Ravenfield Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of Ravenfield Parish Council held on Thursday 8th September 2016, at 6.30pm, in the Parish Hall.

Present Cllrs. D. Finch (Chairman), B. Callear, J. Jesson, and D. Rowley.
4 members of the public were present.

1. Apologies.
Apologies were received from S. Hamshaw and N. Pearson Moved J. Jesson; seconded B. Callear.

2. Minutes.
a) The minutes of the previous meeting, held 14thJuly 2016, were approved as a true record: moved Cllr D. Rowley, seconded Cllr J. Jesson.
b) The minutes of the meeting of Ravenfield Youth Charity, held on 14th July 2016, were approved as a true record: moved J.Jesson, seconded D. Rowley.

3. Matters Arising.
a) Council Meeting:-
Item 7: the completed bank mandate had been taken to the bank along with other information. The Bank require a 30 page application form for opening a bank account completing.
b) Ravenfield Youth Charity: there were no matters arising.

4. Resignation of J. Wilson.
The Chairman had received a letter of resignation from J. Wilson. It was resolved to send a letter of thanks for the work she had done on behalf of parishioners. It was agreed to declare a vacancy on the Council.

5. Police Report.
The latest figures on the National Police website were for June and showed 7 reported anti social behaviour / car crimes.

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

6. Correspondence.
a) J.C. McGleave – Ravenfield Tennis Club. Letter requesting a grant towards regeneration of the Tennis Club. Agreed to find out the benefits to residents of Ravenfield and to try to obtain a copy of the trust deeds.
b) N. Parkin – Sewing / Craft Group. Request to hire the Parish Hall on Fridays 10.00 am to 3.00 pm for a Sewing / Craft Group. Resolved to allow at a charge of £15.
c) RMBC – Rotherham Local Plan. Consultation on the five year housing land supply as part of the Sites and Policies Examination. Agreed the Clerk respond on behalf of the Council.
d) RMBC – Planning Training Session. Invitation to members and / or Clerk to attend a training session on the morning of 5th October. Any member wishing to attend to inform the Clerk.

7. Planning applications.
There were no planning applications.

8. Latest Issue of the Council's Newsletter.
The draft copy had been circulated and amendments made accordingly; it was agreed that it be printed by John Brailsford Printers Ltd.

9. External Auditor's Findings.
The audit findings were that there were no matters requiring the issuing of a separate additional additional issues arising report and BDO had signed the accounts off.
The Council resolved to accept and approve the External Auditor's findings and the completed Annual Return.

10. Reports.
a) D. Rowley and the Clerk had attended a meeting on the review of Ward boundaries led by the Boundary Commission.
b) D. Rowley reported on the YLCA AGM.
c) D. Rowley had attended the HS2 public information session.
d) D. Finch reported on the site visit regarding the complaint about the big tree at the Kingsley Drive end of the Jubilee Field. The complaint was found to be justified but because of the size of the tree the resident cannot do the work themselves. Agreed the Council would have the tree attended to. The trees cut down behind 38 Barberry Way were looked at. Agreed this was unlawful and vandalism but not to prosecute and to write to the occupiers of 38 Barberry Way.
e) The Police and Crime Commissionaire had agreed to attend a meeting at Thrybergh Parish Hall on Thursday 3 November 2016. He had asked for prior notice of questions to be asked, and members were requested to inform the Clerk if they had any additional items other than the regular issues that had already been included.
f) Members were informed that the RAY AGM would be held on Tuesday 27 September 2016 at Bishopthorpe Village Hall; it was free to attend and a buffer lunch would be provided. Any members wishing to attend should contact the Clerk.

11. Payments and other financial matters.
It was agreed that payments could be made.

12. Any Other Urgent Non Financial Business.
a) It was agreed that the oak tree planted on Jubilee Field was dead and to contact Hobson Nurseries.
b) Ravenfield Garden Society are intending to install sleepers to support the wayside garden at the junction of Main Street and Hooton Lane. Noted.
c) Could the Parish Hall be opened 15 minutes earlier for the Art Group and they required all the large rectangular tables and 24 chairs. Agreed; the Clerk to arrange.

The meeting was closed at 8.51pm.