Ravenfield Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of Ravenfield Parish Council held on Thursday 11th June 2015, at 6.30pm, in the Parish Hall.

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

D. Finch signed his acceptance of office as a councillor.

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

2. Minutes.
The minutes of the previous Council meeting, held 14th May 2015, were approved as a true record: moved Cllr N. Pearson, seconded Cllr J. Jesson.

3. Matters Arising.
a) Item 3a) Website – J. Jesson has attended a further meeting with RMBC and feels she has a better understanding of putting photographs on the website. She suggested the Clerk arrange an additional meeting regarding populating the website with written items. An electronic version of the 157 page manual has been supplied.
b) Item 3b) Defibrillator – ongoing.
c) Item 3c) Fence Hollings Lane – Streetpride placed an order for the work on 11th June at a cost of £3k. It consists of replacing the missing and damaged wood with metal and any future wood that requires replacing will also be replaced by metal.
d) Item 13a) bus shelter/notice board – repairs have been arranged.

4. Police Report.
Despite the fact that the Clerk had sent a reminder, no officer was present and no report had been received.

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

5. Correspondence.
a) RMBC, EDS – Speed limit between Thrybergh and Ravenfield. Confirmation that the speed limits will be changed to 50mph.
b) CPRE – Peakland Guardian. CPRE have supplied a copy of the summer issue of the Peakland Guardian. Received.
c) Margaret Gray – Various. RMBC intend to fell a Whitebeam in front of 59 Braithwell Road, could the Council plant suitable size new trees. Agreed to ascertain why this tree was being felled.
The door catch on the triple waste bin on Moor Lane North is broken, Streetpride have been asked to mend it but nothing has happened. The Clerk is aware that another two people have reported it to Streetpride to no avail and consequently have brought this matter to his attention. The Clerk has spoken to the Area Manager of Streetpride, they are aware of the problem and he has been given assurances that it will be dealt with.
d) Jon Rosling – new Ward Cllr. Cllr Rosling would like to attend the July meeting to introduce himself and offer if required his help. Agreed.
e) Rotherham Hospice – It's a Knockout event. Letter of thanks for grant towards this event. Noted.

6. Planning applications.
There were no planning applications.

7. Newsletter arrangements.
Cllr. Jesson agreed to be the editor providing other members play their part by supplying content. The decision as to the format and size of the Newsletter is to be determined once content is known. The Newsletter to be put on the Agenda of following meetings.

8. Approval of Policy on Recording at Meetings.
It was agreed to approve the Policy on Recording at Meetings and further that it was not necessary to have a review date.

9. Gala 2016.
Gill Bryce was to advertise for volunteers and if enough people came forward, to form a group, to organise same. The Council to provide advice, support and help when required.

10. Reports.
a) Cllr. Hamshaw reported on 'Meet the Commissioners' which she had attended along with Cllr. Jesson. The Lead Commissioner, the Leader of RMBC and a member of VAR Rotherham were present. The event was themed around 'This was the beginning of the conversation with the people of Rotherham', what do you want RMBC to do over the next 5 years? The event was interesting and voting took place on 50 questions.
b) The Clerk informed members that the hanging baskets had been put up on Friday 5th June.
c) The outside, side, emergency light had been knocked off the wall. Temporary repairs had been made but it would have to be repaired.
d) Karate were no longer using the Hall, they had removed their shed but not returned the Hall key nor paid the final bill.
e) There was interest in using the Hall for 0 to 5 year olds, for singing, dancing, etc on a Friday morning between 10.00 to 11.00 and 11.00 to 12.00. This was a commercial venture and the commercial fee is to apply if they go ahead.

14. Payments.
£108 had been transposed as £180 when transferring the data between the receipt book and cash book. As a result receipts and balances on the monthly financial report were all £72 high. The total balance is £66,168- 21. Extras to payments to be made, paper towels & toilet rolls £130 approx. and repairs to storage room roof £360. Revised total is £3,692-76 approx.

It was agreed that payments could be made.

15. Any Other Urgent Non Financial Business.
a) The Clerk asked the new members, of the Council, if any of them preferred their minutes, summons etc. electronically; all confirmed that they wanted hard copies.
b) The Clerk was asked to report back on the reseeded area and the weeds growing through it and the adjacent vegetation on Hollings Lane Playing Field.

The meeting was closed at 9.00pm.