Ravenfield Parish Council

Minutes of the Ravenfield Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 8 November 2018 at 6.30pm in the Parish Hall.

Present: Councillors B Callear, D Finch, S Hamshaw, K Jay and N Pearson.
Clerk, G O'Carroll.

12 members of the public were present.

171/18 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Councillor J Jesson and D Rowley.

172/18 **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the previous meeting held on the 11 October 2018 were approved as a true record.

173/18 **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

None to report.

174/18 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – Councillor Hamshaw, Jay and Pearson all declared an interest in the Community Plan, reference agenda item 8 (a).

175/18 **TO ADJOURN THE MEETING FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

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

176/18 **CORRESPONDENCE**

(a) Art Group provided a written report of their recent art exhibition held on the 13 and 14 October 2018. It was a great success with over 350 visitors, raising a total of £1047.66 towards St James Church clock repair fund. It was said one of the best things about the event, was the way in which it brought both ends of the village together. The art group hope to hold a further art exhibition in October 2019.
(b) HS2 – have approached the Clerk to ask if they could arrange to visit the Parish Council to discuss the most recent consultation. Councillors agreed to arrange a meeting and relay the publics concerns and questions. **Action:** Clerk to arrange a meeting before the consultation end date of 21 December 2018.
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177/18 **MATTERS RELATING TO THE RECREATION GROUNDS**

(a) Ravenfield Rangers Football Tournament – 18 May 2019. It was noted that the event will be a presentation and not a tournament. They hope to create a community-based day, commencing at 12:00pm until 5:00pm, involving local businesses including St James Church. With no current gala plans for Ravenfield, it was hoped the event would be as near a gala as possible. Ravenfield Rangers are aware they must complete an events pack and submit to RMBC. Parking issues will to be alleviated with use of the no waiting cones, and hopefully a car park.
The Parish Council gave consent for the event to take place, on consent being granted by the events department of RMBC.

(b) Sunnyside Football Tournament – 11 May 2019. It was noted that the event will be a presentation and not a tournament. The event will be similar to last year with a marquee, and 2 bouncy castles. The bouncy castles are anticipated to be positioned to the right-hand side of the field, and not on the football pitch. Parking issues hope to be reduced by encouraging car sharing, and walking to the event. The football club hope to gain consent from the medical centre to use their car park facilities for the day. Times of the event 11:00am – 6:00pm.
The above times clash with Ravenfield Rangers regular training sessions on Saturday mornings 10:00am – 12:00pm. Sunnyside football club agreed to amend their event time from 12:30pm – 6:00pm, and assured no vehicles would be used on the field.
The Parish Council gave consent for the event to take place on approval of the events department of RMBC.

The Parish Council asked that both football teams work together to resolve any issues. If issues arise which cannot be resolved, the Parish Council must be made aware of these.

178/18 **MATTERS RELATING TO THE PARISH**

(a) Community Plan. All handwritten questionnaires have now been inputted onto the online system. Awaiting statistics from RMBC. There will be no meeting in November, but it is hoped the questionnaire results will be available for the next meeting in December. Disappointment was noted in only receiving approximately 100 responses.
(b) Woodlaithes Balancing Pond – update: Over the past week tree pruning has taken place around the area. Residents commented they felt perhaps the area had been over pruned leaving the area very bare. However, the undergrowth had been removed, which was much needed. The pond itself it now in desperate need of dredging. Some weeds were pulled from the pond when tree pruning. It is hoped contractors will return to address the pond. Councillor Napper addressed concerns of life buoys having been thrown into the pond and now inaccessible, with the plans to install covert cameras. The parents of those children whom cause damage will be held responsible.
(c) Litter Bin Request, Moor Lane North. Councillor Sarah Allen confirmed a litter bin has been approved, however the bin will not be purchased or in place until the new year, due to RMBC currently quality testing new bins.
(d) Trees – Jubilee Field. Trees and hedges at the side of 40 Barberry Way will be removed on 23 November 2018 by a tree surgeon. The tree surgeon will also assess trees on Jubilee field marking any which need pruning/felling. Any identified trees will be discussed at the next Parish Council meeting. **Action:** Clerk to write to properties adjacent the Barberry Way gate entrance onto Jubilee Field, asking the area be kept clear for access on this day.
(e) Trees – Braithwell Road. April 2018, Reference minute 60/18 (I) we looked at planting new trees on the grass verge of Braithwell Road (replacing those originally there). The majority of residents contacted the Parish Council to decline the offer. Recently one resident has contacted the Parish Council, as he would like to have a tree planted. The Parish Council discussed the matter, and although encourage tree planting, taking on board previous comments, it was felt the gas pipes and tree roots may become a problem at a later time. It was resolved not to plant any trees in this area.
It was mentioned that the grass verge bulbs do not appear to be showing any signs of growth. The Clerk is to write to Cadent any follow up on the earlier conversation in which they promised to put right any damage the gas works may have caused. **Action:** Clerk to write to Cadent.
(f) Christmas Decorations. The Parish Council would like to extend the decorations to cover the trees of the Cavalier pub. The landlady of the Cavalier has consented to providing the electricity supply, and storing of the lights each year. The trees are tall and a contractor would be required to put the lights up and take down each year. The lights should match those purchased last year, with a view of being switched on the

first weekend on December. **Action:** Clerk to source lights and costs, and Parish Councillors to consent via email. The Clerk should also try and gain funding from local borough councillors by applying for donation request.

(g) Sewage Plant, Old Ravenfield. The Clerk reported the smell from the area to Yorkshire Water, who have since visited site and cleared the tanker system. Yorkshire Water will continue to visit weekly to clean this.

(h) No waiting cones – Hollings Lane. Consent was received from RMBC to place the cones on both sides of Hollings Lane.

(i) Parish Boundary, it was agreed the Parish Boundary should be amended to incorporate the land on Moor Lane South as far down as Lidget Lane. Lidget Lane would serve as the boundary. This area would incorporate LDF0774, the area marked for 320 dwellings. Councillor Napper suggested James McLaughlin, RMBC, Democratic Services would be able to assist in the wording of the petition.

179/18 **MATTERS RELATING TO THE PARISH HALL**

(a) Parish Hall Extension – An advertisement has been placed in the Rotherham Advertiser (9 November 2018), on the Parish Council Notice Boards and website and contracts finder website – advertising tender. Sealed tenders are to be submitted on or by 12 noon on 13 December 2018.
It was agreed planning consent should also be sought. **Action:** Clerk to request the architect, John Box Associates submit the planning application.

(b) Winter Plan. The caretaker has requested a spare key to use when forecast of snow. Should heavy snow fall and the hall be in use, the caretaker would leave the user of the hall with a key and ask they lock the hall, and post the key through the letter box before leaving. Parish Council agreed the plan would act as a safe measure for both users of the hall, and the caretaker.

180/18 **PLANNING**

RB2018/1629 – 76 Moor Lane South. Demolition of 2 no dwelling houses and erection of 8 no town houses. OBJECTION was raised at a three-story town house. **Action:** Clerk to submit an objection, new houses should be with in keeping of the area and surrounding houses, i.e.: two storey houses.
RM2018/1732 – 63 Spencer Drive. Prior notification for a larger house extension with a 6m rear extension, a height of 2.5m to the eaves and an overall height of 3m. Noted. No objections raised.

181/18 **EXTERNAL MEETINGS**

Councillor Sarah Allen visited Ravenfield on 30 October 2018, and unofficially informed the Parish Council that RMBC acknowledge Ravenfield should have a 30mph speed limit. A meeting was due to be held to confirm this on 1 November 2018.

182/18 **YORKSHIRE LOCAL COUNCILS ASSOCIATIONS**

183/18 **MINOR ITEMS AND ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA**

(a) Enquiry received from a yoga instructor, looking to hold classes in the Parish Hall on a Tuesday. The Parish Council agreed the hall hire fee should be the same offered to other groups, with a view that the hall fees will be reviewed in January 2019.

(b) Fly Tipping – Thrybergh Lane. Large amounts of waste have been dumped. Councillor Hamshaw to report to Street pride.

(c) Councillor Pearson was made aware by a RMBC Play inspector that the single swing had been condemned due to the rope fraying. It was taken down to be repaired.

(d) Parish Council notice boards are acquiring a number of advertisements. These are to be removed with a sign "Unauthorised adverts will be removed".
(e) Councillor Callear advised when reviewing the hall hire fees, we should be price sensitive, so not to lose our regular groups.

184/18 **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

(a) Update on Council's finances. A statement of accounts was distributed at the meeting for noting.
(b) Payments in accordance with the budget were agreed.
(c) Renewal of the Campaign to Protect Rural England subscription was reviewed, and resolved not to renew.

185/18 **DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

The date and time of the next meeting was confirmed as 13 December 2018 at 6.30pm.

186/18 **EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

It was moved that under Section 100(A)4 of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12(A) of such Act indicated, as now amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006, information relates to finance and business affairs. It was moved that under Section 100(A)4 of the local government act 1972 the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

187/18 **DISCUSSION OF ITEMS FOR WHICH THE PRESS AND PUBLIC HAVE BEEN EXCLUDED**

188/18 **CLOSURE OF MEETING**

The meeting was closed at 8:30pm.

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Residents asked if the Parish Council gave consents for fireworks to be set off on Hollings Lane playing field on Friday 3 November 2018. The Parish Council did not consent for any fireworks, and understand that Ravenfield Arms were not hosting any firework display this year. It was assumed any fireworks must have been set off by individuals.

Resident raised issues with the foot path leading from Ravenfield to Woodlaithes. With the closure of the Post Office the foot path is now used much more frequently by residents commuting to the Co-Op. The foot path is not very well lit, and is gravel based. The question was asked if anything could be done to improve this? People have stopped using the bus stop with shelter further down the road, because the path is too dark. Councillor Pearson will be attending the Community Network meeting on 21 November 2018, and will raise this. Councillor Napper suggested we contact RMBC, Richard Pett, Right of Way Officer, to ask his support. **Action:** Clerk to follow up.

Positive feedback was received regarding the recent Ravenfield Rangers football cabin installed on Hollings Lane playing field. The cabin is small, and well hidden. Ravenfield Rangers added that the FA are due to visit next week and assess the ground, and hopefully aid funding.

Referring to earlier talk of a car park on Hollings Lane playing field, residents commented that they believe a car park should be for everybody's use, and should be open through out the day for dog walkers, and those using the park etc. Councillors explained the potential issues on leaving the car park open, and unmanned. It would require a resource to open and close the car park every day. Leaving the car park open all of the time would welcome unsociable issues. Some residents feel the car park behind the Ravenfield Arms should be reopened.