Ravenfield Parish Council

Minutes of the Ravenfield Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 14 January 2021 at 6.30pm via Zoom video conference, and Chaired by Councillor K Jay.

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

Four members of the public were present.

1/21 **APOLOGIES** – all Councillor present.

2/21 **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES -**resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 10 December 2020 be a true and accurate record of the proceedings.

3/20 **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

Minute 190/20 (b) – Councillor Pearson, Councillor Rowley and the Clerk met with the baby group organiser and approved the location of an outdoor storage box to be situated to the side of the extended area of the Parish Hall building (currently gravelled area).

Minute 191/20 – Planning application RB2020/1583. The Clerk made Rotherham MBC Planning department aware of the possible covenant in the deeds of this property prevent extending to the front. A reply was received from the planning department to advise that the deed and any covenants are not checked as part of the planning application and is the responsibility of the land/property owner to check this information.

Minute 195/20 (c) – Rotherham MBC have verbally confirmed that Ravenfield Parish Council will receive further CIL payments, and a calculation is to be forwarded on in due course.

4/21 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – no declarations of interest were raised.

5/21 **TO ADJOURN THE MEETING FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

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

6/21 **CORRESPONDENCE**.

(a) Facebook Community Group. An email complaint was received regarding posts warning drivers of police speed vans and administrators blocking users joining. The Facebook group is not owned or managed by the Parish Council. The comments were noted, and recommendation that any issues should be reported direct to Facebook.
(b) Local Elections – 6 May 2021. Rotherham MBC have arranged a Zoom meeting to discuss the processes involved, 27 January 2021. The Clerk will attend this meeting and advised Rotherham MBC that that the Parish Hall will be available as a polling station on 6 May 2021.

7/21 **MATTERS RELATING TO THE RECREATION GROUNDS**

(a) No further updates have been received from the Drainage team at Rotherham MBC.
(b) Hollings Lane Playing Field. Ravenfield Rangers JFC continue to report authorised use of the football pitch even after moving to a new location of the field. The Parish Council resolved to place 2 signs (1 under the Ravenfield Rangers JFC sign on Hollings Lane and 1 on the Storage Cabin opposite the pitch) requesting permission be sought from the Parish Council. **Action:** The Clerk to obtain signage quotations, approval of

text, and consent from Ravenfield Rangers JFC to place signs on their storage cabin.

8/21 **MATTERS RELATING TO THE PARISH**

(a) The Clerk has not yet ascertained the date of which the Community Governance Review can be revisited. Councillor Rowley to speak with Stuart Fletcher, Rotherham MBC legal Services.
(b) No information or updates have been received regarding Woodlaithes Balancing Pond. Wildscape have not responded to the offer of conducting wildlife studies (minute 189/20 (b)).
(c) The Parish Council continues to follow Covid-19 social distancing measures. The Parish Hall remains closed, until further notice. Councillors requested that the Clerk write to the local Chemist and Doctors surgeries to offer the Parish Hall as a vaccination venue.
(d) Christmas Lights 2021. The Clerk has been researching options to add/improve Christmas lighting, and arranged a contractor visit in March to look at the Cavalier Conifer being professionally decorated.
(e) Parish Councillor Vacancy has been advertised with a closing date of 8 February 2021. Applicants will be invited to the next Parish Council meeting. The Parish Council resolved to incorporate the YLCA template Co-option Policy.
(f) Memorial Bench, for the late Clerk, Alan Scholes. The Clerk is applying for a grant to aid the purchase of a bench, and sought details of where the is to be placed. It was resolved that this should be placed in the grounds of the Parish Hall, and no grant application was necessary. The grant application should focus on the Ravenfield to Woodlaiths footpath (see public participation report).
(g) Additional Agenda Item – Book Swap Library. The Caretaker offered to provide a service to deliver book swap books to parishioner's homes, during the current Covid-19 lockdown. The Council thanked the Caretaker for this offer but resolved that it would break the lockdown rule "only essential travel", and difficult to know which books to provide individuals with.

9/21 **MATTERS RELATING TO THE PARISH HALL**

(a) Chairs **–** Redundant Parish Hall banqueting chairs were offered to local Parish Councils, no interest received. The chairs have now been allocated**.** 20 to Wickerlsey Youth, Ruby Cook centre. 50 to the local Scout Association. Collection will be arranged by the individuals, at a convenient time when the current lockdown measures are lifted and it is considered safe to arrange. The Parish Council resolved to place the order for the new chairs and tables.

10/21 **PLANNING**

RB2020/1904 – Land at 146 Braithwell Road, Ravenfield. Erection of 3 No pairs of semi-detached bungalows.

Parishioner raised comment that there are comments submitted on the Rotherham MBC planning portal that the new bungalows will look directly into the house opposite. The Parish Council resolved that these complaints had not been brought to the Parish Council, and that the Parish Council have no objections.

11/21 **EXTERNAL MEETINGS**

Councillor Jay confirmed attendance of RMBC Covid-19 update meeting.

12/21 **YORKSHIRE LOCAL COUNCILS ASSOCIATIONS**

All information received has been circulated by email to Parish Councillors.

13/21 **MINOR ITEMS AND ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA**

14/21 **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

(a) Update on Council's finances. The information was noted and approved.
(b) Payments to be made were approved.
(c) Precept 2021/2022. Rotherham MBC have not yet provided the base rates calculations. The Council resolved that there should be no increase to the Precept.

15/21 **DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

The date and time of the next meeting was confirmed as 11 February 2021 at 6.30pm, and will be hosted by video, on the Zoom platform.

16/21 **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.

17/21 **DISCUSSION OF ITEMS FOR WHICH THE PRESS AND PUBLIC HAVE BEEN EXCLUDED.**

18/21 **CLOSURE OF MEETING**

The meeting was closed at 8:20pm.

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Public Participation 14 January 2021

Councillor Napper updated the Parish Council and public with the following information:

1. The Hopefield Memorial Gardens, Thrybergh Country Park will open on Tuesday 18 January 2021, 2:00pm – 4:00pm.
2. A speed camera van on Braithwell Road, Ravenfield, caught 30 drivers speeding on the first day. The speed van will be revisiting.
3. Oborne Close and Westby Close will be resurfaced this year.
4. Ravenfield Lane junction with Thrybergh Lane and Doncaster Road to be resurfaced imminently.
5. There is a remaining £9000 in the Capital budget, suggestion that the Parish Council look to make an application for funding from this budget to lay a footpath from Ravenfield to Woodlaithes village.

Councillor Napper requested that his contact details be placed in the Parish Council notice boards.
Action: The Clerk to arrange this.

Public commented that the Parish Council should also look to apply for funds from the Capital budget for Christmas lighting.

Councillors commented that the footpath was an excellent suggestion, and that recycled bricks may be a suitable material. Concerns that tarmac may be unsuitable, as the tree roots may cause this to lift.

Reports received that off-road bikes and 4 x 4's are accessing the woodland and field from the substation. A large boulder appears have been moved to allow access. **Action:** Councillor Fenwick-Green offered to report and follow this up with Rotherham MBC.