**Minutes of Rawcliffe Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 27th September 2023 at St James' Church, The Green, Rawcliffe at 7.00pm**

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

20 Members of the public

**To propose and second the minutes of Rawcliffe Parish Council meeting held Wednesday 2 August 2023**

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

Proposed, seconded and approved.

**Apologies for Absence**

Cllr. A. Hiles & Cllr, C. Cowling

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

**Councillor S. Wade:** Non-pecuniary, 8a, pecuniary, 13, non-pecuniary, 14b

**Councillor S. Harris:** Non-pecuniary 14a, non-pecuniary 14b

**Councillor C. Wade:** Non-pecuniary 8b, Pecuniary, 13, pecuniary 14d

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

None.

**To receive the Parish Clerks Report**

**Development, Rawcliffe Road, Airmyn**

The Parish Council at this time have not received any formal correspondence from ERYC regarding proposed development on Rawcliffe Road, Airmyn. Please note that after Clerks research it has been noted that Airmyn Parish Council where the development will take place has not been notified or contacted by ERYC or the business.

**Travellers Site**

Please note following the Parish Councils liaising with Hannah Taylor, Enforcement, that an Enforcement Order was placed on the site on Snaith Road due to laying of hardstanding. Parish Council or ERYC have no authority over who purchases private plots of land but ERYC do have authority over planning issues.

**To receive the East Riding Councillors Report**

None were present

**Devolution briefing for town and parish councils with Q&A session –** **Councillors Update**

* Hull City Council and ERYC would join forces with one Mayor.
* Funding can be sought from Central Government
* ERYC population is greater in size than HCC therefore largest part of funding should go to ERYC.
* This will not introduce another layer of government.
* A greater input will be generated from Parish and Town Councils.
* There is to be a further consultation period with a Parish Council representative on board.
* Negotiations are still taking place with Central Government.
* It would not be cost effective to hold a referendum.

**Update on work following last meeting**

Paul Robinson at ERYC Highways has been in contact and stated that the bends on Station Road do not hit any policies for traffic management/waiting restrictions. He has noted that the Parish Council could contact Safer Road Humber regarding the issue and ask them to carry out a full safety check.

The Clerk has been taking photographs on a regular basis at different times of the day of parking on the Village Green and spaces available. This is to be discussed during the October meeting following an update from Traffic Management.

1. **Bike Track** - an invitation has gone out to young people within the Parish to make a presentation at a Parish Council meeting on what they would like to see in the Parish.
2. **Community Building** – Rawcliffe Bridge - Contact has been made with James Ashby Kelly, ERYC who has now forwarded the Parish Council's request for a Community building for Rawcliffe Bridge to the Valuation and Estates Team for consideration.
3. **Tree Cutting**, Conservation Area – Planning Application for works

Noted by council members.

1. **Cemetery Training / ERNLLCA Conference** - The Clerk attended training on Cemetery together with attending the Annual ERNLLCA Conference. The Crime Commissioner was present and stated that he would be happy to visit Parish Councils if invited. Allotment training was also carried out by the Clerk and this will be on the October Agenda.
2. **Village Newsletter** - An update of the Village newsletter was given. It was stated that the full Parish Council should have sight of the draft of the newsletter before sending it to print. Noted that there should be a full piece giving details of Rawcliffe Parish Council, dates of meetings and events. The Clerk should be informed in future of the dates of meetings of this group of workers and the content of the magazine. The magazine is to be distributed quarterly to each household and business within the Parish and the cost of approximately £500+ per issue will be paid for by the Parish Council. It was noted that as the four issues would cost in excess of £2,000 in the year three quotations should be sought.
3. **Grit Bin Checks** - these have taken place for the 2023 winter season.

**Update from Street Maintenance Operative**

**September Maintenance:\_**

1. September 1st…..Worked around Cenotaph, scraped up Moss forming on the tar mac and cut back shoots from the sides of the Holly Trees plus weeded around the base of them, brushed and bagged.

Further work required:-

Some of the railings need washing down, green algae forming.

Paint chipped on gate, needs retouching.

Weeds coming through tar mac, salt should sort it.

Investigate better ways of supporting Poppy Wreaths so they don’t blow away

in the wind, the house bricks currently being used look rubbish.

1. September 4th….Notified council not working this week.
2. September 11th …….Inspection on foot from Rawcliffe Bridge to Rawcliffe

along Station Road.

Vegetation to cut back of bench.

Fence repair required by side of motorway bridge too easy to access motorway.

Bench needs painting plus bin.

\*\*\*\*\*Not happy about maintaining litter bins because they are pretty disgusting

because of the amount of dog waste that’s being put in them. Maybe its time to

put more dog waste bins in and stop the disposal of waste in the normal bins.

1. September 13th……Working in the cemetery, brushed outside down to bin.

Hawthorn hedge on right of gate looking a mess and catching people as they enter so lightly pruned back.

Moss under bench on left scraped back.

Started cutting back grass and weeds encroaching from sides onto main path,

right side especially bad as kerb has disappeared altogether. This require a lot more work to sort out.

1. September 18th …..weather not great but eventually continued on main path.

May require some weed killer on both sides of tar mac path as weeds coming

through. I was going to put salt down from the Grit Bin but its full of water

so had become sludge.

1. September 21st ….still working in cemetery.

A price is to be sought for the purchase and installation of dog waste bins within the Parish.

**Footpath RAWCF09 – Fingerpost**

A complaint has been received regarding access. The path does require a way marker or two along its length. There is no signpost indicating RAWCF09 from The Green. A timber sign is to be ordered.

**Section 137 LGA 1972 – Grant Applications -** these are now available to download. Information has been placed on the Notice Boards and will appear in the Goole Times. It was agreed that all applicants must attend the October meeting.

**Correspondence from Residents**

1. Rawcliffe United Toilet Facilities - Proposed and seconded that this matter is investigated to see whether or not chemical toilets can be installed. A long term plan can be discussed at a later date.
2. Grave Levels - It was agreed that there are many levels within the Cemetery. Proposed and seconded that a site meeting take place with a view to engaging contractor to level the graves.
3. Street Lights – Charter Avenue - Residents have contacted ERYC regarding lights on Charter Avenue with no success. This is an un-adopted road. The Clerk is to contact ERYC on this matter.

**Grass Cutting Tender**

1. Number of cuts required - A special meeting is to be called regarding the specification required in the Contract. Agreed that the grass cutting in the Cemetery is not up to standard. There is no note in the contract stating how many cuts is required in the Cemetery.
2. Additional work - To be discussed during a special meeting.
3. Tree Works - A price has been received for works to the trees including works to the trees in the Pinfold.

**Items from council members**

1. Disabled Access - it was noted that DAC will be visiting the Parish possibly November when this work could be approved.
2. Speed Watch - Suggested that a meeting should take place in the Parish to explain the training session, Proposed, seconded and approved that a venue should be saught. The date will be placed in the new Parish Magazine.
3. Riverside Trees - ownership of these trees is still in dispute. The matter is to be placed in the hands of Ward Councillors, Fox and Sargeantson.
4. Village Pump - Proposed, seconded and agreed that a replica of the original pump should be investigated.
5. Budget - The Budget for 2024/25 will appear on the November Agenda to be set by the full Council. The Precept to be levied upon ERYC will be set in the January meeting.

**Update from Rawcliffe Village Hall Committee**

The Village Hall Committee is at a crossroads regarding cost effective ways in which the hall can be brought to a satisfactory standard to encourage bookings. A rough estimate of £10,000 has been received for a new heating system. Rawcliffe Parish Council has confirmed that it has always supported the Village Hall for many years financially and will continue to do so if necessary. It was agreed that the Village Hall has a strong pro-active committee with good ideas going forward and now has its own address.

**George Town Circus Request**

This event was well supported this year and was proposed, seconded and agreed that permission should be given for 2024.

**Rawcliffe Play and Sk8 Park and Rawcliffe Bridge Play Park Inspection**

Inspections are taking place weekly. Still awaiting quotation for drainage and general maintenance.

**Rawcliffe Cemetery Burial and Memorial Notification**

Burials: Hazelden, Taylor, Chapman and Houghton.

Memorials: Chapman, Houghton and Winter.

**Planning Applications to be commented on since the last meeting.**

**Croda Chemicals Ltd., Bridge Lane, Rawcliffe Bridge, East Riding of Yorkshire.DN14 8PN**

Erection of a contractor workshop including ancillary stores and construction of a concrete yard for siting temporary contractor accommodation cabins (office and welfare facilities) with associated external works and reshaping of existing.

**Flat 1, Pets Pad, Snaith Road, Rawcliffe, Goole, East Yorkshire. DN14 9EU.**

Certificate of Lawfulness for proposed change of use for first floor dwelling (Use Class C3) to a 6 person house of multiple occupancy (HMO) (Use Class C 4)

One Councillor showed concern about the application. Proposed and seconded that there be no adverse comments on the two applications.

A resident enquired about a planning application he has submitted to ERYC Planning Department. The Chairman checked the ERYC Planning Portal and was not able to find the application. It was suggested that the resident checks the Planning Portal regularly and assured him that once received by the Parish Council the application would receive due consideration.

**Public Participation -** Proposed and seconded that this item be brought forward to follow Planning, Agenda Item 19

**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.

Residents present raised the following points, some of which will be discussed during further meetings.

* **Vandalism at the Petangue Site -** Two members of the Committee attended earlier Parish Council meetings and stated that they would contact ERYC regarding Graffiti, vandalism and CCTV. One bench has been removed from site because it had fallen into disrepair and was dangerous. It was suggested that a replacement may encourage further anti-social behaviour.
* **Proposed Paper Mill Development opposite White City, Airmyn -** To date Rawcliffe Parish Council have had no contact from the Company, ERYC or Ward Councillors.
* **Heritage Walks -** Mill Lane/Railway Crossings particularly overgrown. Residents should report to ERYC and Parish Council will also report to ERYC.
* **Clubs for children and adults -** A younger member of the community asked if youth clubs, remote control car tracks could be formed for young people and adults. This matter will be an Agenda Item for the October meeting.
* **Funding for organisations running clubs -** Grants are available should the organisation hold the right criteria. Notices are published inviting applicants to obtain a Grant Application Form from the Clerk to the Parish Council.
* **War Memorial -** A resident will acquire quotations for the cleaning of the War Memorial and pass these on to the Parish Council.
* **Hall Gardens -** A resident of Hall Gardens complained that ERYC cut a strip of land which they had planted with wild planting and explained the measures they had taken to keep people off their land. There was some confusion because Rawcliffe Parish Council were not aware of any dispute on this land. It was suggested that the resident should contact ERYC in the first instance and come back to the Parish Council at a future meeting.

**The Chairman will re-open the meeting**

**Remembrance Parade**

Remembrance Day 2023 is Sunday 12th November 2023.

Church Service will take place at St. James', Rawcliffe at 9.30am

Remembrance at the War Memorial will take place at 11am

A poppy wreath has been ordered and will be laid on the War Memorial by a member of Rawcliffe Parish Council.

**Christmas Trees / Light Switch On**

Rawcliffe Bridge Christmas Tree Lights will be illuminated on Thursday 23rd November 2023 at 6.30pm

Rawcliffe Christmas Tree Lights will be illuminated after the Christmas Fair on Sunday 26th November 2023 at 5pm on Rawcliffe Village Green.

Councillor C. Wade is to make a plunger ready for the switch on.

Jubbs Electricians are to be informed.

Illuminated Trees are to be fixed to lamp posts in Rawcliffe Bridge and switched on 23rd November.

**Accounts for Payment**

**ERYC -** Rawcliffe Bridge Playing Field Lease 1,021.00

**Cemetery -** Water 33.79

**St James' Church -** meetings 135.00

**ERNLLCA Training -** Chairman training 84.00

 New Councillors training 168.00

All invoices presented for payment were approved.

A request is to be made to ERNLLCA to hold future training sessions in the evening.

**Date of the Next Meeting**

Wednesday 25th October 2023 at 7.00pm

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 9.35pm