Ravenfield Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of Ravenfield Parish Council held on Thursday 9th July 2015, 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.
6 members of the public were present.

1. Apologies.
There were no apologies, all members being present.

2. Minutes.
The minutes of the previous Council meeting, held 11th June 2015, were approved as a true record: moved Cllr J. Jesson, seconded Cllr N. Pearson.

3. Matters Arising.
a) Item 3a) Website – ongoing, hopefully it will be live by the beginning of September.
b) Item 3b) Defibrillator – The Cavalier have agreed to have the unit installed on the outside wall of the pub. The defibrillator will now be ordered.
c) Item 3c) Fence Hollings Lane – work completed.
d) Item 3d) bus shelter/notice board – repairs have been completed. The work was carried out by Mick Higgs and he is only charging for the materials. The Council thanked Mick for doing the work and his community spirit.
e) Item 5c) Felling of Whitebeam tree – site meeting held with Jim Dyson of RMBC. The tree is growing at an angle, is now leaning, the centre is dead and RMBC are worried it will fall. The cause is the established Elm which is overgrowing the Whitebeam and it would have a similar effect, after a few years, on any newly planted tree. Alternate sites for a new tree were considered, this would necessitate a licence, consultation with residents and service searches. RMBC would want to supply and plant the new tree and suggest a Rowan which is small and slow growing. The cost would be £1,500 with a 5 year guarantee. The Council decided that, in view of the number of trees on Braithwell Road and the cost of a new tree, it was not imperative that the tree should be replaced.
f) Item 5c) Triple waste bin – the broken catch has not been replaced, the Clerk will progress this.
g) Item 15b) Reseeded area Hollings Lane Playing Field - RMBC agreed that the reseeding has not been a total success and it will be reseeded at their cost. The wild flower area and adjacent land towards the play area has now been cut; the whole of the area will be included in the scheduled cutting programme.

4. Police Report.
No report had been received and no officer was present. It was agreed to write to Inspector Chris Blake as there has been an increase in the level of crime and more quad bikes in the area not just in the woods but on the roads.

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

5. Correspondence.
a) RMBC, EDS – Local Plan. Invitation to a drop in session 16th July 2.00 to 5.00 pm at the Town Hall. It was agreed Cllrs D. Rowley and B. Callear attend.
b) SYPTE – update. Sheffield City Region Combined Authority will be responsible for policy & strategy and SYPTE for delivery of same. Noted.
c) Ravenfield Cavaliers FC – Hollings Lane football pitch. Application from a new club to use the pitch. The Council resolved to allow use of the pitch for a fee of £70 per month during the season. The issue of parking was raised and Ravenfield Cavaliers FC were to be asked to park at the pub.

6. Planning applications.
a) RB2015/0776 – Display 1 No. illuminated fascia sign and various non illuminated signs at 6 Hollings Lane Ravenfield. Noted.
b) RB2015/0763 – Outline application of the demolition of existing Post Office & bungalow and erection of 4 No. bungalows & associated access at 1 – 3 Moor Lane North. Agreed to object as further access onto Moor Lane North in the vicinity of the traffic lights would be a traffic hazard. Regarding the Post Office it was agreed to contact John Healey for any information and help he could offer.
c) RB2015/0790 – Rear conservatory at 85 Braithwell Road. Noted.

7. Newsletter.
This was on going, since the last meeting some articles had been sent in and contact details for some groups obtained.

8. Gala 2016.
A meeting was held on the 18th June, it was not well attended and it was agreed to re-advertise and try again on the 16th July.

9. Reports.
a) N. Pearson reported on the YLCA SY Branch AGM which he had attended along with D. Rowley. There was a presentation on fracking and D. Rowley was elected to the YLCA JEB. The Chairman Duncan Wright was re-elected and D. Liddle was elected Vice Chairman.
b) D. Rowley reported on the Wentworth South Area Assembly, Simon Evans is the new Chair. There was a presentation on RMBC's budget – more money to be saved. A presentation on anti-social behaviour; ASBOs have been replaced. In answer to a question from D. Rowley, it was confirmed that the Commissioners would be involved in the approval of the Rotherham Local Plan. The PACT presentation showed that crime was up.

10. Payments.
Actual figures were Zurich Insurance £3,761.75 and internal audit £115. In addition was Yorkshire Water 1st quarter £78.83 and preparation and planting of flower beds £370.
It was agreed that payments could be made.

11. Any Other Urgent Non Financial Business.
a) Hollings Lane Playing Field was bad for dog poo and the bin near the rocks was not visible and requires moving. There was dog poo on Church Lane, Church Drive and Spencer Drive. The Clerk was instructed to make enquiries re signage and fluorescent paint.

The meeting was closed at 9.00pm.