Ravenfield Parish Council

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

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

4 members of the public were present.

37/18 **APOLOGIES**

No apologies, all Councillors were present.

38/18 **MINUTES**

The minutes of the previous meeting held on the 1 February 2018 were approved as a true record.

39/18 **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

40/18 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – None reported.

41/18 **TO ADJOURN THE MEETING FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

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

42/18 **CORRESPONDENCE**

(a) Letter received from Friendship Group, Chair Mrs Margaret Johnson, explaining difficulties experiencing opening and closing the Hall since the removal of key access. It was asked if Mrs Johnson could be a key holder also.
The Parish Council approved this request.
(b) Yorkshire LTA wrote in response to the Parish Councils letter asking for help in assisting Ravenfield Tennis Club with the funding requirements. LTA acknowledged our letter and suggested other routes Ravenfield Tennis Club may look into.
(c) .MP John Healey wrote to detail the concerns public raised at the recent MP surgery on 24 February 2018. The comments mentioned are buses, post box and general feeling of being cut off as a result of a bus route link to Wickerlsey. John Healey is pressing these issues with Chief Executive of Powell's and South Yorkshire Transport Executive, and asked that the Parish Council also do the same.
(d) Thames TV have emailed to ask if we have any objection to them filming in Ravenfield on 13 April 2018, in relation to a semi-finalist on Britain's Got Talent. The Parish Council raised no objections.
(e) The owner of the local chip shop asked if the Parish Council could assist in a new light being fitted opposite their shop, as feel unsafe in an evening when locking up. They also enquired if anything could be done to improve the size of the car park. The Clerk has spoken with RMBC Highways department and they confirm that the area in question does not fall under the RMBC Highways. In addition, the Borough Council has no money in its budget to fund any new lighting. The car park is privately owned and therefore RMBC cannot assist the shop owners with this enquiry. RMBC suggest the shop owners consult with their rental manager/landlord.

43/18 **MATTERS RELATING TO THE RECREATION GROUNDS**

(a) Planning consent has been received from RMBC to re-open the redundant car park situated behind the Ravenfield Arms. However, following a site meeting on 24 February 2018 it was decided the area was unsafe and too costly to clear.
The grassed area left of the entrance gate onto Hollings Lane playing field looked to be a better location. The current gate would provide access in and out of the car park. Suggested plastic reinforced grass mesh could be installed to the area (estimated measurements of 7m x 50m). Fencing or marshalling would be required to prevent cars leaving the car park area and driving onto the field.
Member of the public raised concern that vehicles would need to drive over the path to enter the car park and would be dangerous. Also, that children play football on the said area when their parents are in Ravenfield Arms.
Ravenfield Rangers Football Club were not present to add comment. If the car park is an option they would like the to pursue, the Parish Council would contact immediate local residence to make them aware of any proposed changes. To await feedback from Ravenfield Rangers Football Club.

44/18 **MATTERS RELATING TO THE PARISH**

(a) Re-site Parish Council notice board. Planning consent has been received, but unfortunately RMBC have advised we must now apply for a Highways Licence. Clerk to manage this application, which may take 6-8 weeks.
(b) There has been no update received from Royal Mail regarding the closed Post Box, off Moor Lane North. MP John Healy is also chasing the situation. Last correspondence suggests the post box will be re-located across the road in 12-16 week's time (from 2 February 2018).
(c) Defibrillator – Old Ravenfield. The order has been placed with Thomas Bothamley fund and was are hoping to receive the new defibrillator and cabinet within the next week.
Councillor Rowley asked that when the electrician installs this, if he could also call by the defibrillator outside the Cavalier to check the power supply as the lights don't appear to be as they should. **Action**: Clerk to arrange.
(d) Traffic Speed Limit – (see public participation section) Councillor Rowley presented page 4 from the RMBC Code of Practice Highways Inspection and Assessment. Points 4 and 5 give reason to believe the main roads in Ravenfield should hold a 30mph speed limit. **Action:** Clerk to write to Damien Wilson (RMBC Strategic Director of Regeneration and Environment), carbon copying in Colin Knight (RMBC Highways Manager) for indication when this will be implemented?
(e) RMBC Local Plan/Boundary. RMBC Legal Officer Dermot Pearson replied to the Parish Council enquiry in amending the current boundary to a more suitable position reference the Local Plan to build 350 new homes. The advice received, was to contact Bramley Parish Council to ask their view. **Action:** Clerk to write to Bramley Parish Council.
(f) Data Protection – no further detail has been received from NALC or YLCA. Councillor Jay has agreed to attend the Data Protection Awareness meeting on 12 April 2018, hosted by RMBC.
Action: In preparation for the General Data Protection Regulation, Clerk to draft an inventory of current data storage.
(g) Team Big Things – email received from a new TV programme, funding public art projects. There was no interest received from Councillors in pursuing this.
(h) HS2 – Engagement Team, have contacted the Parish Council to arrange to meet and listen to the concerns Ravenfield have. They would like to initially meet with Parish Councillors. **Action:** Clerk to arrange a meeting.

45/18 MATTERS RELATING TO THE PARISH HALL

(a) Parish Hall extension - John Box Associates will have the current Hall drawings ready within the next 4 – 6 weeks. **Action:** Clerk to organise a meeting for Councillors and Architects to discuss.
(b) Parking – Member of the public cannot report any improvement to parking on Birchwood Drive, and asked if could have parking notices previously handed to other local residents, to be able to place on car windscreens which perk inconsiderately. **Action:** Clerk to provide parking notices.
Chair of the Old People Social Group mentioned that members of their group had received these notices and were not happy. The Parish Council said it was trying to work with both residents and users of the Hall.

It was suggested that utilising the side of the Parish Hall would create an additional 4 x parking spaces. Objections were raised from a member of the public that this would encourage people to drive on the private road to access the parking spaces.

46/18 PLANNING

RB2018/0228 – Single storey front extension. 1 Grayson Close.
RB2018/0308 – Two storey and single storey rear extension. 26 Hollings Lane.
RB2018/0258 – Two storey side and single storey front extension. 28 Hollys House Road..
RB2018/0238 – Six weeks' notice of intent to prune and fell various trees within Ravenfield Conservation Area. 8 St James View.
RB2018/0337 – Prior notification to intent to erect an open barn/car port building. Church Farm, Main Street.

47/18 YORKSHIRE LOCAL COUNCILS ASSOCIATIONS

All correspondence received from YLCA had been circulated prior to the meeting.

48/18 MINOR ITEMS AND ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

(a) Community Plan

49/18 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) The Parish Council accepts quotations received for the supply and maintenance of the Millennium Flower Beds.
(d) Direct Debit mandate complete in respect of RMBC Ground Maintenance payments.

49/18 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The date and time of the next meeting was confirmed as 12 April 2018 at 6.30pm.

Parish Council Annual meeting 4 April 2018 at 6:30pm.

50/18 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.

35/18 **DISCUSSION OF ITEMS FOR WHICH THE PRESS AND PUBLIC HAVE BEEN EXCLUDED**

36/18 **CLOSURE OF MEETING**

The meeting was closed at 9:20pm.

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Public Participation 8 March 2018

Recent accidents prompted members of the public to raise further complaint regarding the speed limit with Ravenfield village. The subject was discussed in greater detail under agenda item Traffic Speed – see minute 44/18 (d). Councillor Napper also explained that he has brought this issue to the attention of the Borough Council at several public meetings.

Councillor Pearson also raised comment that the trees on Hollings Lane towards Thrybergh hang so far into the road that it forces vehicles to veer into the middle of the road to avoid scraping their vehicles. The trees in question may not impact on the smaller car, but larger vehicles (ie vans). This adds to the dangers of the road. **Action:** Clerk to contact RMBC highways.

Motorbikes – off road trial bikes, quad bikes etc are causing a deal of damage and disruption locally throughout the area. Residents are advised to contact the Police (101) to report, but not to approach the bike riders themselves. Dr Billings (South Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner) confirmed at a recent local meeting that he is aware of this problem, and it is one throughout South Yorkshire.

Dog fouling was reported as a growing problem, and highlighted more so in recent weather (snow). One resident offers the public bags to pick up their dogs' mess, but receives abuse. Councillor Napper was present and explained RMBC Environment department have a specific agent, Kingdom, who assists with visits and able to prosecute individuals who do not clean up after their dogs. **Action:** Clerk to contact and arrange visits.

Heating – Chair of the Old People Social Group commented that since the recent boiler repairs, the users of the Hall have felt an improvement in the Hall temperature.

The Parish Council also thanked the Chair of the Old People Social Group, for meeting with the plumber at the Parish Hall in the snowy weather.

Councillors also thanked Councillor Pearson – for taking down the Christmas lights above the shops, and also clearing the snow.

Comment was passed that users of the Hall are not stacking crockery in the correct cupboard location. **Action:** Councillor Callear offered to label the shelves.

Concerns were raised that the bulbs planted on the grass verge may be have damage/destroyed by recent gas works carried out by Cadent. The true extent will be revealed in the coming weeks. If this proves to be the case, Clerk to write to Cadent to raise complaint. Photographs as evidence would be appreciated, and public asked if they could provide copies if possible from last year's flowering verges.

With reference to January 2018 minute 6/18 (a), regarding the decline in growing trees on Braithwell Road, Councillor Pearson and Councillor Jesson conducted a survey and calculated five potential areas to re-plant trees. In the first instance, Clerk to write to residents of identified area to ask if they would have any objections to a new tree being planted on the grass verge outside their home. If residents would welcome this, Clerk will approach RMBC to seek appropriate permission.