# Ravenfield Parish Council

Minutes of the Ravenfield Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 14 March 2019 at 6.30pm in the Parish Hall.

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

7 members of the public were present.

39/19 **APOLOGIES**
Councillor Rowley was not present.

40/19 **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**
The minutes of the previous meeting held on 14 February 2019 were approved as a true record.

41/19 **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**
No matters to report.

42/19 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – Councillor Jay, Jesson and Pearson declared an interest in the Community Plan, reference agenda item 8 (a).

43/19 **TO ADJOURN THE MEETING FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**
The meeting was adjourned for public participation, see separate report.

44/19 **CORRESPONDENCE**
(a) HS2. Email received on 16 February 2019 from the HS2 Bramley Action Group, providing a copy of an open letter to the Government asking them to commit to the building of HS2 Phase 2, and to ask if Ravenfield Parish Council would consent to detailing our name on the letter. The majority of Parish Councillors approved this request by email, and consent was provided to HS2 Bramley Action Group on 20 February 2019.
(b) HS2 Bramley Action Group emailed on 13 March 2019 to ask if we would consider donating towards the cost of having phase 2b costed. (total cost would be £12,500). If a full detailed cost could be generated, this may kill off the M18 eastern route. The Parish Council would like to consult with the Yorkshire Local Council Association before considering the request.

45/19 **MATTERS RELATING TO THE RECREATION GROUNDS**
(a) Report received of obscene graffiti on the side of the slide on Hollings Lane play area. **Action:** Clerk to contact Green Spaces/Streetpride.
(b) Report received that fencing looks to have blown down on Jubilee Field. **Action:** Councillor Finch to visit and report if responsibility of the Parish Council.
(c) Dog fouling on both Hollings Lane and Jubilee field is an ongoing problem. Councillors encouraged the public to report this to Rotherham MBC.

46/19 **MATTERS RELATING TO THE PARISH**
Community Plan group are hoping to have a report of findings to present to the Parish Council. One of the biggest areas that has been highlighted within the Parish, is loneliness, of all ages. Councillor Jesson explained that having spoken with the Doctors surgery they welcomed the idea of a notice board detailing all the groups and events taking place locally. The cost of a notice board would be £30.00. The Parish Council agreed to fund this. In addition, Councillor Jesson is producing leaflets with information of groups and events. Councillor Callear has also offered to pick up and take home any residents that would like to

attend an event but unable to make their own way there. The Women's Institute have been looking into how they can help with loneliness, and have suggested holding games afternoons in the local pubs as one idea. The WI are keen to support these, but not to advertise as WI, as would not want the public to think of these as for women only.

The Community Plan group are looking to hold a community family picnic had on Hollings Lane playing field on Sunday 14 July 2019. The Ravenfield Arms have offered use of their toilet facilities if required.

(a) The Clerk has emailed Dermot Pearson, Assistant Director of Legal Services, Rotherham MBC to ask how we should submit the petition. Our request has been acknowledged, but we are awaiting instruction on how to proceed.

(b) Woodlaithes Balancing Pond – a contractor did visit the pond on 6 March 2019, and carried out maintenance, including removal of reeds. However, they did not dredge the pond. The pond is very shallow and covered in silt. Dredging should be carried out at this time of year before fish begin to spawn. The information has been sent to MP John Healey, and we are awaiting his reply.

(c) Footpath Lighting – Ravenfield to Woodlaithes. We are advised that three movement sensor, solar lights, lights will be required in this area at a cost of £800 per light. Councillor Napper said there maybe some funds in the devolved budget to help assist, but he would need to speak with other Councillors. **Action:** In the meantime, the Clerk is to write to Councillor Marles to ask if he could assist with funding also. Councillor Napper will look into funding options to support the installation of solar lights.

(d) Ravenfield Cross Roads, traffic lights. We have received a reply from Transport Instruction Service department of Rotherham MBC on 15 February 2019, identifying an induction loop which detects traffic, has failed. . Unfortunately, no repairs have been carried out as yet. Councillor Napper has also been chasing this with Rotherham MBC.

(e) Emergency Plan has been amended and circulated to all Parish Councillors. It was agreed and approved as accurate and shall replace the previous version.

(f) Reports of damaged/removed trees and hedges to the edge of Silverwood (rear of Ravenfield Primary School). The Parish Council are unaware of reasons for this, and agreed to contact the owner of the land to ask for details to be able to advise further.

(g) Further to the petition organised by a pupil at Ravenfield Primary School, the Clerk replied to ask if they had any thoughts to where they may like to see a Christmas Tree, A reply was received identifying the Crossroads as being most preferred. The Cavalier trees seem the best option. **Action:** Councillor Jay is to approach The Cavalier to discuss decorating the trees with lights. Member of the public present provided contact details of their electrical company who would be happy to assist in this project and also quote for electrical works.

47/19 **MATTERS RELATING TO THE PARISH HALL**

(a) Parish Hall Extension – the architect has advised that Rotherham MBC will refuse planning unless we agree to reducing the side extension by 1m from the boundary. Three other options were also presented by the architect, but the Parish Council agreed to proceed with agreeing to this stipulation. **Action:** Clerk to instruct the architect to proceed with amending the plans accordingly, and submitting these to the planning department.

On receipt of the revised plans, the Clerk is to arrange for contractors which have tendered for the work to visit and discuss in further detail.

(b) Sanitary Bins – it has come to light that the Parish Hall has no sanitary bin provisions. The Clerk has received a quotation of £150 per annum to supply and dispose of waste of one bin, every 6 weeks. Additional quotes are required before deciding how to proceed.

(c) The first aid box within the Parish Hall needs replenishing. Clerk advised refill kits will cost approximately £17. It was agreed to purchase this, and have a note alongside the first aid box to report use of any of contents.

(d) The Parish Council had allowed the Yoga classes to operate in the Parish Hall, free of charge, until April 2019. One of the two classes appear to be growing in size. The Parish Council concluded that hire of the hall is to revert to standard hiring fees from 1 May 2019.

48/19 **PLANNING**

RB2019/0365 – Land to rear of 76 Moor Lane South – erection of 9 dwelling houses with associated garages. No supporting information, Planning department advised an invalid application.

RB2019/0322 – 14 The Dell, Application to prune 1no Ash tree protected by RMBC Tree Preservation Order No objections raised.

49/19 **EXTERNAL MEETINGS**

No meetings to report.

50/19 **YORKSHIRE LOCAL COUNCILS ASSOCIATIONS**

51/19 **MINOR ITEMS AND ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA**

(a) Community Gardening

52/19 **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

(a) Update on Council's finances. A statement of accounts was distributed at the meeting for noting. The Clerk advised that the Gas bill was higher than usual. Having contacted E.on it was confirmed readings were accurate. It was felt that the heating of the hall is too warm, and agreed we should look to reduce the thermostate by 2 degrees. Curtains should be closed in an evening to conserve heat. Heating should only be necessary for two hours over a weekend. **Action:** Clerk to relay this information onto the Cartaker. The Clerk also referred to the ICO membership renewal, and advised the fee is £40 is paying my cheque. If we set up a direct debit the fee is £35. The Council agreed to set up a direct debit mandate.

(b) Payments in accordance with the budget were agreed.

53/19 **DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

The date and time of the next meeting was confirmed as 11 April 2019 at 6.30pm.

54/19 **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.

55/19 **DISCUSSION OF ITEMS FOR WHICH THE PRESS AND PUBLIC HAVE BEEN EXCLUDED**

56/19 **CLOSURE OF MEETING**

The meeting was closed at 8:15pm

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# Public Participation 14 March 2019

Member of the public asked the Parish Council if it would be cheaper to hire a storage container rather than extend the Parish Hall. Councillors explained that the extensions was to provide better storage facilities, but also to address issues of disable access, baby changing facilities, in additional to services and facilities eg: a library.

A number of public raised complaint at the parking issues outside the shops. The new gym has worsened the problem, with new visitors not using the way in/out system locals are familiar with. Cars are parked at all angels causing additional problems. Businesses have reported a loss in trade, as customers drive by and when unable to park, they drive away. Vehicles are also parking in the Cavalier car park and on Longfield Drive. Suggestions were made that In/Out signs may help prevent jams and flow of traffic. Line marking was discussed, but was understood this would then require a disabled parking spot. The car park land is private, and owned by the landlord of the shop buildings. Business have approached their landlord. Public asked if the grass verge could be utilised as additional parking? We understand that this area of land is owned by Rotherham MBC Highways. **Action:** Clerk to write to Rotherham MBC and ask their assistance to look at these problems. The Parish Council did raise objection to the planning consent of the gym for parking issues.

Question was directed to Councillor Napper to ask if there was any update o the speed reduction within Ravenfield. Councillor Napper read aloud an email received from South Yorkshire Police indicating engineering support would be required (speed humps) on Moor Lane South and North. The report did not mention findings for Hollings Lane or Braithwell Road. Councillor Napper will be following this up.

Reports of off-road bikes, 4 x 4's etc causing disruption and damage. Issues seem to be worse at weekends, Sundays especially. Councillors advised all residents to contact 101 to report these, but residents said they try but there is no answer from 101. **Action:** Clerk to write to Dr Billings, Police and Crime Commissioner.