

# **The Minutes of Ravenfield Parish Council**

Minutes of the Ravenfield Parish Council virtual meeting held on Thursday 10 February 2021 at 6.30pm via Zoom video conference, and Chaired by Councillor K Jay.

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

Nine members of the public were present.

19/21 **APOLOGIES** – all Councillor present.

Agenda Item 9 (a) – Councillor Vacancy brought forward as Richard O'Nion was co-opted as a Parish Councillor.

20/21 **DECLARATION OF DISCLOSABLE PECULINARY AND OTHER INTERESTS** – none declared.

21/21 **ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED IN THE ABSENCE OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS** – no items identified.

22/21 **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

23/21 **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES** -resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 14 January 2021 be a true and accurate record of the proceedings.

24/20 **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

25/21 **CORRESPONDENCE**

- (a) Hollings Lane Play Area – Push Chair Access. Email correspondence received from a parishioner unable to access the play area with a double buggy, as the current A Gate does not permit the width of a double buggy or a wheelchair. Kevin Burke, Countryside and Ecology Manager at Rotherham MBC offered to pass this information onto Green Spaces, to investigate replacing the current gate with a more suitable option.
- (b) HS2 – Braithwell Road. Email received from a parishioner having difficulty selling property due to the proposed HS2 works. The email was noted.
- (c) Off Roads Bikes. Complaints received from parishioners, and photographic evidence submitted of the damage caused on Hollings Lane playing field, and throughout Silverwood and Gullingwood woodlands. Ward Councillor Emma Hoddinott gave an update on the meetings and work which have taken place. South Yorkshire Police have also been involved with these. MP John Healey has written to Ogden's (land owner) to seek assistance securing and installing defences to deter off road bikes and 4 x 4's accessing the woodland and fields. Ogden's have replied refusing to spend any money. Further updates will be forwarded onto the Clerk for circulation to the Council.
- (d) Additional Item – Hooton Levitt, Burglary. A Parishioner contacted the Parish Council to suggest flowers be sent to the victim as a gesture from the community. Parish Councillors offered to send flowers personally, but not from the Parish Council, as this would set a presidency for all victims of crime. Councillors requested the Clerk write to the victim to offer community support, and to South Yorkshire Police, Chief Constable urging police officers work hard to find the criminals of this horrific act.
- (e) Additional Item – An email was received requesting permission to use a metal detector on Parish Council land within Ravenfield. It was resolved not to grant consent with concerns that exposing the ground may cause potential safety issues.
- (f) Additional Item – An email was received from the new Baby Group, requesting an advert be placed on the Parish Council Facebook page. Resolved that Councillor Jay would display this information.

## **26/21 MATTERS RELATING TO THE RECREATION GROUNDS**

- (a) Kevin Burke, Countryside and Ecology Manager, Rotherham MBC gave a presentation of the new project underway at Thrybergh Country Park. Hope Fields – is a new memorial garden, to reflect on the times of Covid-19, and a dedicated place to remember those who have passed because of the pandemic. Hope Fields will cumulate 27 March 2021.
- (b) Hollings Lane Play Area – a report was submitted via Rotherham MBC webpage, identifying a hole in the play area surface. The play area was closed on receipt of the report until a repair was carried out.
- (c) Additional Item – Rotherham MBC have enquired if the Parish Council would like to retain the redundant allotment area as allotments. The Council resolved to retain the land, and agreed to sign the lease, with Rotherham MBC agreeing to cover half of the legal fees.

## **27/21 MATTERS RELATING TO THE PARISH**

- (a) Councillor Vacancy – Richard O’Nion was co-opted as a Parish Councillor. Uncontested, with only one application made.
- (b) The Clerk has obtained a grant secured from Silverwood Ward Councillors for the installation of a tarmac foot path from Woodlaithes village to Hollings Lane. The cost of the approved works - £3398.00. Kevin Burke, Countryside and Ecology Manager, Rotherham MBC present at the meeting approved the works. It was noted that the path is not currently registered as a public Rights of Way and any future maintenance would lay with Ravenfield Parish Council. Kevin Burke agreed to request Rotherham MBC adopt the new footpath as a Right of Way, and also added that the fence at the top of the path is due to be repaired.
- (c) MP John Healey forwarded an email received from Yorkshire Water confirming silt studies of Woodlaithes Balancing Ponds have identified the level of silt was roughly a foot deep. A more detailed study will take place within the next eight weeks.
- (d) Councillor Rowley confirmed that Community Governance Review can be revisited 2 years from the date of the full council meeting held on 30 September 2020.
- (e) Christmas Lights 2021. The Clerk has been researching further options to add/improve Christmas lighting, and presented costs associated with lighting eight street lights at the crossroads. The infrastructure, installation and hire of lights would cost approximately £3000. The Council agreed for the Clerk to continue with researching Christmas lights and agreed a budget of £3000. Councillor Napper added that there may be funds within the Councillor Leadership fund to assist.

## **28/21 MATTERS RELATING TO THE PARISH HALL**

## **29/21 MATTERS RELATING TO THE PARISH COUNCIL**

- (a) Standing Orders – Reviewed and accepted.
- (b) Financial Regulations – Reviewed and accepted.
- (c) Privacy Policy – Reviewed and accepted.
- (d) Privacy Policy for Employees, Councillors and Volunteers – Reviewed and accepted.
- (e) Grievance Policy – Reviewed and accepted.
- (f) Disciplinary Policy – Reviewed and accepted.
- (g) Complaints Policy – Adopted.

## **30/21 PLANNING**

No new planning applications received.

RB2019/0894 – 320 new dwellings, Moor Lane South. Noted - Planning consent has been granted conditionally.

### **31/21 EXTERNAL MEETINGS**

Councillor Rowley and the Clerk attended the Local Elections meetings hosted by Rotherham MBC.

### **32/21 YORKSHIRE LOCAL COUNCILS ASSOCIATIONS**

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

### **33/21 MINOR ITEMS AND ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA**

- (a) Remembrance Poppies on Lampposts
- (b) Ravenfield Youth Charity – Laptops for underprivileged children

### **34/21 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. The Council resolved that there should be no increase to the Precept and resolved to accept the precept revenue will fall to £45,403.00.
- (d) Budget 2021/22 updated to include future CIL payments. Approved.
- (e) Renewal of Gas and Electricity contract. The Council resolved that the Clerk should seek the most cost-effective package on a 12 months contract only.

### **35/21 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

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

### **36/21 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.

### **37/21 DISCUSSION OF ITEMS FOR WHICH THE PRESS AND PUBLIC HAVE BEEN EXCLUDED.**

### **38/21 CLOSURE OF MEETING**

The meeting was closed at 9:05pm.

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### **Public Participation 11 February 2021**

Councillor Napper commented that there has been no attendance of Silverwood Labour Ward Councillors.

Councillor Napper enquired of the administrator of the Ravenfield News and Information Facebook page, and raised concern that he had been made aware false information had been posted. Toni Murphy the administrator was present, and confirmed that no such information had been posted.

Public added that 4 x 4's are seen at 4:00am coming along Braithwell Road from Maltby, heading towards Gullingwood. Sunday afternoons seem to be worst time for 4 x 4 and off-road bikes in or around Gullingwood, and Hollings Lane Playing field.

4 x 4's seen coming out of Link Road, Thrybergh.

Public asked if cameras could be placed on lampposts.

Concern that somebody (ie: a dog walker) will get hurt if something not done.

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