Ravenfield Parish Council

Minutes of the Ravenfield Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 11 April 2019 at 6.30pm in the Parish Hall.

Present: Councillors B Callear, D Finch, K Jay, J Jesson, R Jupp, D Rowley, N Pearson and Sue Finch.

Six members of the public were present.

57/19 **APOLOGIES**
Gemma O'Carroll was not present.

58/19 **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**
The minutes of the previous meeting held on 14 March 2019 were approved as a true record.

59/19 **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

Item 45(b) Fencing on Jubilee Field. Councillor Finch had inspected the damage. There are 2 fence panels and 2 fence posts leaning but not collapsed. There is a second fence 1 metre inside on the resident's property. It is not clear who has responsibility for the damaged fence. It was agreed to take no further action unless a formal complaint is received.

60/19 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – Councillor Jay, Jesson and Pearson declared an interest in the Community Plan, reference agenda item 8(a) and Community Gardening, reference agenda item 8(h).

61/19 **TO ADJOURN THE MEETING FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

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

62/19 **CORRESPONDENCE**

HS2. Response received from YLCA to our request for guidance on whether the Council could make a donation towards a consultation report to be commissioned by HS2 Bramley Action Group. There are no direct powers under which a Parish Council could do this, but Section 137 could potentially be used if justified. It was agreed not make a contribution on the Chairman's casting vote.

63/19 **MATTERS RELATING TO THE RECREATION GROUNDS**
Councillor Rowley reported that he had attended a training session on the inspection of playground equipment. It was recommended that inspections be carried out on a weekly/fortnightly, quarterly and annual programme. The quarterly and annual inspections should be by professionals but the weekly/fortnightly inspection could be done by Parish Council members or staff. Councillor Jupp offered to do this. **Action:** It was agreed that the Clerk would first confirm the existing programme being undertaken by Rotherham MBC.

64/19 **MATTERS RELATING TO THE PARISH**
(a) Community Plan. Councillor Jesson has produced a report and action plan and distributed to Councillors. There was discussion on how to take this forward. The action plan was approved, and it was agreed not to distribute to all households, but to make available on the website and include a summary in the Council newsletter. Councillor Jesson also reported that with regard to the issue of loneliness she had obtained a notice board which was installed at the Medical Centre, and she circulated a draft leaflet with information on local clubs etc. that could be displayed in local shops, pubs and other suitable locations. Councillor Callear agreed to provide some information for the leaflet on the Events Group.

(b) Parish Boundary – petition. The petition has been sent to Rotherham MBC and Electoral Services are currently verifying the list of names and addresses. It is not clear how this should be taken forward with Rotherham MBC. The Council would wish to provide appropriate documentation in support of the case that could not be included on the petition itself. **Action:** It was agreed that the Clerk should contact Rotherham MBC to determine the appropriate contact and way forward.
(c) Woodlaithes Balancing Pond – update. There has been no progress on dredging the pond since the last Council meeting.
(d) Footpath, lighting (Ravenfield-Woodlaithes). Local ward members have agreed to fund the purchase and installation of solar lights. Once installed maintenance is the Parish Council's responsibility.
(e) Ravenfield Crossroads, Traffic Lights. The problem with the traffic light timings appears to have been corrected. Councillor Jay raised the issue of whether 7 seconds was sufficient time for pedestrians to cross the road. Councillor Napper presented a document with proposals for the introduction of 30 mph speed limits around Ravenfield crossroads. These extended from the crossroads along Braithwell Road as far as Hollys House Lane, along Hollings Lane as far as the Ravenfield Arms, along Moor Lane North as far as Hilldrecks View, and along Moor Lane South as far as Common Farm. Councillor Napper reported that Rotherham MBC officers stated that these proposals were based on advice from South Yorkshire Police, and he emphasised that these were only proposals still to be discussed by Rotherham MBC. **Action:** It was agreed that the Clerk should invite the local police officer with responsibility for Ravenfield, Caroline Bakewell (based at Maltby) to attend the next Parish Council meeting.
(f) Damaged trees/bushes – edge of Silverwood. It was agreed to put this on the agenda for the next Council meeting. **Action:** The Clerk.
(g) Christmas Tree. Members of the Community Plan Group have spoken to the landlord of the Cavalier who said that he would only allow solar or battery lights to avoid potential vandalism. **Action:** It was agreed that the Clerk should obtain prices for suitable lights.
(h) Community Gardening. On 6 April the first community gardening event in Ravenfield Common took place. Councillor Rowley stated that he had reported graffiti on a wall on Hollings Lane to the local Streetpride champion, and within a few days it had been removed, and that Streetpride should be congratulated for taking prompt action.

65/19 **MATTERS RELATING TO THE PARISH HALL**

(a) Parish Hall Extension. It was agreed to put this on the agenda for the next Council meeting. Councillor Pearson reported that a car had damaged one of the lights at the Parish Hall car park entrance. He has identified an equivalent replacement light which would cost £160 plus VAT. **Action:** It was agreed that the replacement should be obtained, and that the Clerk should investigate claiming the costs from the driver's insurance or the Parish Council's insurance.
(b) Sanitary Bins. The Clerk is obtaining further quotes.
(c) Cleaning equipment. The Clerk has obtained the necessary replacement equipment for the Caretaker.

66/19 **PLANNING**

(a) RB2019/0365 – Land to the rear of 76 Moor Lane South – erection of 9 dwelling houses with associated garages. The information was noted.
(b) RB2019/0457 – 74-76 Moor Lane South – discharge of conditions 0, 04, 08, 09, 11-16 imposing planning application RB2018/1629. The information was noted.
(c) RB2019/0468 – 4 Hall Court – Demolition of existing conservatory and erection of single storey side/front single storey front extension. The information was noted.

67/19 **EXTERNAL MEETINGS**

Councillor Jesson reported that she had attended a meeting of the Ravenfield Charity where it was noted that the three existing trustees are up for re-election. It was agreed to re-elect them.

68/19 **YORKSHIRE LOCAL COUNCILS ASSOCIATIONS**
Councillor Rowley reported that the proposed celebration of the YLCA's 75th anniversary at Ripon Cathedral in October has been cancelled. Any Parish Council who wished to submit details of projects they are proud of (including photos) are still welcome to do so. It was agreed to send details and photos of our play area. **Action:** The Clerk.

69/19 **MINOR ITEMS AND ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA**

Councillor Napper reported that there will be a Rotherham MBC ward boundary change in 2020. Silverwood ward is to be abolished and a new ward with 2 councillors will be formed from Ravenfield, Hooton Roberts and part of Bramley.

70/19 **FINANCIAL MATTERS**
(a) Update on Council's finances. The information was noted.
(b) Payments in accordance with the budget were agreed.

71/19 **DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**
The date and time of the next meeting was confirmed as 9 May 2019 at 6.30pm.

72/19 **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.

73/19 **DISCUSSION OF ITEMS FOR WHICH THE PRESS AND PUBLIC HAVE BEEN EXCLUDED**

74/19 **CLOSURE OF MEETING**
The meeting was closed at 8:15pm.

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The member of the public who previously raised a complaint about the parking issues outside the shops reported that she had contacted Rotherham MBC and received a response to the effect that they had no budget for small non-essential works, and that they did not believe that the barrier had been erected by them. The member of the public stated that the parking problems were ongoing, with late afternoon / early evening being the worst time. It was suggested that car parking space was available off Longfield Drive which was rarely used and could alleviate the problem. **Actions:** The Clerk is to write to the owner of the gym requesting that they direct customers to park off Longfield Drive. The Clerk is also to contact Colin Knight at Rotherham MBC to arrange if possible an onsite meeting with representatives of the shops, Rotherham MBC and the Parish Council.

A member of the public raised the issue of potential development at Silverwood Pit site which would involve collecting and storing gas in storage containers. Councillor Napper confirmed that planning permission had been refused on appeal.