

Minutes of Rawcliffe Parish Council Meeting on Wednesday 24th November 2021 at St James Church, The Green, Rawcliffe at 7pm

To proposed and second the minutes of Rawcliffe Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 27 October 2021.

Minutes of the parish council meeting were circulated to council members prior to the meeting. Minutes were taken as a true record of the meeting. Proposed and seconded.

Apologies for absence

Cllr. Rod Cochran

To record declaration of interest by member of the council in items on the agenda and nature of such interest.

No declarations were recorded

Chairman Closed the meeting - proposed and seconded

Public Participation

None

The Chairman opened the meeting - proposed and seconded

To receive the Parish Clerks Report

Bin on Mill Lane

A request has been made to Nigel Waters (ERYC) requesting an assessment of Mill Lane for a bin to be placed in the lay-by. Awaiting feedback.

Trees on Riverside

Cllr. John Taylor has informed the Parish Clerk he has spoken to an ex employee of the water board and has been informed they in fact planted the trees. The Parish Clerk has made contact with the relevant departments and has been informed they have no record of the tree planting. ERYC are still unable to confirm who owns the land. The Parish Clerk has carried out a Land Registry Search (SIM) and is awaiting information.

It was agreed that the Parish Council should continue investigating ownership of the trees. If the Parish Council carried out future works then it would be expected any further works would be expected to be funded by the Parish Council. It was further suggested that a leaflet should be produced and delivered to every property on Riverside suggesting that residents could have more success if they complained to ERYC individually. A resident is already active on this issue and so far has had success with getting the twitchill cleaned out.

Cemetery Works

Works were ordered in September and the Parish Clerk has chased the order several times. Works to be carried out include, re planting of the hedge in the ashes section, removal of grass and laying of membrane and gravel, additional paving slabs and sighting of Memorial Bench. The Clerk will continue to contact the contractor. (Cllr. Pauline Sykes has seen messages and evidence of the clerks communication with the contractor dating back to 1/10/2021)

Play Park Work

The work has been ordered and awaiting dates from contractor.

Rawcliffe Bridge Grant Application

The Parish Clerk has received communications from Andrew Percy MP Office requesting all the same information the Parish council submitted in the previous application. The Chairman has been made aware all correspondence. A grant application will be submitted but the Parish Clerk does not believe the applications will be granted due to a number of points. Only 1 tender, community support. Please note the parish council can scale down the project and pay for the project with funds already allocated if they wish.

It was suggested that the Scout leader Kelvin should be contacted to ascertain whether or not he would be willing to contact residents of Rawcliffe Bridge as to date there has been no real interest shown by them for this project. This matter will be placed on the **January Agenda**.

Village Green Lighting

A meeting took place with Jubbs and councillors. Councillors agreed for the lighting to be installed around the Village Green. Work commenced on the Village Green to lay the services to the trees which are to be illuminated. Unfortunately two members of the public objected strongly to the contractors who contacted the Clerk who made the decision to stop the work until further investigations could take place. ERYC were contacted and visited the site and made helpful suggestions as to a way forward. As soon as a solution is to hand the work on the lighting of the trees will continue. This will not affect the illuminated garlands and Christmas tree.

It was also agreed that the Fair should not be allowed to use the unmetered electricity supply when they visit the Village Green. **The question was also asked if the supply could be metered. The Clerk is to investigate.**

The Clerk has been instructed to investigate ownership of the light at the side of the path in the churchyard which has not been working for several months.

Tree Cutting on Village Green

The Parish Clerk contacted ERYC regarding trees on the Public Highway (the Green) some trees have now been cut back. It was agreed that the trees close to the Church railings on High Street do belong to ERYC and have historically been maintained by ERYC. All the trees on the Village Green are owned by the Parish Council so therefore any maintenance should be arranged and funded by the Parish Council. In view of this the **Clerk has been asked to seek a re-quote for maintenance on the trees on the Village Green.**

Bench at Rawcliffe Bridge

A new bench has been ordered with Glasdon for Rawcliffe Bridge.

Covid19 Update

Week Commencing 15 November 36 patients tested positive for Covid19, compared to 25 and 33 in the two previous weeks. The most common age group testing positive is 50 – 60.

Community Speedwatch Update

Councillor Harris stated that the report from the recent survey on Station Road has been received. The application for a Community Speedwatch in the Parish was on hold but the application can now go ahead. Extra signage could also be considered.

Christmas Light Switch-on

A question was asked, why don't we plant a permanent Christmas tree. The reasoning is that this would grow and in no time would be too tall to dress.

Special thanks should be given to Baystons Transport for picking up both trees for the Parish, delivering them to site and helping with the erection.

Councillor Wade will contact both schools to inform them of the light up times on Sunday 28th November. It was agreed that no hymn sheets would be necessary for singing of carols round the tree. The Goole Times are to be informed.

Illuminating the lights on the Village Green and the Christmas tree will follow on from the Christmas Fair which is to take place on Riverside.

To receive an update report on the Play Areas at Rawcliffe and Rawcliffe Bridge

No reports of damage on either area has been received.

a request has been made for a new piece of equipment for Rawcliffe Play area. New Picnic benches have been pre-ordered but delivery is on hold.

To consider and approve applications for memorials in Rawcliffe Cemetery

2 memorials have been made for 2 x vases for graves dating 1944 and 1966. Permission has been granted.

Cemetery Update Information from NALC (National Association of Local Councils) Environmental Permitting Regulations 2016

Information has been forwarded to councillors.

Currently our cemetery has 4 foot centres which is same as the numbers stated in the document 4' x 8' ie. 32 square feet. To increase the size would dramatically reduce the number of graves spaces in the cemetery.

In the new section where plinths have been laid, we have 12 graves per plinth and 5 plinths either side which equals = 120 graves (with the current measurements)

In the new section with the plinths under the new proposed measurements that would = 80 graves, HOWEVER, we would have an issue with the length of the graves as the plinths are already in place.

Councillor Wade further explained the new suggestions and it was agreed that an objection will be raised.

No one received the questionnaire but are willing for their objection to go forward.

Remembrance Sunday

Parish Councillors were well represented during the Remembrance Sunday services. However, it was suggested that in future years all Parish Councillors should sit together in Church. This suggestion was accepted.

Could the Parish Council have a small trough filled with soil placed at the base of the War Memorial to enable people to place their small wooden crosses.

To consider Planning Application in the parish

Erection of a two storey extension to the rear and addition of 5 rooflights

14 New Cottages Moor Road Rawcliffe Bridge East Riding Of Yorkshire DN14 8P

Ref. No: 21/04138/PLF | Received: Thu 04 Nov 2021 | Validated: Fri 12 Nov 2021 - No objections were raised

Accounts - Payments

Burn Fencing	Bell Lane Fencing	£1659.24
Staff Costs	November	£661.40
Staff Costs	December	£661.40
HMRC	November / December	£183.71 / £183.71
Dene Nurse	Play Inspection November	£48.00
Alan Johnson	Internal Inspection	£195.00

All accounts as presented were approved for payment

Budget

To be approved with the approval of the 2022/2023 Precept to be levied upon ERYC at the January 2022 meeting.

Internal Audit Report

Matters arising

Entries made in the Cemetery records should not be made in pencil (the Parish Clerk takes note and will mark in pen) Please note I usually only use pencil before confirming all information and then overwriting in pen.

Banked Cheques must be banked when received (the parish clerks takes note and will bank on a weekly basis rather than monthly)

An un-presented cheque to the Gospel Hall dating back over 12 months can now be cancelled.

Summary from Internal Auditor

Based on my examination of the councils accounts I am satisfied that the accounts as presented are free from material error. There are no other matter of significant concern that need to be drawn to the attention of the council at this time.

Alan Johnson.

Items to be included in the January Agenda

Lighting of the Parish Beacon - with gas?

HGV vehicles travelling through Rawcliffe Bridge instead of going over the newly strengthened canal bridge.

A proposed 20mph sign on Papermill Road

Proposed dog training area at Rawcliffe Bridge

To adopt the 2022/2023 Budget and set the 2022/2023 Precept

Proposed Community Speedwatch

Trees on Riverside

Rawcliffe Bridge Play Area

Date of the next meeting

The date of the next Parish Council meeting will be Wednesday 26th January 2022

Exclusion of Press and Public

Staffing

Please note the Parish Clerk has been signed off as working from home only from the doctor. Apologies I am unable to attend the meeting however I am in great discomfort and can not sit for long periods of time due to having an issue with my back.

The Parish Clerk wished everyone a very Happy Christmas and New Year.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.30pm