for carers. It was agreed that information be put on the Council's website and a poster on the notice board.
d) Sarah Brighton – Messy Church. Request for the use of the Parish Hall for a 'Messy Church', probably once a month, on a Sunday afternoon 3.00 pm to 5.00pm. Request granted at a fee of £4.00 per session.
e) YLCA – Good Councillor's Guide. It was agreed to purchase one copy and ascertain what the changes were from the previous edition before determining if further copies were required.
f) YLCA – Petition to give local councils right to appeal planning decisions. Agreed members be supplied with the web address so that they can sign the petition.
g) RMBC – Joint Working Group minutes, 10.12.15. The following were noted:-
(i) An action item from the previous meeting had not been carried out due to changes currently being made.
(ii) The Improving Places Select Commission was looking at how tackling littering and fly tipping could be improved against a background of reducing budgets. Parish council involvement was being considered.

(iii) A revised version of the Joint Working Agreement was being produced.
h) YLCA – LGA 1972 S137. Notification that the expenditure limit for 2016/17 has been set at £7.42 per elector.

**6. Planning applications.**
a) RB2016/0160 – Single storey rear extension at 24 Spencer Drive. Noted.

**7. Friends Society for Jubilee Field.**
Cllr. Jesson stated that this item was not what she had asked to be put on the agenda. The Clerk responded that she had asked for two items to be placed on the agenda of this meeting. The first item the Council decided had already been determined and therefore agreed to only place the second item on the agenda. Cllr. Jesson stated that she no longer wished to consider a friends society as she had found an alternative source of funding namely the Ravenfield Youth Charity. The Clerk advised that he did not believe that the funds of the Ravenfield Youth Charity could be used for this purpose as the number of young people who would benefit could not be determined and in any event would probably be low and therefore not viable. The Chairman also had doubts the Ravenfield Youth Charity funds could be used. It was agreed that for the moment the consultation to determine the amount of support for developing the Field should go ahead but that all households either side of Braithwell Road should be consulted.

**8. Traffic Issues outside Ravenfield Primary School.**
Members were aware of the situation about which information was given earlier in the meeting. It was agreed that the Council inform the School of its support to resolve the parking issue.

**9. Reports.**
There were no reports.

**10. Payments.**
It was agreed that payments could be made.

**11. Any Other Urgent Non Financial Business.**
a) A Ravenfield Action Group had been set up in Old Ravenfield and was looking to the Council for support.
b) Motor bikes and quad bikes continue to cause nuisance throughout Ravenfield.
c) A member has picked up 91 bags of dog excrement in 3 weeks in Old Ravenfield.
d) The Clerk raised the issue of the Queen's 90$^{th}$ birthday and was informed that the Ravenfield Rubbish Rascals were carrying out a special clean up which supported the national clean up celebrations.

The meeting was closed at 8.54 pm.