Ravenfield Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of Ravenfield Parish Council held on Thursday 14th April 2016, at 6.30pm, in the Parish Hall.

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

1. Apologies.
An apology was received from and accepted on behalf of Cllr. J. Wilson; moved Cllr. N. Pearson, seconded Cllr. J. Jesson.

2. Minutes.
The minutes of the previous meeting, held 10th March 2016, were approved as a true record: moved Cllr N. Pearson, seconded Cllr S. Hamshaw.

3. Matters Arising.
a) Item 5(e) Good Councillor's Guide – The Clerk had obtained a copy and it was agreed that the Chairman Cllr. D. Rowley ascertain the changes from the previous edition and report back at the next meeting.

4. Police Report.
The Chairman had looked on the police national website and the latest figures were for January and he had reported these at the last meeting. The Website was therefore two months out of date. It was agreed to write to the Chief Constable about this unsatisfactory situation.

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

5. Correspondence.
a) SYPTE – Sheffield to Rotherham Tram Train Pilot. The letter was an update on this project that reported that Network Rail cannot complete the infrastructure works on time. SYPTE had sent letters to Network Rail's Chief Executive and the DfT asking them to apply whatever pressure they can to mitigate the delays. Work to the tram network, depot modifications and the vehicle delivery programme is on schedule. Tram Train vehicles will be utilised on the existing Supertram network from summer 2016. Noted.
b) South Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner – Media Statement. Received.
c) Ravenfield Primary Academy – Road Safety. Catherine Irvine, Acting Principle forwarded a copy of their action plan with the hope that the Council could help. It was agreed to pay, up to £100, for a banner for the School gates highlighting road safety.
d) SYPTE – Smartcard tickets on buses and trams. Smartcard tickets are now being sold on buses and trams with the aim of speeding up boarding times. Noted.
e) RMBC, Mayor's Parlour – thanks for donation. Noted.
f) RMBC, Customer & Cultural Services – Consultation on library service. Following discussions especially about the mobile library, it was agreed the Clerk obtain information about the service in Ravenfield and that this item be put on the agenda of the next meeting.
g) RMBC, Streetpride, EDS – Highway works. A scheme is being prepared for the resurfacing of the carriage way at Hurlfield Drive. The Council is asked for comments on the scheme. The Council has no objections to the scheme, it is good to see proper highway repairs in Ravenfield but the Council wishes to know what is happening regarding its list of highways recommended for repair.
h) YLCA – Access to the NALC website. All member councils of YLCA and the councillors thereof are now able to log in to the members section of the NALC website. It was agreed that the Clerk keep on file the log in details so that the information was available for members if and when required.

i) YLCA – Governance and Accountability. A new edition of 'Governance and Accountability, The Financial Guide' has been revised and issued. The publication is a practitioners' guide to be applied in the preparation of statutory annual accounts and governance statements. YLCA has supplied an electronic version.

6. Planning applications.
a) RB2015/1552 – first floor front and side extension at 18 The Dell. Noted.

Appeal Decision APP/P4415/C/15/3018479 – 4 Dovecote Lane. The appeal was dismissed but the enforcement notice was varied with the deletion of sections 5(ii) and 5(iii).

7. Section 1 of the Annual Return 2015/16, Annual Governance Statement.
The Clerk explained that the previous Sections 1 & 2 have been reversed and it was necessary and important to approve Section 1, now the Governance Statement, before the approval of Section 2 the Accounting Statements.
It was resolved to accept and approve Section 1, Annual Governance Statement 2015/16, of the Annual Return.

8. Jubilee Field.
After discussion of the submitted draft survey form it was agreed that a couple of alterations were needed and the form could then be printed and the survey carried out. Ideally it was hoped to do the survey before the end of the month.

9. Trustees of the Ravenfield and Ravenfield Educational Charities.
The Secretary of these Charities had asked for this item to be placed on the agenda. However information had been obtained directly from the Charity Commission and therefore consideration by the Council was no longer necessary. The Clerk had looked up and provided some information and copies of trust requirements to the Secretary at the meeting.

10. Reports.
a) 12 Ravenfield Rubbish Rascals have been through the woods and collected approximately 40 bags of rubbish and additionally some large household items. They have obtained some equipment from B & Q and McDonalds.
b) In the last month S. Hamshaw had collected 70 bags of dog poo! The dog warden had visited the area and was hoping to get once a fortnight.
c) At the recent meeting of Wentworth South Area Assembly the issue of motorbike nuisance had been raised; the police are aware of it but can do little. It was reported that the Rotherham Local Plan had been sent to the Government and the next stage would be an examination by a planning inspector.
d) D. Rowley had attended a YLCA Board Meeting, criticism was ongoing about the unexpected high increase in NALC fees and their financial competence.
e) Preparations for the Gala were ongoing and progress was being made. The next meeting is on Tuesday 19th April 2016 at 7.00 pm.
f) Two new gas services were to be installed at Main Street, between the19th to 22nd April 2016, 24 hours portable traffic signals would be employed.

11. Payments.
On the monthly financial statement the receipts and consequently balances required amending and increasing by 20p.
It was agreed that payments could be made.

12. Any Other Urgent Non Financial Business.
a) It was agreed to place consideration of a possible defibrillator, for the Parish Hall, on the agenda of the next meeting.

The meeting was closed at 9.10 pm.