**Minutes of Rawcliffe Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 27th March 2024 at St James' Church, The Green, Rawcliffe at 7.00pm following the Annual Parish Meeting**

**Present**Councillor S. Wade (in the chair), Councillor P.A. Sykes, Councillor. J. Emberton-Leveson, Councillor. S. Harvey, Councillor.E. Gleeson, Councillor. C. Wade

6 Members of the public

**1. To propose and second the minutes of Rawcliffe Parish Council meeting held Wednesday 28 February 2024**

Minutes of the Council meeting were circulated to council members prior to the meeting.

Proposed, seconded and approved.

**2. Apologies for Absence**

Cllr. A. Hiles, Cllr, C. Cowling and Ward Councillor C. Fox

**3. To record declarations of interest on items listed on the agenda and the nature of such interest**

**Councillor S. Wade:** Non-Pecuniary 11d

**Councillor J. Emberton-Leveson:** Non-pecuniary 13a

**Councillor C. Wade:** Non-pecuniary 11d

**4. To note dispensation given to councillors on items on the agenda**

None.

**5. Public Participation**

**Close the meeting for Public Participation**

Public Participation – Any member of the public named on the electoral role is allowed no more than 5 minutes to address members of the council. If the point discussed is not on the agenda, councillors will place on the next agenda. **Playing Field** - Top soil is required to level out the football pitch. Proposed and seconded that this will be carried out as soon as possible.

**Trees on the Riverside** - Environment Agency are carrying out works at Airmyn and are to be asked if works could be carried out on the Riverbank at Rawcliffe.

**The Chairman will re-open the meeting -** proposed and seconded

**6. To receive the Parish Clerks Report**

Parish Clerk sends her apologies for tonights meeting due to an urgent family health issue.

Moles at Rawcliffe Bridge Playing Field have been dealt with.

ERNLLCA have published dates of training sessions

**7. To receive the East Riding Councillors Report**

Ward Councillor Fox, though not present, forwarded a report of a recent meeting with residents of Rawcliffe Bridge.

* Portland Street - this street is in need of maintenance. It would appear that no maintenance has been carried out for years. Ward Cllr. Fox contacted ERYC and arranged for a pot hole to be filled in and asked if an officer would look into the possibility of carrying out a survey of Portland Street.

Track from the road to the Playing Field at Rawcliffe Bridge, between the shop and the old Methodist Chapel - Residents have carried out minor repairs themselves for many years but now feel that they should ask for help.

It was suggested that plainings would be the answer and this is to be investigated by a Councillor.

* The Changing Cabins at Rawcliffe Bridge are looking tired. It was agreed that Croda 1% club would be asked if they could carry out a cleaning/painting operation.

**8. Update on Safety Advisory Group Information for Community Events**

The Parish Clerk met with the ERSAG who advised on community events. Present at the meeting were Health and Safety Executive, Humberside Police, Humberside Fire and Rescue, Humberside Ambulance Service and ERYC representatives. The Parish Clerk would advise all councillors and anyone wishing to put on a community event to read the Purple Guide which is available on the web site.

The Events Committee have put their suggestions through regarding the Festival 2024 which will be a smaller and more controlled event. Negotiations are ongoing in this respect.

**9. Update on Meetings**

**a. Metsa -** A further consultation meeting was held in Goole on 21 March 2024 and was well attended. A further meeting will be arranged for Summer 2024. The following points were discussed

* Employment, sourced locally, opportunities for local young people
* Traffic measures appear to be a priority. Highways England will be prominent when designs of roadways are submitted.
* Loss of industrial land.
* Environment Issues.

**b. Local Solar Farm -** The meeting was well attended and ERYC set out their proposals. This is an ongoing project and further information will be received in due course.

* This is a fully ERYC project which will last for 30/40 years.
* Solar Panels will face the Canal.
* Development will be serviced annually.
* Environmentally acceptable building to be built opposite school.
* Flood Risk - will any of the project be on stilts.
* Total area to be fenced off.
* What effect will this project have to the wildlife in and around Sugar Mill Ponds.
* This is Grade 2 Agricultural land.
* No power advantage to the parish.
* A representative of ERYC must be invited to the Parish Council for further discussion.

**10. Open Evening with Humberside Police -**

This event was attended by Councillors and residents. A further event will be held in April at a date to be confirmed.

**11. Update on work following last meeting**

1. **St James' Lighting -** All Councillors and residents have been asked to visit ERYC website and complain about the lighting of the path across the Churchyard.
2. **Riverside Trees -** ERYC have been contacted regarding the trees on Riverside and to date no reply has been received. The Chairman has contacted ERYC and EA and requested works to take place in Rawcliffe to reflect the recent work in Airmyn.
3. **Village Newsletter -** This is due to be published in the near future.
4. **Rawcliffe Bridge Community Building -** ERYC have not responded to a request from Rawcliffe Parish Council for a site meeting.
5. **Village Green Flagpole -** This willl be on the April Agenda
6. **Tree Planting -** A request has been made to ERYC for a site meeting.
7. **Notice Board, Rawcliffe Bridge -** ERYC have given permission for the erection of a notice board in Rawcliffe Bridge. A price for a double and treble notice board are to be investigated.

**12. Items from Residents**

A horse has been seen grazing on The Village Green. This is not allowed and a notice could be displayed and a notice placed on the Parish Facebook page.

**13. Items from Council Members**

**Pride Flag -** this flag will be flown between 24th to 30th June 2024. It was noted that 29th June is Armed Forces Day. After much discussion a vote took place:

Proposed, that The Armed Forces Flag be double flown with the Pride Flag on 30th June 2024.

Proposed, seconded with a show of hands. 1 abstention that the Armed Forces Flag will be double flown with the Pride Flag on 30th June 2024.

Amendment that the Armed Forces Flag be flown by itself. No Seconder.

**Rawcliffe Bridge Playing Field Access -** this will be remedied by members of the Parish Council.

**Tree, Rawcliffe Bridge Playing Field -** to be investigated.

**Grass cutting in the Parish -** the newly appointed contractor has commenced grass cutting in the parish. It was agreed that the results from the first cut is most satisfactory. Would it be possible to have a compost area within Rawcliffe Cemetery.

**Parking Issues, Rawcliffe and Rawcliffe Bridge -** the grass on the Village Green opposite the two takeaways has been worn away. the Parish Clerk will further investigate possible remedial works.

**Parish Council Website -** it was noted that this is still unsecure. Could steps be taken to have the site secure. Information required on the website needs updating and several issues need addressing.

**St. George's Day -** 21st April 2024. The Clerk will be asked to order a St. George's Day Flag in time for the event.

**Dog Fouling -** the Dog Warden is to be contacted and asked if a supply of anti-dog fouling stickers and stencils and spray paint are available for the Parish.

**Planters -** The planters round the Parish need some maintenance and planting for the summer season. It was noted that plants have been ordered and maintenance work will be carried out before planting.

**14. Update from Street Maintenance Operative**

A full report of works undertaken by the Parish Maintenance Operative has been received and was presented to the Parish Council.

**15. Insurance Renewal -** the annual Insurance renewal has been received and will be forwarded to Councillors for their consideration.

**16. Rawcliffe Play and Sk8 Park and Rawcliffe Bridge Play Park Inspections -** have been carried out.

**17. Rawcliffe Cemetery**

Two burials have taken place in Rawcliffe Cemetery since the last meeting.

**18. Planning**

**20/00856/VAR -** Bridge Farm, Moor Road, Rawcliffe Bridge for the removal of Condition 8 of Planning Permission 04/03767/PLF. Proposed and seconded that the Parish Council should object as this land could possibly be used for residential development in the future.

**19. Accounts**

**a. Payments and Receipts -** to be forwarded to Parish Councillors for approval.

**b.** **AGAR -** External Audit 2023/2024 has been received for completion at year end, 31st March 2024.

**20. Date of the next meeting -** Wednesday 24th April 2024.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.53pm